COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

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MADAM SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MR. CLERK, DO WE HAVE A QUORUM?

YES, WE HAVE A QUORUM.

MADAM MADAM SPEAKER: I CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 11.1 OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG PROCEDURE BY-LAW NO. 50/2007, THE SPEAKER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT WE ARE IN TREATY ONE TERRITORY, THE HOME AND TRADITIONAL LANDS OF THE ANISHINAABE (OJIBWE), ININEW (CREE), AND DAKOTA PEOPLES, AND IN THE NATIONAL HOMELAND OF THE RED RIVER METIS. OUR DRINKING WATER COMES FROM SHOAL LAKE 40 FIRST NATION, IN TREATY THREE TERRITORY.

WE HAVE A MOTION TO ALLOW A MEMBER OF COUNCIL TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY COUNCILOR ORLIKOW.

CLERK: MOVED BY SHARMA, SECOND BY GILROY. COUNCILOR ORLIKOW BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. THAT IS CARRIED. WE WILL HAVE THE OPENING PRAYER. PLEASE RISE IF YOU ARE ABLE. WE WILL HEAR FROM COUNCILLOR SCHREYER.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. EVERY YEAR I SING A PRAYER FOR AROUND THE WORLD. TODAY MY TURN LANDS ON BUDGET DAY IN SOLIDARITY WITH CITY HALL AND MEMBERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND MAYOR AND COUNCIL. HARD WORK AND DIFFICULT DECISIONS WE MAKE ON BUDGET DAY. THIS PRAYER IS THE PRAYER OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. [SPEAKING FRENCH]

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WE WILL HAVE ROLL CALL, MADAM CLERK.

CLERK: SHARMA.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: , ALLARD, BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, EADIE. GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, ROLANDS. SANTOS, SCHREYER, WYATT AND ORLIKOW.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MADAM CLERK MOFOR TODAY'S SPECIAL MEETING.

PURSUANT TO 79.1 OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG CHARTER. SPECIAL MEETING CALLED FOR JANUARY 29, 2029 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING. REPORT OF POLICE BOARD DATED JANUARY 20, 2025. PRELIMINARY 2025 BUDGET UPDATE. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE JANUARY 24, 2025. EXECUTIVE POLICY FINAL RECOMMENDATION AND BUDGET UPDATE AND CORRESPONDING BY-LAW. PURSUANT TO THE CHARTER NO OTHER SUBJECT MATTER OTHER THAN OUTLINED IN THE MOTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED IN THE MEETING.

MADAM SPEAKER: WELCOME OUR TWO PAGES TODAY. DALTON OKEMOW IN THE WAVERLY WEST WARD AND VLADYSLAV FROM ST. JAMES COLLEGIATE RESIDING IN THE ST. JAMES WARD. THANK YOU FOR SERVING COUNCIL. WE ARE GOING INTO DELEGATIONS TODAY. IT IS A SPECIAL MEETING. FIRST IS CHRIS LORENC IN SUPPORT OF ITEM ONE OF EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 24, 2025 REGARDING E.P.C. FINAL RECOMMENDATION ON THE PRELIMINARY 2025 BUDGET UPDATE. WELCOME TO YOU.

THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, MR. MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, DISTRIBUTE. WAS THE PRESENTATION. I WON'T READ IT. I WILL SPEAK IN TWO COMPONENT PARTS. FIRST OVERVIEW OF THE BUDGET. SECOND SUGGESTED RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS. WE BEGIN OUR OBSERVATIONS BY COMMENDING MAYOR, BUDGET WORKING GROUP AND ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE YOU TODAY TO REVIEW AND HOPEFULLY APPROVE. WE SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS 134 OF THEM AS OUTLINED IN THE REPORT WITH DETAILS OF PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE. PRELIMINARY BUDGET WAS TABLED ON DECEMBER 11. WAS PRODUCT OF FOUR TO FIVE MONTHS OF HARD WORK BY THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP. IT WAS THEN THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER PUBLIC SCRUTINY. AT LEAST NINE PUBLIC HEARINGS NOT TO MENTION HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF DISCUSSION, NEGOTIATING AHEAD OF EACH MEETING. E.P.C. REVIEWING AND RECOMMENDING THE RESOLUTIONS BEFORE YOU TODAY. IT MERITS REMINDING THE PUBLIC THIS WAS AND ALWAYS IS AN EXHAUSTIVE PROCESS WHICH TRANSPARENTLY PROVIDES AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN. IT ATTEMPTS WITH THE INFORMATION THAT IS AVAILABLE TO CRAFT, SHAPE AND DIRECT CIVIC INVESTMENTS AND FINANCES AND ULTIMATELY IT RECOGNIZES THAT INHERENTLY AS BUDGET DOCUMENT NO END OF DELIBERATIONS AND EXAMINATION HAVE EVER OR WILL EVER RESULT IN EXACT AND COMPLETE INFORMATION UPON WHICH TO GRANT THE BUDGET. THAT IS NOT A REAL WORLD REALITY. THIS TRANS PARENT PUBLIC PROCESS MERITS CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE MAMMOTH PUBLIC EXERCISE IN TRYING TO REACH CONCLUSIONS AROUND THE BUDGET. IS IT PERFECT? NO. CAN A BUDGET EVER BE PERFECT? NO. WILL IT ALWAYS BE ACCOMPANIED BY FACTS TO THE INTH DEGREE? NO. ONGOING MONITORING REVISIONS DURING IT ITS CURRENT E? OF COURSE. THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO ADJUST COMPROMISE IS THIS BUDGET DOCUMENT

WORTHY OF YOUR SUPPORT? MOST DEFINITELY YES. WE SEE ENCOURAGE IN THE CONTEXT NOTWITHSTANDING INDIVIDUAL DISAPPOINTMENT. THERE WILL BE IN ANY POLITICAL BUDGET YOUR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE BUDGET. NEXT STEPS. MORE SO THAN ANYTIME IN CIVIC GOVERNMENT HISTORY WE ARE APPROACHING A LONG OVERDUE ADJUSTMENT TO WHAT SERVICES WE DELIVER, WITH WHAT PRIORITIES, IN WHAT MANNER OF ACCESS TO REVENUES AND WITH WHAT FISCAL RELATIONSHIP WITH SENIOR LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. I NEED NOT REMIND YOU OF TRUMP'S TARIFFS COMING TO THIS COUNTRY ON FEBRUARY 1. OR THE IMPACT ON CANADA TRADE DEPENDENT ECONOMY AND OURS TOO ON ALL THREE LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT OR IMPACT ON JOBS INCOMES AND OUR COLLECTIVE STANDARD OF LIVING. MORE THAN EVER IN OUR HISTORY EACH LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT MUST AS MATTER OF FIRST PRIORITY FOCUS IN THE TURBULENT GLOBAL TIMES ON GROWING ECONOMY TO BE ABLE TO FUND THE PROGRAMMES WHICH YOU EVIDENCE IN THIS BUDGET MERIT PUBLIC DOLLAR INVESTMENT FOR THE GREATER GOOD. YOU HAVE AS COUNCIL RECOGNIZED THE NEED FOR EXAMPLE FOR A CHIEF CONSTRUCTION OFFICER. TO ADDRESS PROCESS, PRACTICES, COST MITIGATION STRATEGIES AND PROCUREMENT BE OPTIONS TO MITIGATE COST AND ADD VALUE TO CAPITAL BUDGETS. YOU DID THAT BECAUSE YOU CONCLUDED THERE WAS A PUBLIC GOOD AND EVIDENCED NEED TO ADDRESS WITH THAT PARTICULAR DECISION. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO INVEST THE SAME LEVEL OF DEDICATED PURPOSE ON THREE CRITICAL STEPS TO ENABLE FISCAL SOCIAL WELFARE OF OUR COUNTRY PROVINCE AND CITY TO CONTINUE. FIRST, AND YOU HEARD THESE BEFORE. APPOINT CHIEF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER TO EVIDENCE THAT THE CITY IS INVESTED IN FOCUSED ON GROWING ECONOMY, SPINNING OFF RY TO WINNIPEG AND MANITOBA ECONOMIES. SECOND. PRESS MANITOBA TO LAUNCH A JOINT BLANK SEATED REVIEW REDEFINITION OF PROGRAMME SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN TWO ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT WITH APPROPRIATELY IDENTIFIED REVENUE STREAMS AND THIRD CONCURRENTLY HARNESS SUPPORT AND ENGAGE IN THAT FISCAL DISCUSSIONS WHICH SHOULD REIMAGINE SOURCES OF REVENUE GENERATION. AS PART OF THAT SCAN JURISDICTIONS IN AND BEYOND NORTH AMERICA FOR USE OF PROGRESSIVE ROBUST SOURCES OF REVENUE GENERATION INCLUDING THOSE TIED TO ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND/OR PERSONAL AND BUSINESS INCOME TAXES. WE CONCLUDE, MR. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS BY SAYING WELL-DONE. YOU HAVE A BUDGET THAT RESPECTS PUBLIC PRIORITIES. A BUDGET WHICH SEEKS TO RESTORE FINANCIAL HEALTH. BUDGET WHICH IS THE PRODUCT OF ROBUST PUBLIC REVIEW. BUT TO AVOID THE INEVITABLE FISCAL AND SOCIAL HEALTH AND WELFARE STRUGGLES OF ONGOING STRUCTURAL OPERATING DEFICIT BUDGETS, POST BUDGET PLEASE PROCEED AND EMBRACE AND ACT ON THE THREE RECOMMENDATIONS. MR. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY AND AS ALWAYS OUR ASSOCIATION AND I REMAIN MORE THAN WILLING TO ASSIST YOU IN ADDRESSING OUR PUBLIC POLICY CHALLENGES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MADAM SPEAKER. THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE DELEGATION. SEEING NONE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. NEXT I WILL CALL FORWARD INDICATE KELLER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SOCIAL PLANNING COUNCIL OF WINNIPEG IN OPPOSITION TO THE SAME REPORT BEFORE US. WELCOME. WE HAD TWO ADDITIONS. WE HAVE LISA AND MICHAEL AS WELL.

MADAM SPEAKER: I NEED TO RECEIVE THAT FROM COUNCIL. I DON'T HAVE THAT. IT MAY HAVE BEEN ADDED LATER. THANK YOU. THEY WILL PRESENT WITH YOU OR SEPARATELY?

ALL THREE TOGETHER.

GOOD MORNING. AS WE HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE ON BOTH SIDES FOR LACK OF BETTER TERMINOLOGY. WE BROUGHT MEMBERS, HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONs WITH YOU, FOR SAKE OF TOP NUMBERS. 61% COMMUNITY CONNECTION SERVICES ARE LIBRARY. 45% AT COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS. 100 ON PEOPLE EACH DAY RECEIVE SERVICES COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS. WE HAVE BEEN TRACKING REACH OF SOCIAL MEDIA. IT IS IN THE THOUSANDS. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLK WAS WHO ACKNOWLEDGED PRIVATELY THEY RECEIVED THAT AND COUNCILLOR LUKES FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THE E-MAILS WERE TOO MANY TO REPLY TO. IN CASE YOU ARE THINKING IT IS A SMALL GROUP OF STUBBORN SO AND SOS, PICK YOUR TERM, WE WANT TO ASSURE YOU IT ISN'T. PEOPLE CARE ABOUT SPACE, SERVICES PEOPLE THAT NEED THEM. WE WANT TO BE CLEAR. WE ARE PRO LIBRARY. NOT OPPOSED DOWNTOWN NOT NO PROPOSED CAPACITY. THE CLOSER OF COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS HAS COST MILLENNIUM LIBRARY FOUR FT POSITIONS. CUTS TO LIBRARY SERVICES AT THE FLAGSHIP BRANCH DON'T MAKE SENSE. CURRENT PROPOSAL TO REPLACE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS IS NOT COMPARABLE. WE ARE HERE TO CORRECT RECORD TO SAY THIS PROPOSAL IS NOT COMPARABLE TO COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AND REMIND EVERYONE THAT IS CUT 4.2FT POSITIONS AT MILLENNIUM LIBRARY. CHECK 246 THAT SAYS IN THE NARRATIVE PARAGRAPH HOW IT'S REMOVAL OF THESE JOBS. IT OFFSETS SOME JOBS IN A NEW NORTHERN LIBRARY. TO DOWNTOWN MILLENNIUM LIBRARY IT IS A CUT TO LIBRARY SERVICES. RESEARCH DEMONSTRATES PROPER STAFFS IS NUMBER ONE FACTOR TO MAKE LIBRARIES SAFER. CUTTING STAFF MAKES IT LESS SAFE FOR WORKERS AND PATRONS FOR A SAFE DOWNTOWN LIBRARY CUTTING 4.2FTE DOES NOT MAKE SENSE. WE NEED TO PRIORITIZE STAFFING. OUR WORK IS TO PROVIDE LIBRARY SERVICES FOR DOWNTOWN PATRONS. THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS. WE NEED IT TO BE CENTRAL TO THE WORK OF THE HUP. THE PEOPLE DESERVE ACCESS TO THE SAME THINGS OTHER LIBRARY PATRONS HAVE ACCESS TO. IT HELPS PEOPLE GET ACCESS TO RESOURCES TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE INCLUDING HELP WITH RESUMES TO GAIN EMPLOYMENT. COLDEST MONTHS OF THE YEAR JANUARY TO MARCH MOST CRITICAL TIME FOR DOWNTOWN PATRONS TO HAVE A WARM PLACE. THIS WOULD BEGIN IN APRIL FOR A FEW HOURS ON WEEKDAYS. CUTTING ESSENTIAL CITY SERVICE IN DEPTH OF WINTER SHOULD BE AVOIDED. IT NEEDS TO BE REOPENED WITH FULL HOURS. MEETING NEEDS IS MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO DELIVER SERVICES. NOTHING TO MITIGATE BARRIERS. ITS MODEL OF

PARTNERING WITH COMMUNITY SAFETY HOSTS MEETS PEOPLE'S NEEDS IN LOW BARRIER ACCESSIBLE SPACE. IF PEOPLE ARE INTIMIDATED THEY CAN HAVE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO LIBRARY SERVICES. THERE IS NO FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY HOSTS IT MAKES IT WORK. THEY ARE TRAINED IN DE-ESCALATION AND TRAUMA-INFORMED SKILLS IN ADDITION TO STANDARD SECURITY GUARD TRAINING. THEY REDUCE NEED FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES TO BE CALLED TO THE LIBRARY. WHILE DCSP TAKES THIS APPROACH. COMMUNITY SAFETY HOST PROGRAMME IS INDIGENOUS LED AND SHOULD BE CHAMPIONED BY THE CITY. THIS PROPOSAL WAS MADE WITHOUT ANY CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP THAT HAS BEEN BEHIND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS SINCE IT WAS THOUGHT OF AFTER INITIAL INTRODUCTION OF SECURITY CHECK POINT IN 2019. WE HAVE FOLKS HERE UP IN THE GALLERY WHO ARE PART OF THAT GROUP OF THE WINNIPEG LIBRARY BOARD. LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEES, INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATION THAT IS PART OF THE CONSULTATIONS MONTHLY WITH LIBRARY ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF. THIS HAPPENED IN RECENT TIMES. EQUIPPED WITH EXPERIENCE AND CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE THEY DONATED TIME AND EXPERTISE TO WORK WITH LIBRARY STAFF TO BUILD SUCCESSFUL SPACE CALLED COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS. THEIR VOICES, OUR VOICE SHOULD HAVE BEEN HEARD FIRST IN THIS DECISION MAKING PROCESS. JUST TO SAY WE HAVE COME TOGETHER. THIS COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN WORKING FOR YEARS TO DO THIS. LAST WEDNESDAY WITHOUT ANYONE KNOWING THIS PROPOSAL WAS ALLOWED TO CIRCUMSTANCE COUPLE HAVEN'T THE PROCESS AND PRESENTED WE ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO ADDRESS THIS. JUST TO SAY THAT WE DON'T WANT TO WORK WITH WHATEVER ENDS UP HAPPENING. DON'T CUT LIBRARY STAFF. THINK OF YOU HAVE GOT GROUPS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE YOUR ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PAID STAFF AND WE ARE SAYING TO YOU KEEP COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MICHAEL.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF THE COMMUNITY VOICES COMMITTEE OF THE LIBRARY. I MYSELF HAVE BEEN A PARTICIPANT ALONGSIDE THE HELPERS RAISING VOICES IN FAVOR OF COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS. WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO PASS BUDGET THAT INCLUDES FULL FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS SO WE CAN PROPERLY PROVIDE ADEQUATE SERVICES TO EVERY CITIZEN OF WINNIPEG, NOT JUST ONES THAT ARE ABLE TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE METAL DETECTORS. IT IS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY TO PROVIDE THOSE OPPORTUNITIES TO ACCESS SERVICES ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE LIVES, GET ACCESS TO DIFFERENT SUPPORTS, EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT THROUGH COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS. THE BRIDGE THAT IT CREATES INTO THE LIBRARY. IT IS IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHEN THE LIBRARY OFFERS STORY TELLING PROGRAMMES OR READING WITH LITTLE KIDS WE DON'T CALL IT EARLY CHILD CARE. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHEN THE LIBRARY OFFERS KNITTING CLASSES. THE LIBRARY PROVIDES SERVICES WINNIPEGGERS DESERVE IRRESPONSIBLE TO PASS A BUDGETED REDUCING SERVICES ESPECIALLY IN SPACES LIKE

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS. I THINK IT IS FRUSTRATING FOR US AS FOLKS THAT HAVE WORKED FOR YEARS WITH DATA, WITH EVIDENCE, WITH LIBRARIES AND WITH STRUCTURES THAT THE CITY DIRECTLY THEMSELVES SET UP IN GOOD FAITH TO TRY TO ESTABLISH AND SUPPORT RELATIVES THAT NEED ACCESS TO THESE SERVICES. WE ARE IN A POSITION RIGHT NOW WHERE WE AS CITY OF WINNIPEG COULD CONTINUE THE LEADERSHIP WE ESTABLISHED OVER THE LAST 140 PLUS WEEKS TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS IN THE FUTURE AND POSSIBLY BE LEADER AMONG MUNICIPALITIES IN CANADA. FOR US NOT TO DO THAT IS I GUESS IMPORTANT TO PUT A BUDGET IN PLACE THAT REFLECTS VALUES WE HAVE AS WINNIPEGGERS. SINCE WE HAVE THIS MODEL THAT HAS WORKED FOR YEARS, IT TOOK YEARS TO GET THERE, WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO CONTINUE THAT GOOD WORK AND NOT THROW OUT THE SOLUTIONS THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THAT ARE COMMUNITY-BASED INDIGENOUS LED AND REACHING OUT TO RELATIVES IN THE CITY THAT TOO OFTEN DON'T RECEIVE THE SUPPORT THEY NEED. IF WE CARE ABOUT LIBRARY WE HAVE TO RESTATE. TO REVITTIZE DOWNTOWN WE HAVE TO REINSTATE THIS FOR SAFETY. WE CANNOT AFFORD NOT TO. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: WE WILL TAKE QUESTIONS MOMENTARILY. NEXT DELEGATION. DAVID GRANT IS ONLINE IN OPPOSITION TO THE WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD PRELIMINARY BUDGET UPDATE AND EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE BUDGET. DAVID GRANT.

HELLO. THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME. IN ADVANCE FOR LISTENING. SINCE THE ELECTION COUPLE YEARS AGO, I HAVE SPOKEN HERE MANY, MANY TIMES. DRAWING ATTENTION TO ASPECTSES AGENDAS THAT DESERVE ATTENTION AND CALLING FOR LESS SPENDING. I AM THE ONE YOU SEE MOST OFTEN. THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF US WHO DON'T WANT HIGHER TAXES. THOSE ARE PEOPLE THAT GENERALLY VOTE. MONTHS AGO YOU SAID YOU WOULD NOT PAY SALARIES OF THOSE WHOSE MAIN JOB IS TO HAVE HANDS OUT FOR MONEY. WINNIPEG TAXPAYERS HOPED POLICY WAS GOOD AND YOU FOLLOWED IT. AS SOON AS YOU SAW A FEW SIGNS BETWEEN THE BUILDINGS YOU ABANDONED POLICY AND VOTED TO THROW MONEY AT SALARIES OF THOSE PEOPLE. ONE MISTAKES OF HUNDREDS I HAVE WILTED. AS FINANCE MINISTER EXPLAINED TO ME. THE MAYOR WAS AWARE OF CITY FINANCES LONG BEFORE ELECTED. I BELIEVE HE IS A GOOD PERSON. COUNCIL SEEMS TO BE UNABLE TO TEMPTATIONS TO SPEND. WE ARE DEEPER IN DEBT THAN TWO YEARS AGO. WE NEED TO REDUCE SPENDING DELAY DISCRETIONARY SPENDING. WE SEE VIOLATION OF PAY-AS-YOU-GO RULE CITIES FOLLOWED FOR MANY YEARS. IN THE NEAR FUTURE TAXPAYERS WILL FACE HIGHER TAXES AS COSTS GO UP AND PROJECTS ARE ADDED TO THE LIST. TAXPAYERS WILL HAVE TO PAY REPRESENT ON ROADS AND -- TO PAY RENT AND REPAY LOANS. I QUESTION WHY TV REPORTERS ARE SILENT ON RENTAL PAYMENTS. MOVING ON. ON THE WPB REPORT. I AM IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH MOST OF THE REPORT. ELEMENTS SHOULD CONCERN MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. IT

SHOULD BE REFINED A BIT. I ASK YOU RECALL EVERY TIME YOU ASK MANAGERS TO REDUCE SPENDING RECENTLY THEY HAVE FAILED TO MEET TARGETS. YOU SERIOUSLY EXPECT THEY WILL MEET THESE TARGETS IN 2025. DOWN TO THE DETAILS IN THE REPORT. REPORT WARRANTS WITH GEOGRAPHICAL CHANGES AND CAUTIONS NOTED IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO INCREASE MILL RATE BY $30 MILLION, I SUGGEST. AMOUNT PAID FOR BY TAXPAYERS TOWARD POLICE. IF ANYONE DOES NOT SEE THIS IS FOR NUMBERS. ONE IS REDUCTION. THINGS IN THIS REPORT THAT WILL PROBABLY NOT COME TO PASS BASED ON THE WARNINGS IN THE REPORT. IN PARAGRAPH B REPORT WARNS PHOTO ENFORCEMENT INCOME DEPENDS ON FACTORS INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE. REQUIREMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN PUBLISHED. DATA SUGGESTIONS PE HAD A NET NEGATIVE IMPACT. IN THIS WAY IT IS NOT PRUDENT TO INCLUDE PE INCOME IN YOUR BUDGET. RECALL THAT PE AND THIS IS EXPLAINED BY OUR PREVIOUS CHIEF IS ONLY PROFITABLE WHEN SIGNAGE IS MISSING OR DC ZONES VIOLATE APPROVED ENGINEERING LAYOUT. WHEN PE IS DONE RIGHT AND SIGNAGE TELLS DRIVERS TO SLOW MILLIONS IN PROFIT. I WOULD LEAVE IT THERE. I WOULD INVITE QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL ALL DELEGATIONS BACK. ANY QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL? COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE DELEGATION ABOUT THE LIBRARIES. IT IS FRUSTRATING LAST YEAR AS YOU ARE AWARE COUNCIL INCREASED FUNDING DRAMATICALLY TO LIBRARIES. THIS IS A PATTERN THE COUNCIL HAS HAD. INCREASE FUNDING FROM OTHER LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT SPECIFICALLY THIS WAS PROVINCE OF MANITOBA INCREASED FUNDING TO LIBRARY. THEN THE CITY IN THE NEXT YEAR SLOWLY CHOMPING AWAY AT THAT FUNDING GIVEN BY THE PROVINCE. NOBODY IN THE PROVINCE HOLDING US ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE FUNDING THEY GAVE US. WE SLOWLY DO A SHELL GAME TAKING MONEY WE RECEIVE AND PUT IN BACK POCKET TO FUND OTHER OPERATING COSTS OR BALANCE BUDGET. ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THAT? IS THAT HOW YOU SEE IT? HOW DO YOU RAISE THIS WITH PROVINCE OF MANITOBA?

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL QUESTIONS THROUGH THE CHAIR.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO TAKE THIS DOG AND PONY SHOW TO EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. WE TALKED TO YOU AT MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. EVEN FEDS ARE NOT SAFE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE BROUGHT IN THE LEVELS OF SUPPORT WE SEEK. NOT ONLY DIFFERENT LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS WITH PRIVATE SECTOR AND LABOR GROUPS AND OTHERS. WE RECOGNIZE THE FISCAL CHALLENGES OF THE CITY. SPEND THE MONEY ON COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS ANYWAY.

I WILL ADD TO THE FACT THAT YOU MENTIONED -- COUNCIL MENTIONS NOT HOLDING CITY FOR ACCOUNT FOR FUNDS. I CAN TELL YOU FROM THE MEETINGS WITH THE

MINISTERS THEY TOOK NOTE MORE MONEY WENT TO THE CITY FOR THIS DISTRIBUTED ELSEWHERE. THEY ARE AWARE OF IT. I CAN CERTAINLY SAY THAT.

MADAM SPEAKER: SECOND QUESTION COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT CITY ASKS PROVINCE OF MANITOBA FOR FUNDING CONSTANT LEO DIFFERENT PROJECTS. DO YOU THINK THIS SPEAKS TO CREDIBILITY OF CITY OF WINNIPEG. ONE DAY THEY ASK FOR FUNDS, PROVINCE INCREASES FUNDING FOR CITY, NEXT DAY MOVE MONEY AROUND BE QUIETLY AND FUND OTHER THINGS SUCH AS BRINGING IN TAX INCREASES OR CUTTING SERVICES THAT IT SENDS A MESSAGE TO LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA THE CITY CAN'T BE TRUSTED. MONEYS EARMARKED FOR A CERTAIN AREA THE CITY WILL TAKE THE MONEY IN ONE YEAR AND QUIETLY CUT BACK IN THE NEXT. IS THAT CLEARLY COMMUNICATED TO THE MINISTER AND ARE THEY AWARE OF THAT?

I THINK IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR US TO BE AWARE WHAT THE MINISTER THINKS. THAT IS A GREAT QUESTION THAT YOU SHOULD ASK HIM.

MADAM SPEAKER: NEXT QUESTION COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE:THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. FIRST I WANT TO MAKE COMMENT THAT I WAS ON LAST YEAR'S BUDGET WORKING GROUP. I REALLY WANTED TO KEEP COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FUNDED. HOWEVER, IT WASN'T AFFORDABLE TO DO IT GOING INTO FUTURE YEARS. I AM WONDERING IF YOU ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT YOU HEARD FROM COUNCILLOR WYATT IS UNTRUE IN THAT THE FACTS ARE THAT ALL OF THE NEW MONEY GIVEN TO US THROUGH THE LIBRARY PROVINCIAL LIBRARY FUNDING ALL WENT TO LIBRARIES. WE HAD A HUGE DEMAND FOR INCREASED HOURS ACROSS THERE. WE ACTUALLY HAD DEMANDS AT THE MILLENIAL LIBRARY FOR WORKER SAFETY. LOOKING AT REDESIGN. WE DIDN'T END UP FUNDING THAT BECAUSE IT IS NOT REALLY AFFORDABLE. THE THING IS IF YOU READ LAST YEAR'S BUDGET 2024, YOU WOULD HAVE SEEN THREE YEAR PROJECTION. IN 2025 IT IS CLEAR FUNDING WOULD NOT BE THERE FOR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS DESPITE GETTING NEW MONEY FROM PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT. THAT NEW MONEY CAME FROM NOT THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT. I KNOW THERE WERE SOME ADDITIONAL INCREASES. I AM NOT SURE BECAUSE I WASN'T ON BUDGET WORKING GROUP THIS YEAR. I CAN TELL YOU IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS AND THERE WAS ONGOING FUNDING BUILT IN THERE GOING TO 2025 FOR OUR COMMUNITY HOSTS WHICH YOU THREE KNOW THAT I WHOLLY SUPPORT, TOTALLY SUPPORT. THEY DO GREAT WORK AND THEY HELP KEEP THINGS GOING SMOOTHLY. THEY HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE AND THEY ARE WORKING WITH PEOPLE LIVING IN EXPERIENCE, THAT IS A GOOD THING. I SUGGESTED.

MADAM SPEAKER: YOUR QUESTION IS ASKED.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: I AM ASKING THIS THEY KNOW. I ASK THE REFERRALS THAT HAPPEN AT COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS IS WHAT 211 RUN BY UNITED WAY AND FUNDED BY PROVINCE OF MANITOBA THEY HELP PEOPLE FIND SERVICES THEY NEED. THE FACT IS WE ARE NOT PLAYING AROUND WITH MONEY. THE MONEY FOR LIBRARIES WENT TO LIBRARIES.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. YOUR RESPONSE.

WE ARE AWARE THAT MONEY WENT TO THE LIBRARIES. IT WENT OUR UNDERSTANDING MOSTLY IN MATERIALS THERE WAS NEED FOR MATERIALS. THAT IS A CHOICE YOU MAKE. IDEA THE ONLY MONEY THAT GOES TO LIBRARIES SHOULD COME FROM PROVINCE IS SOMETHING I FIND DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE. OF COURSE, THE CITY HAS OTHER REVENUE SOURCES. EVEN THOUGH YOU CLEARLY SIGNAL IN BUDGET NO MONEY 2025 WE HOPED TO CHANGE YOUR MINDS BASED ON THE EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAMME. THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDING. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT COUNCIL HAS MADE DECISIONS E.P.C. IS RECOMMENDING AT THIS POINT NOT SURE DECIDED ON YET. YOU ARE GOING TO CHANGE THE SNOW CLEARING PROGRAMME BASED ON FEEDBACK YOU GOT. IT IS POSSIBLE WHEN WE BRING EVIDENCE YOU CHANGED MIND ON COMMUNITY GRANTS. WE APPRECIATE THAT AS WELL. WE HOPE TO BRING MORE INFORMATION TO CHANGE YOUR MINDS AGAIN.

MADAM SPEAKER: SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT DOLLAR. MAJORITY OF LIBRARY SERVICEs FUNDED THROUGH MILL RATE. DO YOU KNOW THAT?

I WOULD SAY TO ACKNOWLEDGE I DID NOT KNOW THAT. WHAT I WILL SAY IS THAT REFERRING TO THE DOCUMENT THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER. PAGE 246 OF ONE OF YOUR BUDGET DOCUMENTS. IN THE NARRATIVE COLUMN IT ENDS UP SAYING WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHERE THE MONEY CAME AND WENT. THERE DEFINITELY WAS MONEY IN THE BUDGET FOR LIBRARIES. WE ARE NOT QUESTIONING THAT. I DON'T KNOW THE ORIGINS OF THE MONEY. IT WORKS OUT TO ABOUT $900,000 IN THE BUDGET ACROSS LIBRARIES. WHAT WE ARE DOING HERE IS RECOMMENDING THAT ON THIS AMENDMENT THAT WAS BROUGHT THROUGH WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT PROCESS ABOUT A WEEK AGO THERE WAS SOMETHING PROPOSED THERE. WE ARE ADJUSTING THAT. WE WOULD LIKE TO AS KATE SAID YOU HAVE HAD OTHER EVIDENCE COME TO YOU. WE ARE GIVING YOU EVIDENCE ABOUT THIS FROM THE BROAD BASE COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE THAT WE WANT COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS TO BE FUNDED.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU AND THANK YOU TO THE DELEGATES FOR COMMENTS. I AM ASKING BECAUSE I WOULDN'T WANT ANYONE TO BE MISLED BY COUNCILLOR WYATT'S COMMENTS. ANY PROVINCIAL FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES GOES TO LIBRARIES, IT DOES NOT GO ELSEWHERE. ANY MONEY FROM PROVINCE TO LIBRARIES GOES TO LIBRARY BUDGET. THOSE PROVINCIAL LIBRARY GRANT FUNDS IS DESIGNED TO COVER 50% OF THE BASE SALARY OF ANY FTE. IN FACT IF YOU LOOK AT THIS YEAR'S BUDGET WE ARE ADDING 10FTEs OVER LAST YEAR. WE ARE UP 28 FULL-TIME EEQUIVALENTS SINCE 2023. SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN LIBRARIES INCLUDING NEW LIBRARY IN NORTHWEST THIS YEAR IN CITY OF WINNIPEG. SIMILAR TO COUNCILLOR EADIE'S POINT, ARE YOU AWARE BUDGET IS INCREASING FOR LIBRARIES THIS YEAR 34.5 TO $36.5 MILLION. $2 MILLION INCREASE IN LIBRARIES IN 2025. I AM GLAD TO SEE THIS INVESTMENT. WERE YOU AWARE OF THAT? THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR LETTING US KNOW. WE ARE NOW AWARE. ONE THING THAT IS IMPORTANT.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ROLLINS MOVES EXTENSION TWO MINUTES. CARRIED.

WE ALSO JUST THINK THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US AS COMMUNITY GROUPS JUST TO BE PRESENTING THIS INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE TO YOU. WE ARE APPRECIATIVE THE CITY OF WINNIPEG ENGAGED IN BUILDING SUCH A STRONG CONNECTION WITH COMMUNITY SAFETY HOSTS NOT ONLY IN LIBRARIES AND OTHER PLACES BUT WE THINK THAT IS THE CITY OF WINNIPEG DEMONSTRATING THAT THEY KNOW WHAT WORKS WELL AND WE CAN DO MORE OF THAT. I ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE THE INCREASE IN LIBRARY FUNDING OVERALL. WHAT WE ARE FOCUSING ON HERE. DRILLING DEEP DOWNTOWN. THAT IS WHY WE TALK ABOUT MILLENNIUM LIBRARY SPECIFICALLY. FOR THAT SITE WE FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT TO RAISE OUR VOICES TO ASK IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY THE COUNCILLORS COULD FIND IT IN THEIR HEARTS AND/OR BUDGETS TO OPEN COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR EVEN IF THERE IS A COST SHARING AGREEMENT. IF YOU NEED US TO COME HELP SUPPORT SOME TYPE OF NEGOTIATIONS OR BRIDGE CONVERSATIONS WE WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP DO THAT AS WELL.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR GILROY.

TO RE-ENFORCE WE ARE LOSING 4.2FTE AT MILLENNIUM. WE ARE DOWN TO THE NEEDS OF THE DOWNTOWN.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: I WILL ASK FOR EXTENSION OF TIME. I WOULD LIKE MY COUNCILLOR COLLEAGUES TO HEAR SOME OF THE DISCUSSION THAT MAY BE THEY WEREN'T ABLE TO HEAR AT E.P.C. ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A LOT OF IF COUNCILLORS ARE NEVER BEEN TO THE MILLENNIUM LIBRARY TO COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEVEL OF SERVICE DOWNTOWN SAFETY PARTNERSHIP AND EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION THAT LIBRARIANS ARE WORKING THAT. CAN YOU DRILL THAT DOWN TO GET COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING ON WHY IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE WHO IS IN THAT SPACE?

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SCHREYER MOVES EXTENSION TWO MINUTES. CARRIED. RESPONSE.

WHAT HAPPENS AT COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS. IT IS A LIBRARY SERVICE, FIRST OF ALL. WHAT WINNIPEG HAS DONE IN MODIFYING OUR LIBRARY SERVICE TO BE RELEVANT IN THE AGE OF TECHNOLOGY THE WAY IT HAS IS AMAZING. RELEVANT FACILITY AND THEY RESPOND, EVOLVE ACCORDING TO NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. INVOLVING THAT INFORMATION SERVICES PROVIDED ARE SPECIFIC TO THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA WITH TROUBLE ACCESSING MAIN LIBRARY MAY NOT FIT LIBRARY CONDUCT RULES TO THE MAIN LIBRARY. INFORMATION SERVICES, LIBRARY SERVICES FIRST AND FOREMOST. WAY DELIVERED IS MODEL OF PROVIDING INFORMATION SERVICES IN ACCESSIBLE WAY. NOT A MODEL THAT PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND IF YOU HAVE GROWN UP BEING ABLE TO GO TO CHESS CLUB AT THE LIBRARY OR TAKING COOKING -- COOKBOOK READING CLUB OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. THIS IS AN EVOLUTION OF THE WAY IT IS PROVIDED. FIRST OF ALL, INFORMATION SERVICES. AND IT HAS WRAP AROUND SERVICES. I WORK IN NONPROFIT SECTOR 20 YEARS. WRAPAROUND SERVICES TO DELIVER SERVICE GIVEN NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY YOU ARE SERVING IT TO. WHAT HAPPENS IS LIBRARIANS ARE GIVING INFORMATION PRIMARILY HELPING WITH ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY. THAT IS MAIN THING THEY ARE HELPING PEOPLE GET ON THE PHONE, GET ON COMPUTER AND BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE TO LOOK FOR RENTAL HOUSING, GET IN TOUCH WITH WORKERS, TO BE ABLE TO TRY TO GET BENEFITS FOR SOMETHING. THEY ARE DOING THINGS LIKE THAT.

MADAM SPEAKER: MAYOR MOVES EXTENSION TWO MINUTES. CARRIED.

THEY ARE HELPING PEOPLE WITH THAT. THEY ARE GIVING INFORMATION THAT THEY NEED. WHAT IS ALSO HAPPENING THERE IS LIBRARY WORKERS THERE WHO ARE CRISIS WORKERS. BEING ABLE TO RESPOND TO NEEDS THERE. THE COMMUNITY SAFETY HOSTS HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY COMMUNITY SAFETY HOSTS IS A WHOLE CONCEPT DREAMED UP BY THE COMMUNITY BY INDIGENOUS-LED ORGANIZATION AND THEY HAVE PRIORITY TO HIRE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE NORTH END AND INNER CITY WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE AND GET

EXTENSIVE MANY MORE HOURS THAN SECURITY GUARD FOR NONCRISIS INTERVENTION AND ASPECTS FROM LIVED EXPERIENCE POINT OF VIEW. ON HAND TO HAVE A CONTINUED RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FOLKS THAT COME IN AND BE ABLE TO HELP THEM. THEY ALSO HAVE MULTIPLE CONNECTIONS BECAUSE THEY ARE IN VARIOUS CONNECTIONS ACROSS CITY IN OTHER LIBRARIES. ABLE TO TELL THEM WHERE THEY CAN GET DIFFERENT SERVICES ACCORDING TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD THEY ARE IN. IT IS WRAP AROUND SERVICE AROUND THE INFORMATION LIBRARIANS GIVE.

MADAM SPEAKER: SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE ON THE STREETS NOW AND THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION. THEY HAVE OTHER LEVEL? -- COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: OTHER LEVEL OF TRAINING COMPARED TO DOWNTOWN SAFETY AND SECURITY GUARDS AT THE MILLENNIUM LIBRARY.

COMMUNITY SAFETY HOSTS WERE VISIONS BY INDIGENOUS YOUNG PEOPLE. THERE ARE A LOT OF LAYERS IN THE ROLLOUT OF THE PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES. THAT HAS TO DO WITH DE-ESCALATION.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE MOVES EXTENSION. CARRIED.

MOST OF THAT HAS TO DO WITH PROVIDING DE-ESCALATION. HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WITH FOLKS AND PROVIDING WARM HANDOFF TO COMMUNITY SUPPORT. 211 WOULD DO PHONE-BASED NAVIGATION TO GET PEOPLE WHERE THEY NEED TO BE. COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS WITH THE SUPPORT OF LIBRARIES AND CRISIS WORKERS ARE ABLE TO IN PERSON SOMETIMES REFER PEOPLE DIRECTLY WITH A FIRST NAME BASIS TO A SERVICE THEY ARE ABLE TO ACCESS. ONCE THEY ARE ABLE TO GET THAT SERVICE SHOULD ANY CHALLENGES HAPPEN, THOSE FOLKS ARE ABLE TO RETURN TO COMMUNITY BE CONNECTION FOR ADJUSTMENTS ADVOCACY, ADDITIONAL SERVICES THEY NEED AFTER RECEIVING THAT FIRST ONE. REALLY COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS IS BUILDING A BRIDGE PROVIDING SERVICE NAVIGATION ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT SERVICES LIKE 211 OFFER AS WELL AS PROVIDING DE-ESCALATION. IN RESEARCH BETWEEN 80 TO 95% OF POSITIONS OF INDIVIDUALS COMING IN ARE PROVIDING CONSUMABLES, GRANOLA BAR AND RELATIONSHIP-BASED APPROACH. WHAT ARE THE COST SAVINGS WE ARE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE TO CITY OF WINNIPEG IN EMERGENCY SERVICES? POLICE RESPONSE AND THOSE TYPES OF EMERGENCY SERVICES THROUGH DE-ESCALATIONS WHICH CAME FROM INDIGENOUS YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG TALKING HOW TO OFFER COME MANY DIFFERENT SITUATIONS IT WOULD BEHOOVE US TO LISTEN TO THE VOICES OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: I HOPE FOR ANOTHER EXTENSION. HOW DOES IT MAKE YOU FEEL THAT THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE THAT HAVE COME AND SAID IN A $1.4 BILLION BUDGET THAT $650,000 IS WORTH IT TO HAVE STAFF AT THE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS OPEN? HOW DOES IT MAKE YOU FEEL WHEN IN FRONT OF US HERE TODAY YOU HAVEN'T BEEN HEARD WITH THE LEVEL OF CAMPAIGNING YOU HAVE HAD.

MADAM SPEAKER: QUESTION IS ASKED. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS MOVES EXTENSION TWO MINUTES. IN FAVOR, CONTRARY. CARRIED.

MOSTLY WE FEEL LIKE THE CITY OF WINNIPEG WAS IN SUCH A GREAT POSITION TO PROVIDE SUPPORT IN THE DOWNTOWN THAT URBAN METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENTS ARE STRUGGLING. WE HAVE BEEN DEMONSTRATING TO BE LEADERS CAPABLE OF COORDINATING SERVICES INNOVATING AT A TIME WHEN OTHERS ARE NOT AS FAST AS US. I THINK IT IS CONFUSING WHY THE CITY OF WINNIPEG WOULD THROW AWAY SOMETHING THAT IS SO DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP IN A WAY OTHER CITIES COULD BENEFIT FROM AS WELL.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: IT MAKES ME FEEL THAT LIP SERVICE IS BEING MADE TO HAVING COMMUNITY CONSULTATION BEING CONSIDERED A PRIORITY. IT MAKES ME, -- YOU KNOW I COME TO THINKS THE CITY HAS AND HEAR LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AT THE BEGINNING ABOUT INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, BEING ON INDIGENOUS TERRITORIES. BETWEEN THE COMBINATION OF THINKING ABOUT WHAT THE CITY'S COMMITMENT IS TO THE WINNIPEG INDIGENOUS ACCORD TO TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION TO CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT BROADLY. FOR US TO HAVE AND I'M MEMBER OF LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. I APPLIED AND WAS APPOINTED. IN MY ASPECT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY I AM PART OF THIS I LISTEN TO. I AM INDIGENOUS MYSELF LISTENING TO THE INDIGENOUS STAKEHOLDERS OF THE INITIATIVE SPEAKING OVER WEEKS, MONTHS AND YEARS HAVING THIS BE PART OF THAT ENTIRE PROCESS.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SCHREYER MOVES EXTENSION TWO MINUTES. CARRIED.

WHAT HAPPENS IS I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN SAY THIS STRONGLY ENOUGH. I AM LIVID WHAT HAPPENED LAST WEDNESDAY WHEN THESE VARIOUS BODIES OF COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND VARIOUS SUBMISSIONS THAT WERE NOT ALLOWED TO BE PUT IN UNDER THE NAME OF THE ADVISORY BODIES. LIKE THE WINNIPEG LIBRARY BOARD AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAD TO BE SUBMITTED BY INDIVIDUAL'S NAME. FOLLOWING THE PROCESS OF DOING 24 HOURS AHEAD OF TIME, MAKING SURE WE WERE ON AGENDA, PUTTING IN SUBMISSIONS, HAVING ABSOLUTELY NOBODY KNOW DURING THE ENTIRE DAY WE WERE

SUBMITTING LAST WEDNESDAY LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION, NOBODY KNEW THAT SOMEONE CALLED UP DCSP TO HAD THEM THROW IN A PROPOSAL THAT DAY AND WE ARE BACK HERE SUBMITTING. YOU CAN HEAR MY VOICE SHAKING. I AM ANGRY ABOUT IT. EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE I CONTINUE TO LIVE IN THE CITY AND I CONTINUE TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO UNDER THOSE TENANTS, PREMISES THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER ABOUT MY ORGANIZATION AS PART OF THE WINNIPEG INDIGENOUS SUPPORT. WE GO TO THESE THINGS, GET ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUFF. AGAIN AND AGAIN TO HAVE IT OVER RIDDEN BY ONE PERSON. NOT PART OF THE ENGAGEMENT PROCESS THAT SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON THAT WE AGREED WAS OKAY. TO HAVE THAT HAPPEN IS JUST NOT ACCEPTTABLE. NOT ACCEPTABLE THIS HAS BEEN THROWN IN LIKE THAT.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, LAST SPEAKER.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: EXTENSION , MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GILROY MOVES EXTENSION TWO MINUTES. CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: FIRST, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIFFICULT SENTIMENT THAT WAS SHARED. AS THE FORMER CHAIR OF PROTECTION COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS THROUGH THE 2019 PERIOD I DEFINITELY AM FAMILIAR WITH THE LIAISON, LIBRARY BOARD WORK, INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAME TOGETHER, LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND MORE THAT BUILT THIS PILOT AND BELIEVED IN IT AND TOOK TIME TO CREATE AND CRAFT IT. IT IS WITH IRONY. THIS IS THE QUESTION. I FIND MYSELF SOLO WITH COUNCILLOR GILROY PERHAPS TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY CONNECTION INTEGRITY TO PROP UP THOSE VOICES. IN THE BUDGET THERE IS A COUPLE OF THINGS. I WILL CHALLENGED BY MY COLLEAGUES TO FIND FUNDING SOURCE. I WILL LOOK TO PERHAPS ACCOMMODATIONS TAX.

MADAM SPEAKER: THE QUESTION FOR DELEGATION.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: PERTAININ G TO THE FUNDING SOURCE WITH RESPECT TO FUTURE BUDGET MOTION. I ASK OPINION ON WHICH ONE. MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE WE HAVE TO FIND A FUNDING SOURCE. WITH RESPECT TO THE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ON ONE HAND THAT MONEY TAKING FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN WINNIPEG. WHY? WE ALSO HAVE ANOTHER FEATURE $250,000 WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH FOR COMMUNITY CONNECTION SPACE FOR THE MALL THAT THEY TOLD US. AS LOCAL COUNCILLOR, WHY IS MILLENNIUM LIBRARY, RIGHT? SIMPLE QUESTION. WHAT WOULD THE FUNDING SOURCES BE THAT YOU WOULD IDENTIFY AND WHY?

MADAM SPEAKER: RESPONSE, IF ANY.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GILROY TWO MINUTES EXPENSE. IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

YOU ARE ASKING WHERE WE THINK THE MONEY COULD COME FROM?

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: I WILL BE ASKED THAT WHEN COUNCILLOR GILROY AND I ASK TO SAVE IT IN BUDGET WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM. I KNOW THE IMPACTS WILL BE FELT. ACCOMMODATION TAX LOOKING LIKE A THING TO ME. WE KNOW IT AFFECTS FROM TIM HORTONS TO WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC THEY FEEL THE CLOSURE DECEMBER TO APRIL WILL NEED SOME PRO-RATED MONEY HERE.

WE THINK THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE CURRENT CITY OF WINNIPEG BUDGET TO MOVE SOME STUFF AROUND. WHETHER IT IS AROUND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SIDE OF THINGS OR IT'S RELATING TO COMMUNITY SERVICES OR HEAR ME OUT POLICING. POSSIBLY. JUST SAYING THAT IS THE BIGGEST PIECE OF THE PIE. MAYBE WE COULD TAKE $640,000 FROM THAT ONE AND PUT INTO THE LIBRARY BECAUSE IT WOULD HELP MAKE OUR DOWNTOWN SAFER.

I SAW IN THE NEWSPAPER A COUPLE WEEKS AGO. WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE $2 MILLION SURPLUS THIS YEAR. WE TALKED BEFORE. IT IS WELL DOCUMENTED. TALK TO LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION ABOUT DIVERSIONS FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMUNITY SAFETY HOSTS BE ABLE TO INTERVENE. IT COULD BE THOUGHT OF IN TERMS OF THAT.

I WOULD ASK THAT YOU LOOK AT THOSE FUNDING SOURCES WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT. WE THINK THERE IS ROOM IN THE BUDGET TO FIND IT. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY. LET'S NOT -- THE POINT WAS MADE RECORD INVESTMENTS IN LIBRARIES AT COST OF DOWNTOWN LIBRARIES. I AM UNAWARE OF 211 IS SAYING WE JUST IT IS AROUND ALL DAY AND DON'T ANSWER PHONE CALLS BECAUSE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS IS THERE. MORE IS NEEDED NOT LESS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION HAVE A GOOD DAY. WE WILL MOVE TO FIRST REPORT. WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD JANUARY 20, 2025. MADAM CLERK READ SUBJECT LINE.

WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD UPDATE.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: TOMORROW THE VOTE ON HELICOPTER IS SEPARATE AND DISTINCT, IS THAT CORRECT?

THAT IS CORRECT.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS TO INTRODUCE.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE ADOPTION OF THE POLICE BOARD PRELIMINARY 2025 BUDGET UPDATE AS INFORMATION.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS TO CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: I WOULD ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: I WILL CALL THE VOTE TO RECEIVE THAT REPORT AS INFORMATION. ALL IN FAVOR. AYE. CONTRARY. CARRIED. TWO IN OPPOSITION. NEXT IS THE REPORT OF EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 24, 2025.

CLERK: FINAL RECOMMENDATION PRELIMINARY 2025 BUDGET UPDATE.

MADAM SPEAKER: WE WILL HEAR FROM THE MAYOR TO OPEN ITEM. MOTION ONE MOVED BY WYATT SECOND BY ORLIKOW. MR. MAYOR TO INTRODUCE ITEM.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WILL BE SHARING TIME WITH COUNCILLOR BROWATY AS FINANCE CHAIR HERE. I RISE TO SUPPORT THE REPORT WITH FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2025 BALANCED OPERATING CAPITAL BUDGET. NOT SUPPORTING AMENDING MOTION. THIS BUDGET THAT IS BEFORE US IS REALLY REFLECTION OF PRIORITIES OF WINNIPEGGERS. THEY HAVE SPOKEN LOUD AND CLEAR IN THE LAST YEAR THE FINAL MONTHS 2025. A FEW POLLS AND SURVEYS WERE DONE. WINNIPEGGERS SAID PRIORITIES FOR CITY OF WINNIPEG INCREASE IN PUBLIC SAFETY AND INCREASE IN INVESTMENT IN ROADS AS WELL. TO BEGIN TODAY TO DISCUSS AND DEBATE THIS BUDGET I WANT TO FIRST OF ALL, RECOGNIZE THIS BUDGET IS REFLECTION OF THE PRIORITIES ARTICULATED BY WINNIPEGGERS. I WANT TO THANK THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP BROWATY AS FINANCE CHAIR, DUNCAN AND ALLARD AND THOSE WHO WORKED ON THE BUDGET AND TRACEY GRAM AND FINANCE TEAM. WE HAVE A DEDICATED STAFF. WINNIPEG IS GROWING. GROWN BY $71,000 IN -- 71,000 PEOPLE IN LAST THREE YEARS ALONE. INVESTMENT HAS NOT KEPT PACE. NEED FOR GREATER PUBLIC SAFETY RESOURCES AND INCREASE TO PUBLIC SAFETY IS WHAT WE HAVE HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR FROM WINNIPEGGERS. AS YOU LOOK AT THE POLICE SERVICES OFFICER TO POPULATION RESIDENT RATIO. SINCE 2014 THAT HAS FALLEN 17.5%. NO REALLY ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTERS, NO ADDED IN RECENT YEARS. THIS BEGINS TO ADDRESS THOSE CHALLENGES. 36 NEW POLICE OFFICERS AND PATROL CARS, 15 COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICERS, 24 NEW FIREFIGHTERS FOR PARAMEDIC SERVICE. I WANT TO THANK THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FOR PARTNERSHIP IN SUPPORTING

FIREFIGHTERS. I WANT TO THANK FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS FOR INVESTMENTS IN THE OPERATING CAPITAL BUDGET. PARTNERS WITH US AND I THANK THEM FOR THAT. I AM EXCITED THIS ALLOCATED $1 MILLION FOR COMMUNITY-BASED CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAMMES IN HIGH NEEDS AREAS. WE ARE INVESTING IN YOUNG PEOPLE, YOUTH RECREATION. PARTNERING IN HIGH NEEDS AREAS WITH THOSE ORGANIZATIONS DOING GREAT WORK TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO YOUNG PEOPLE. ANOTHER REASON I WILL BE VOTING IN FAVOR OF AND SUPPORTING THIS BUDGET. THEY HAVE A NEED TO FIX ROADS AND CLEAR SNOW. THIS BUDGET IS IN THOSE PRIORITIES. FIRST TIME EVER THIS BUDGET HAS 2025 BUDGET INCLUDES 25 AND CAPITAL FIVE YEAR PROJECTION $1 BILLION INVESTMENT IN REGIONAL LOCAL STREET RENEWAL OVER NEXT SIX YEARS. FOR THIS YEAR ALONE 2025 BUDGET INN VESTS $169.3 MILLION FOR ROAD REPAIR, ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION, ROAD SAFETY. UP SIGNIFICANTLY OVER 2024. THIS BUDGET REFLECTS UNPRECEDENTED INVESTMENT IN TRANSIT. MILL RATE IS UP TO $124 MILLION FOR TRANSIT AS YOU LAUNCH CITY-WIDE NEW TRANSIT NETWORK THIS SUMMER. WHEN YOU COMPARE $124 MILLION MILL RATE SUPPORT INVESTMENT IN TRANSIT THIS YEAR TO 2014. AT THAT IT IS $80 MILLION INCREASE SINCE 2014. NUMBER IN 2014 WAS AROUND $45 MILLION. WE ARE AT $124 MILLION. WE CONTINUE TO PRIORITIZE OUR MILL RATE SUPPORT FOR TRANSIT. THAT MILL RATE SUPPORT HELPS PROVIDE DISCOUNTED PRODUCTS TO KEEP TRANSIT FARES AFFORDABLE FOR THOSE THAT NEED IT THE MOST. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT THE WAYS IN WHICH TO CONTROL COSTS THIS YEAR. WE KNOW THAT OUR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WILL BE UNDERTAKING SEVERAL INITIATIVES TO CONTROL COSTS. ALSO TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE REACHING OUR TARGETS IN EXPENDITURE MANAGEMENT AS WELL. A LOT OF WORK BY CFO AND TEAM OVER THE COMING YEAR AS WELL. I WILL HAVE MORE TO SAY IN MY CLOSE. NOW TO MY COLLEAGUE FINANCE CHAIR JEFF BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: FIRST UPDATE. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR MANY HOURS WE SPENT LOOKING AT WHAT HAS CHANGED. JUST THE NINE MONTHS OR SO SINCE THE MULTIYEAR BUDGET WAS PASSED LAST MARCH. THIS IS THE FIRST BUDGET TRACEY GRAM WAS INVOLVED WITH AS WELL AS LISA AND HER TEAM. FOR THE COUNT LESS HOURS AFTER WE MET AS GROUP WORKING WITH THE CONTROLLERS WAY DOWN IN ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS FOR ALL OF THEIR WORK. BEYOND BE PROCESS IT IS NOT SECRET FINANCIAL REALITIES OF ALL BODIES ARE CHALLENGING RIGHT NOW. LIKE AT HOME. REALITIES OF INFLATION ARE REAL ON THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. COST OF EVERYTHING IS GOING UP. GOODS WE ARE PURCHASING, SALARIES GOING UP. EVERYTHING HAS BEEN INCREASING IN PRICE. WE ARE FOCUSED ON THE THINGS THAT MATTER TO WINNIPEGGERS. DOWNTOWN. OUR SAFE SPACES 24-7 INVESTMENTS TO BETTER MATCH NEW PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE WRAPAROUND SUPPORT TO GET PEOPLE INTO PERMANENT HOUSING GET RID OF AREAS WHERE THERE ARE NO LONGER ENCAMPMENTS. STRONG ECONOMY INVESTING TO MAKE SURE OUR PROCESS GETS THOSE DOLLARS IN THE GROUND TO ALLOW BUSINESSES TO

FLOURISH IN THE CITY. HAPPY CITY IN PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS COMMUNITY SERVICE AMENITIES. AS THE MAYOR MENTIONED MORE PEOPLE WORKING IN LIBRARIES. THERE WAS ADDITIONAL PROVINCIAL MONEY IT REQUIRED INVESTMENTS CITY OF WINNIPEG. VISITS AND MATERIAL USAGE INCREASING DRAMATICALLY OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS. MILLENNIUM LIBRARY PEOPLE ARE SCARED DOWNTOWN. WE ARE NOT PROPOSING TO MOVE THE DOWNTOWN LIBRARY. WE NEED TO RE-EVALUATE WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE. FOCUS ON THE LIBRARY. NEEDS OF THE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY. THOSE NEEDS, SERVICES AREN'T GOING ANYWHERE. GO, FEED AWAY TO THE LIBRARY BRANCH FOR ACCESS TO SERVICES. BARRIERS TO REQUIREMENTS TO LIBRARY ARE MINIMAL. LEAVE YOUR WEAPONS AT HOME IS BASICALLY WHAT YOU NEED TO DO. IMPROVE CUSTOMER SERVICE. 311 A COUPLE YEARS AGO 11 MINUTES AVERAGE WAIT TIME. WE ARE AT ONE MINUTE AND 411 NOW -- 41 NOW. WE ARE RESPONDING TO WHAT THEY COMPLAINED ABOUT. CONTROLLING COSTS. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO CONTINUE TO WORK TO FIND SAVINGS IN THIS WORLD WHERE EVERYTHING COSTS MORE. FIRE TRUCKS COST MORE, FLEET VEHICLES MORE, BLADES FOR GRADERS, LAWNMOWERS AND LABOR OF EMPLOYEES. WE ARE GOING TO WORK WITH OUR CFO WITH PEOPLE THROUGHOUT CITY TO TRY TO FIND WAYS IN THE VERY UNCERTAIN TIME. WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF TARIFFS ON UNITED STATES GOING TO DO TO GOODS CITY OF WINNIPEG NEEDS TO BUY? THESE ARE QUESTIONS WE ARE DISCUSSING AND PREPARING FOR. THIS IS OUR BUDGET TODAY THERE ARE UNCERTAIN TIMES AHEAD. INCREASING PROPERTY TAX MORE THAN 3.5% MORE THAN CONTEMPLATED. WE ADDRESSED SOME RISKS IN THE BUDGET WE KNEW WERE THERE. WE INCREASED SNOW CLEARING BUDGETS NOT TO WHERE THEY NEED TO BE. THINGS LIKE THE SAVINGS FOR THE FIRE AND PARAMEDIC SERVICE THAT WEREN'T REALISTIC BASED ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND OVER TIME. WE ADDRESSED THAT TO A DEGREE. IT IS STILL TURBULENT TIMES WE ARE MAKING MANY CAPITAL INVESTMENTS. PREPARING FOR GROWTH. MOST MULTIGENERATIONAL INVESTMENTS IN SEWAGE TREATMENT, HISTORY OF CITY. BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR UPGRADE OF SEWAGE THAT PROCEEDS. WE NEED IT OR CITY OF WINNIPEG WILL BE STAGNANT AND CONTINUE TO GROW. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. TO VOTE AGAINST THIS.

MADAM SPEAKER: MAYBE THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED ORLIKOW.

MADAM SPEAKER: BEFORE THAT IS AMENDING MOTION THAT HAS BEEN CIRCULATED. COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I RISE TO SPEAK TO AMENDING MOTION AND PROBABLY CONCURRENTLY TO BUDGET. WE HAVE SINCE 1998 STARTED PROCESS OF PROPERTY TAX FREEZES OR LOW TAXES THAT HAVE BEEN OFFSET WITH COSTS GOING TO INFRASTRUCTURE SPECIFICALLY LOCAL STREETS RENEWAL RESERVE AND RAPID TRANSIT FUNDING SYSTEM. FOR ALL INTENSE AND PURPOSES SINCE 1998, LAST YEAR OF SUSAN THOMPSON'S SIX YEAR TERM AS MAYOR, AT THE TIME GREAT PRESSURE TO BRING CITY IN

AT ZERO PERCENT. SHE SUCCESSFULLY DID THAT IN 1998. FOLLOWING 1998 WE WENT ON 14 YEARS OF PROPERTY TAX FREEZES. FOLLOWING THOSE 14 YEARS WE CONTINUED THAT PROCESS BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT ONLY FROZEN AMOUNT OF INCOME COMING TO THE OPERATIONS. WE HAVE FUNDED LOCAL STREET RESERVE 1%, FUNDED REGIONAL STREET RESERVE 1% THEN DID QUARTER PERCENT INCREASE TO FUND RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM. AMOUNT OF MONEY GOING TO BOTTOM LINE, OPERATIONS OF THE CITY, HAS BEEN BASICALLY ZERO. A COUPLE BLIPS UNDER MYSELF AS FINANCE CHAIR, UNDER COUNCILLOR THE LAST YEAR OF COUNCILLOR FIELDING 3.74%. HE RAISED TAXES. FOR ALL INTENSE AND PURPOSES IT IS ZERO. MAYOR BOWMAN ELECTED. ZERO. I COMMEND E.P.C. FOR COURAGE TO PROPOSE THIS THIS YEAR. THE MOTION BEFORE US SPEAKS TO NOT JUST TODAY BUT TO THE FUTURE. WE NEED TO LOOK PAST WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ON. WE SEEM TO BE LIKE A TRUCK STUCK IN A RUT. MUD OR SNOW. MORE WE TRY TO GET OUT OF THE RUT MORE WE GO DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO THE RUT. WE KNOW WHAT IT IS LIKE TO PUSH A TRUCK OR VEHICLE OUT OF THE SNOW. YOU BACK UP AND GET FURTHER STUCK. THAT SEEMS TO BE THE CITY OF WINNIPEG AND STATE OF FINANCES AS A CITY TODAY AND OUR DIRECTION. SPECIFICALLY I WILL GIVE YOU EXAMPLES WHAT WE ARE FACING. FISCAL STABILIZATION IS UNDER FUNDED. EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE CRUMBLING AT ALARMING RATE WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET A HANDLE ON. WE DEDICATED MORE MONEY THAN EVER BEFORE. WE REVIEW TO PLAN TO DEAL WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT WHICH IS OUT OF CONTROL. EXISTING AND THAT IS LOCAL AND REGIONAL STREETS. EXISTING BRIDGES ARE UNDER FUNDED. UNDER GROUND SERVICES UNDER FUNDED. WE CONTINUALLY DUMP RAW SEWAGE RIGHT INTO THE RIVER SYSTEM AND WE DON'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY PLAN TO END IT. WE HAVE A NORTH END TREATMENT PLANT FRANKLY. FUNDING AND OPERATION AND CONSTRUCTION OUT OF CONTROL FOR ALL INTENSE AND PURPOSES. NO ATTENTION ON THAT. SOFT INFRASTRUCTURE. A LOT OF PEOPLE CALL IT SOFT INFRASTRUCTURE. PARKS, RECREATION ALL UNDER FUNDED. POOLS BOTH INDOOR AND OUT. EXISTING INVENTORY OF EXISTING BUILDINGS AND COST TO MAINTAIN GOES UP. WHY? THEY ARE OLDER BUILDINGS THAT COST MERE TO MAINTAIN. WHY? BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT REPLACED THEM. I AM ALSO GOING TO REFER TO THE NEW STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE WE NEED TO INVEST IF WE ARE NOT INVESTING IN AS CITY. KENNIS TON, ALL OF THE THINGS COMING. AT ANY POINT YOU CAN SEE THE CONGESTION AND DEMANDS OF CITY THAT NEEDS NEW STRATEGIC INVESTMENT. RAPID TRANSIT WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT ANY MORE. YET OTHER CITIES ACROSS THIS COUNTRY ARE FACING THEIR CHALLENGES, MADAM SPEAKER, AND RISING TO THEM. THEY ARE INVESTING NOT ONLY IN FIXING EXISTING INSTRASTRUCTURE, NEW INFRASTRUCTURE. FREEWAYS AND PLANT TRANSIT. BUILDING NEW REGIONAL PARKS THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT. INVESTING IN BUILDING NEW REGIONAL INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE THAT MAKES UP MUNICIPAL FABRIC OF ANY SUCCESSFUL CITY. MUNICIPAL FABRIC IN THE CITY IS IN TATTERS 26 YEARS OF SELF-IMPOSED AUSTERITY WE IMPOSED ON OURSELVES. AFFECTING ABILITY TO INVEST IN MOST IMPORTANT AREA WHICH IS PLANNING. PLANNING OUT THE FUTURE GROWTH OF THIS CITY, PLANNING OUT

NOT JUST THE GROWTH OF THE CITY HOW WE ARE GOING TO BUILD BUT ALSO PLANNING IN TERMS OF FINANCIALLY PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE. WITH THE DIRECTION OF WHERE WE WANT TO GO AS COUNCIL. WE ATTEMPTED TO DO THAT, I THOUGHT, MADAM SPEAKER, AFTER THE LAST ELECTION WITH THE COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITY ACTION PLAN. THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE DOCUMENT TO GUIDE US GOING FORWARD WITH THE IDEAS COMING OUT OF THIS. IT APPEARS TO ME THIS IS NOTHING BUT A PUBLIC RELATIONS EXERCISE BECAUSE THE FUNDING OF THESE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS CALLED FOR IN THE DOCUMENT BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, MADAM SPEAKER, CONTINUE TO GO UNDER FUNDED OR NOT FUNDED AT ALL. THAT DOCUMENT COULD HAVE BEEN THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND US GETTING OUT OF THE RUT I REFER TO AND BREAKING THE LAST 26 YEARS OF THESE TAX FREEZES. NOW COUNCIL IS DOING THAT THIS YEAR. IT IS MOTIVATED LARGELY POLITICAL. RAISE TAXES THIS YEAR AND BACK TO THE SAME LEVEL OF TAXATION NEXT YEAR FOR SAKE OF GENERAL ELECTION. PUBLIC WILL SEE THROUGH THAT, MADAM SPEAKER. WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO GO TO THE PUBLIC AND SAY THESE ARE CHALLENGES WE ARE FACING. THESE ARE THE ISSUES WE ARE FACING. NOT TO MENTION THE HUMAN CRISIS NOW OCCURRING IN THE STREETS OF THE CITY. WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO LAY OUT THOSE CHALLENGES, MADAM SPEAKER, TO SAY THIS IS WHAT WE NEED TO FUND THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE CRUMBLING AT ALARMING RATE, NEW INFRASTRUCTURE WE NEED AS CITY AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO FACILITATE GROWTH THAT WE HOPE WE CAN FACILITATE IN THE FUTURE. OUTLINE THOSE CHALLENGES TO THE PUBLIC SAY THIS IS THE FUNDING LEVEL WE NEED TO BE AT AND THE TAX INCREASES WILL HAVE TO LOOK LIKE. OTHER CITIES HAVE DONE THIS THROUGH THEIR STRATEGIC PLANNING. THEREFORE, THE MOTION BEFORE YOU TODAY THAT HAS BEEN MOVED BY MYSELF SECOND BY COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW SPEAKS TO THAT. NEED FOR US TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE. TO HAVE THE WISDOM, TO BE ABLE TO KNOW THAT WE ARE FACING CHALLENGES THAT HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED. WISDOM IS NOT ENOUGH. WE ALSO NEED TO HAVE THE COURAGE TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THOSE CHALLENGES. TO DO IT IN FORM OF MODERATION SO WE DON'T GO OVER THE TOP SO WE ARE NOT FACING ONE DAY IN THE FUTURE DOUBLE DIGIT PROPERTY TAX INCREASE AS WE CONTINUE TO KICK THE BALL DOWN THE STREET TO FUTURE COUNCILS TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES WE ARE FACING. THAT IS A REAL CONCERN, MADAM SPEAKER. AS LONG AS WE CONTINUE TO IGNORE CHALLENGES WE ARE FACING, WE WILL SET UP FUTURE COUNCILS FOR FAILURE OR CHALLENGES THAT WILL BE SO GREAT THAT THEY WONDER WHAT WERE WE DOING? WHY COULDN'T WE SHOW LEADERSHIP THAT WE NEEDED TO SHOW? THE WISDOM, COURAGE TO ACT UPON THAT WISDOM AND MODERATION SO WE DON'T GO OVER THE TOP. I AM QUOTING PLAY TO 2500 YEARS AGO. VIRTUOUS MAN OR TODAY WE CALL PERSON YOU NEED WISDOM, WHICH IS DIFFERENT THAN KNOWLEDGE, COURAGE TO ACT UPON THAT WISDOM, PLUS MODERATION, NOT OVER THE TOP, EQUALS THE VIRTUES PERSON AND CITY. WE NEED THAT TODAY AS MUCH AS THEY NEEDED IT BACK WHEN HE WROTE THAT 2500 YEARS AGO. THIS CITY IS NOT ON A PATH THAT IS BALANCED. THE BUDGET MAY BE FISCALLY BALANCED. OUR OPERATIONS ARE RUNNING DEFICITS ALL OVER THE PLACE. THE

DEFICITS IN TERMS OF WHAT WE ARE NOT ADDRESSING AS CITY, MADAM SPEAKER, SCARES THE HECK OUT OF ME. WINNIPEGGERS ARE SEEING IT AS WELL. LET'S BE FRANK. WE HAVE MUNICIPALITIES AROUND THE CITY WHERE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG CAN MOVE TO AND THEY ARE MOVING AND THERE IS A TRICKLE TAKING PLACE RIGHT NOW, MADAM SPEAKER, I HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT BEFORE. MOVING TO THE WEST AND EAST ST. PAUL. NOW THEY ARE ABLE TO OFFER FULL RANGE OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES. BE AWARE, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT TRICKLE CAN TURN INTO A NEWED. WE ARE FACED WITH DETROIT LIKE SCENARIO COUNCILLOR EADIE TALKED ABOUT. NONE OF US WANTS TO FACE IT WILL BE TOO DIFFICULT FOR US TO TURN IT AROUND OR COUNCIL TO TURN IT AROUND. HAVE THE FORESIGHT AND VISION AND COURAGE TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE AND SET ASIDE THE FUNDS WE KNOW WE ARE GOING TO NEED TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILOR ORLIKOW.

MADAM SPEAKER: THAT MOTIONS IS CIRCULATED. COUNCILLOR GILROY AND ROLLINS SECONDED MOTION TWO.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I THINK FOR CLARITY I HAVE TO SPEAK TO THE MOTION AND THE BUDGET AS A WHOLE AT THIS TIME. MY MOTION HERE IS TRYING TO PLEASE ASK MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES HERE TO BRING BACK THE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS SPACE. I REALLY WANT TO SAY NOT THE SAME AS DOWNTOWN SAFETY PARTNERSHIP. I WISH I COULD HAVE BROUGHT YOU TO THE SPACE SO YOU COULD HAVE SEEN AND UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENT LEVEL OF TRAINING THAT THE COMMUNITY CONNECTORS GO THROUGH. THE STAFFING THAT IS REQUIRED TO MANAGE THE LIBRARY. YOU KNOW, THESE ARE MY COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT GO THERE. IT IS A CITY-WIDE FACILITY. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS AND I ARE THE COUNCILLORS. WE HEARD OVER AND OVER AGAIN WHEN THE LIBRARY WAS CLOSED DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS TO ALL OF THE ISSUES WE WERE SEEING. WHEN WE FINALLY PUT THE COMMUNITY CONNECTORS IN THAT SPACE. THINGS SIFTED AND CHANGED SO MUCH SO THAT OTHER CITIES ARE LOOKING TO WINNIPEG TO ADOPT THIS MODEL. I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND IN MY BRAIN WHY WE WOULD STOP SOMETHING THAT IS WORKING. THIS WHOLE BUDGET IS TO TALK ABOUT SAFETY WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN. I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR WE NEED THE DOWNTOWN SAFE REGARDLESS NORTH OF PORTAGE OR SOUTH OF PORTAGE. PEOPLE BELONG IN BOTH SPACES. THIS IS NOT A PUSH OUT TO THE NORTH OF PORTAGE. THIS IS THE LIBRARY THAT EVERYBODY SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE WELCOMED IN. IT IS A PUBLIC AMENITY THAT WORKED. IT FRUSTRATING IN A $4 BILLION WE CAN'T FIND $650,000. I HAVE SUPPORTED LIBRARIES OPENING IN OTHER AREAS. I THINK IT IS A PUBLIC GOOD. IT IS ONE OF OUR CORE SERVICES WE NEED TO BE PROVIDING. AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE SEEING THE STAFF IS LEAVING AND GOING TO OTHER LIBRARIES. PEOPLE SAY, NO, NO THAT IS NOT HOW IT WORKS. WE CAN DEBATE THAT. THAT IS WHAT IT FEELS LIKE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. YOU

HAD OVER AND OVER AGAIN PEOPLE IN DELEGATIONS AND PEOPLE WRITING ABOUT CONCERNS OVER THIS. BIGGEST THING IN THE BUCK BUDGET IS THIS. $650,000. WE HAVEN'T ADD WOULD TO THE BUDGET. -- WE HAVEN'T ADDED TO THE BUDGET. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT. THIS BUDGET IS REALLY ABOUT TRANSPARENCY. IT GOES BACK TO THE VERY BASIC THINK OF THE STRONG MAYOR MODEL. I HAVE BEEN ON BOTH SIDES AND I UNDERSTAND IT.

WHAT IS HAPPENING. LACK OF TRANSPARENCY WE ARE NOT GETTING INFORMATION WE NEED. WHEN I GO TO COMMUNITY SERVICES WHERE I USED TO ASK ABOUT POLICE BUDGET, ASK ABOUT GENERAL COUNSEL COMMUNITY CENTRES. WE DON'T DO THAT. IT IS ALL AT PC. THE PEOPLE THAT AREN'T ON APC HAVE LACK OF INFORMATION. WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT BUDGET PROCESS. UPROAR WHEN WE HAD APC PLUS TWO. REMEMBER THAT? NOBODY HAS ENOUGH INFORMATION. AT LEAST WE HAD EIGHT PEOPLE WITH INFORMATION DOWNTOWN THREE ON BUDGET WORKING GROUP. THEY DON'T HAVE ALL OF THE INFORMATION. THEN WHEN WE ASKED FOR COUNCIL SEMINAR ON POLICE STUFF, I GET NOTHING. WE ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE A BUDGET ON THIS. POLICE ISSUES. POLICE FUNDING. WE DON'T HAVE A CAO YET. WHICH IS A MAJOR ISSUE. I LOVE SHERMAN TO DEATH. I HAVE AN ISSUE WITH A CLERK SUPPOSED TO BE NEUTRAL AS HEAD OF OUR CAO POLITICAL JOB CONNECTED WITH THE MAYOR. THAT IS NOT HEALTHY GOVERNMENT. THAT IS NOT A MODEL WE SHOULD BE WANTING FOR OUR CITY. WHEN WE HAVE COUNCILLORS THAT ARE HAVING TO GET INFORMATION WE HAVE A GOVERNMENT ISSUE HERE AT CITY HALL. WHEN WE HAVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT HAVE COME IN AN OUTWARD FOR $650,000 AND WE CAN'T FIND FUNDING? MANY OF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN IN THE SPACE. PROBABLY HAVE NEVER UNDERSTOOD REALLY THE DYNAMICS WHAT IS GOING ON THERE. YOU HAVE TWO COUNCILLORS SAYING YOU NEED IT. IT'S VERY, VERY FRUSTRATING. WE ARE HAVING THE LACK OF INFORMATION THAT THE GOING ON HERE IS A CONCERN. KEEPING US UNEDUCATED SO WE CAN'T ASK RIGHT QUESTIONS IS A CONCERN. THAT IS HOW I FEEL ABOUT THE BUDGET. THE MAYOR TALKED ABOUT PUTTING MONEY INTO THE YOUTH PROGRAMME. DOWNTOWN Y. I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT NOW MY COMMUNITY CENTRES ARE CLOSED. WHY? THEY ARE NOT FUNDING THEM. THEY BARELY HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO HIRE CARETAKERS. NOW ON YOU COMMUNITY CENTERS ARE FIGHTING BETWEEN OPEN GYM SPACE FOR YOUTH. IT IS A BIG PREVENTION THING. YOUTH CRIME IS UP. WE NEED YOUTH INVOLVED IN ACTIVITIES. COMMUNITY CENTERS ARE FIGHTING FOR ACCESS BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO RENT OUT SPACE TO KEEP DOORS OPEN. TO PEOPLE PLAYING BASKETBALL IN BUDGET IS THE PRIORITY. I AM NOT SEEING THE VISION HERE. I REALLY THINK WE HAVE A PROBLEM IF WE THINK THIS IS GETTING ANY BETTER. I KNOW COUNCILLOR LUKES HAS BEEN ON THIS. I WAS ON THE OTHER SIDE. I AM PART OF THE PROBLEM. THE STRONG MALE MODEL IS NOT SERVING NEEDS OF MY COMMUNITY. IT IS NOT. YOU CAN JUST TELL WHEN YOU HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE VOICING CONCERNS AND WE ARE NOT LOOKING ABOUT INCREASING BUDGET FOR $650,000. IN A $1.2 BILLION BUDGET. I HEAR PEOPLE SAYING DOWNTOWN SAFETY PARTNERSHIP. IF THE DOWNTOWN SAFETY

PARTNERSHIP WANTS MORE JOBS SEND THEM TO ME. I CAN GIVE THEM JOBS. I HAVE A LOT IN THE WEST END THAT NEED HELP. I DON'T WANT TO PUSH PEOPLE OUT AND I DON'T WANT AN EQUITY LENS BASED ON WHERE THEY LIVE OR WORK IN OUR DOWNTOWN. THAT IS CRITICAL FOR ME. WHEN YOU ARE SAYING DOWNTOWN SAFETY PARTNERSHIP SHOULD DO THAT, I HAVE TO QUESTION THAT. I HAVE TO QUESTION THAT. THIS IS A COMMUNITY GROUP THAT DOES REALLY GREAT THINGS. THEY ARE MAKING THE COMMUNITY FEEL WELCOMED IN THAT SPACE WHICH EVERYONE SHOULD FEEL WELCOME. IT IS A LIBRARY SERVICE. IF YOU JUST WOULD HAVE GONE DOWN TO SEE IT FOR YOURSELF. NEW IMMIGRANTS. YOUNG FAMILIES. PEOPLE THAT HAVE COME TO CANADA THAT DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH VERY WOMEN. HELPING THEM ALL IN THIS SPACE. YES, THEY ARE ALSO HELPING SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS THAT AT TIMES NEEDED A LITTLE EXTRA SUPPORT. YOU KNOW WHAT? THAT WAS A SAFE SPACE TO PROVIDE IT INSTEAD OF IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LIBRARY WITH KIDS STUDYING AND LEARNING HOW TO READ. THAT WAS THE RIGHT SPACE. WHEN YOU ASK FOR INFORMATION AND YOU ARE NOT GETTING IT, IT IS A PROBLEM. WHEN WE SAY WE ARE PROVIDING YOUTH PROGRAMMING ONLY PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE Y, THAT IS A PROBLEM. LET'S FUND YOUTH PROGRAMMING. LET'S DO THAT. WE NEED TO DO THAT. AT OUR REC CENTERS. YOU KNOW WHAT? WE NEED TO GET TO THE BASICS. REMEMBER WHEN YOU USED TO GROW UP AND GO TO THE GYM AT LOCAL SCHOOL, THERE WERE REC PROGRAMS FROM THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. I WAS A PRODUCT OF THAT. MAYBE I AM HERE BECAUSE I WAS A PRODUCT OF THAT. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT WHY WE ARE CHANGING THE THINGS THAT ARE WORKING. COMMUNITY CONNECTION SPACE HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL THING. ALL OF A SUDDEN DONE FUNDING IS GONE. WE ARE GOING TO CHANGE WHEN WE KNOW IT WORKS. I KNOW I AM GETTING TO THE END. I GUESS I FEEL DISHEART ENDED, MADAM SPEAKER.

COUNCILLOR EADIE MOVES EXTENSION TWO MINUTES. CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: I FEEL LIKE THE MONEY LEFT MY COMMUNITY. I FEEL LIKE MY MEMBERS OF MY COMMUNITY ARE NOT BEING HEARD. I AM FEELING LIKE THE AGING OF OUR COMMUNITY IS NOT BEING DEALT WITH, MADAM SPEAKER. I CALL AND ASK ALL OF MY COUNCILLOR COLLEAGUES TO LISTEN TO WHAT I AM SAYING ABOUT COMMUNITY CONNECTION SPACE. IT IS A VERY LITTLE MONEY IN THIS BIG BUDGET. WHEN YOU HAVE TWO COUNCILLORS THAT KNOW THIS REALLY WELL, PLEASE LISTEN TO THEM. WE HAVE AN OVERWHELMING GROUP OF PEOPLE COMING FORWARD THAT ARE SAYING THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. MAYBE YOUR THOUGHTS ARE NOT RIGHT. LISTEN TO THEM. TAKE A STEP BACK. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR GILROY. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HARD TO FOLLOW COUNCILLOR GILROY

WITH THAT PASSION. SHE IS ACCURATE. I WAS PART OF THE TIME AS CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE THERE. I FELT THE BLOW BACK AND DIFFICULTY AT THAT TIME EVEN. THE WORK TO KEEP IT GOING THEN. I AM HAPPY BUT NOT SURPRISED WHEN THEY HAVE GOT IT. AGAIN, COUNCILLOR GILROY HAS SPOKEN TO THAT QUITE WELL. I APPRECIATE THAT. WHAT I HAVE DONE AND I HAVE DONE ON E.P.C. AND OFF E.P.C. I WORKED ON THE OUTSIDE TRYING TO MAKE CHANGE. AUDITS AND MOVEMENT THERE. WITH MAYOR BOWMAN. I HAD QUITE AN ENJOYABLE TIME WORKING WITH HIM BECAUSE I FELT HE WAS QUITE GOOD AT LISTENING AND ACTING. NOT JUST LISTENING. HERE WE ARE TODAY. NEW DAY, NEW DOLLAR, NEW TIME. COUNCILLOR GILLINGHAM WAS FAIRLY ELECTED. I TRY TO SUPPORT HIM. IT GOT DIFFICULT BECAUSE I UNDERSTOOD HIS PHILOSOPHY. MANDATE THAT HE PROVIDED TO SHOW THE PUBLIC. 3.5 HAS BEEN CHANGED. I THANK HIM FOR THAT. THAT WAS DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO DO IN THIS BUDGET. WHAT THIS BUDGET HAS SHOWN ME AS I TRY TO WORK THROUGH IT AS INDEPENDENT COUNCILLOR, TRIED TO WORK WITH TRACEY GRAHAM, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE HELP SHE TRIED TO GIVE ME. SHE CAN GIVE ME WHAT SHE CAN. A LONE SOLDIER WORKING WITH SOME COLLEAGUES IS HARDER FOR INDEPENDENT TO FIGURE OUT. WE DON'T HAVE INFORMATION. WHAT INFORMATION DO I HAVE? THIS BUDGET REPRESENTS AND COUNCILLOR WYATT POINTED IT OUT. THE CITY OF WINNIPEG HAS RUN OUT OF ROOM TO MANAGE THE BUDGET. YOU CAN SEE THIS BY THE LACK OF FUNDS FOR THE FSR. WE HAVE INCREASING RISK. INCREASING CORPORATE EFFICIENCIES WE NEVER MEET EACH YEAR. INCREASED RISK THAT I HAVE SEEN. AMOUNT OF DEBT USED FOR PROJECTS AND DEBT AVAILABLE FOR US NOW INCREASED FIRST CALLS IN 2026 BUDGET ARE UNHEARD OF. QUITE A FEW IN THIS BUDGET GROWING OPERATING COST VERSUS REVENUE. THERE IS A PAGE IN BUDGET CALLED ZIPPER THAT WE COULD SEE. WE TRIED HARD DURING THE BOW MAN YEARS TO BRING IT CLOSER TOGETHER. NOW QUICKLY EXPANDING ALL OVER AGAIN. LACK OF NEW DEAL. NEW DEAL FOR THE PROVINCE. THAT DID NOT MATERIALIZE. IT MATERIALIZED UNDER MAYOR MURRAY BACK IN THE DAY. THAT IS NOT COMING INTO FRUITION. INCREASING AMOUNT OF PROVINCIAL REGULATORY FEES PAID BY RESIDENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT. NOT BY DEVELOPERS BUT BY RESIDENTS. PHILOSOPHICAL DECISION TO DO THAT KIND OF CORPORATE WELFARE. SORRY IF THAT OFFENDS PEOPLE. SERVICE FOR BUSINESS, BUSINESS SHOULD PAY. WE SHOULD DO THAT FAIRLY. TAKING AMOUNTS OF DIVIDEND FROM WATER AND WASTE. WE KNOW UPCOMING WATER AND WASTE REPORT IS GOING TO BE DRAMATIC. ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE POOR. VERY DRAMATIC. FLAT TAX I CALL IT. WE DON'T HAVE IT HERE TODAY WHICH IS QUITE SURPRISING. IT SHOULD BE PART OF THIS. IF WE ARE HONEST AND OPEN AND TRANSPARENT ABOUT IT. GROWING BE INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET GETTING BETTER. THE PARK IS SINKING TO THE RIVER. IS ABOUT ALL PARKS INCLUDING LOCAL. LDR. WE CAN TALK TO THE PARK SAYING PUT SLIDE IN. PUT A FLOWERBED IN. NO MONEY. IF YOU WANT TO USE LDR. NO. OPERATING COSTS. WADING POOLS CLOSED $45,000. GREAT. WE WANT TO TAKE AWAY THE SERVICE AND CALL IT SOLID GRASS. FOR ME IN THE FORT GARRY WARD WE ARE AT $200,000 FOR MINOR IMPROVEMENTS SO KIDS CAN PLAY AND HAVE A PLACE TO MEET. THOSE ARE SOME OF

THEM. ALSO THERE IS SOME ADJUSTMENTS. NOTHING IS 100%. ADDRESSING THE INCREASING HUMAN SUFFERING. I THANK COUNCILLOR GILROY. I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING. $1 MILLION GOING TO THE Y. I USED TO RUN THE PROGRAMME IN THE INNER CITY. MANY STUDENTS REFUSED TO GO TO Y. UNWELCOME. AMAZING EFFORT TO GET THEM THERE. THAT SHOULD BE SPENT ON LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMMING. A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T HAVE CARDS TO ACCESS. THIS BUDGET IS RUNNING OUT OF ROOM. RIVER HEIGHTS. AS I MENTIONED I WENT TO DELEGATION AND TALKED TO COUNCILLOR BROWATY. I DON'T SEE A LOT EXCEPT ASKING FORT GARRY RESIDENTS TO PAY MORE TO GET LESS. PROVE ME WRONG. I DON'T SEE HOW TO SELL THE BUDGET TO THEM WHEN WHAT I SEE IS NOT A LOT TO THE RIVER HEIGHTS FORT GARRY WARD. IT IS A GOOD AMOUNT IN PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. BASED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD BUT WE ARE GOING TO PAY MORE THAN THE MEAN AVERAGE BY FAR IN RIVER HEIGHTS FORTH GARY WARD. HOW DO I EXPLAIN? POLICES IS GOOD. IT IS NOT BAD. REDUCED SOME RISK, NOT A LOT. WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD IS GREAT. HUGE PORTION OF INCREASE PAID OUT. I UNDERSTAND BUDGETS AREN'T SIMPLE. I LOOK AT THE WAY I AM NOW EXCLUSIVELY. CITY COUNCILLOR BUT I ALSO REPRESENT FOCUSED ON THE RIVER HEIGHTS FORT GARRY WARD AS COLLECTIVE POLL. I MET WITH COUNSELOR BROWATY, DISCUSSED WITH HIM, I HAVE REWRITTEN THE BUDGET THE AMENDING MOTIONS A COUPLE TIMES TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON. THE DEPARTMENT HEADS ARE GOOD IN HELPING ME OUT. I DON'T HAVE THE INFORMATION THEY HAVE. AGAIN WHEN I WENT TO DELEGATION COUNCILLOR MAYES WAS THERE. TALKING ABOUT CHANGE TO THE WORDING. I PRESENTED SOME OPTIONS ON WHAT I THINK RIVER HEIGHTS FORT GARRY WARD NEEDS PLUS POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES. NOTHING FOLLOWED UP AFTER. FOR EXAMPLE, NO NEW FUNDS FOR THE NEEDED AN ARENA. IN THE FORT GARRY AREA IT IS HANGING ON. WE FOUND FUNDS FOR ST. BONIFACE WATER PARK. NOTHING FOR THE ARENA. TALKED TO COUNCILLOR DUNCAN ABOUT IT. MAYBE IN THE RIVER HEIGHTS AREA WE HAVE SOME DRAWING PLANS FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE. OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE CENTRAL SOUTHWEST PART OF THE CITY.

MADAM SPEAKER: MOVE EXPENSE COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS HAS MOVED EXTENSION. TWO MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOR. CARRIED.

NO FUNDS FOR THE LOSS OF LDR FROM THE AGREEMENT AS THE MAYOR PROMISED. NO FOLLOW UP WHY I CAN'T GET IT. TAKING FUNDS FROM BRT RESERVE NO RECREATIONAL SPACE. NONE OF THE DELEGATIONS ISSUES I RECEIVED FEEDBACK FROM THE MAYOR. AT THE END OF THE DAY WHEN I LOOK AT THIS BUDGET IT IS DIFFICULT. I UNDERSTAND IT IS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT NEXT YEAR. THAT IS WHY THE AMENDING MOTION IS THERE. WE NEED TO SHARE. CAN'T BE ALL ON THE BACKS OF PROPERTY OWNERS. WE TALKED ABOUT THE AFFORDABILITY. TARIFFS HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON BUSINESSES. GUARANTEED VERY MUCH ON INDIVIDUALS WHEN THE COST OF GOODS GO UP. I HEARD THE COUNCILLOR TALKING ABOUT IT. I IDEA. AS COUNCILLOR WYATT SAID WE HAVE TO GET THE BUDGET IN

LINE. THIS BUDGET I DON'T KNOW HOW TO CALL BUDGET. PUTTING THE FINGER IN THE DIKE AND HOPING WATER WON'T EXPLODE. WE ARE FACING HUGE ISSUE. WE HAVE TO HAVE COURAGE TO DO SOMETHING. CAN'T BE ON RESIDENTS ONLY. CAN'T WAIT FOR PROVINCE. WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE BUSINESSES. I UNDERSTAND SMALL BUSINESSES. THAT IS WHY WE WANT TO INCREASE SMALL BUSINESS EXEMPTION FROM 47 TO $55,000. I KNOW A BUNCH OF ISSUES TO DEAL WITH. I TRIED OPEN TRANSPARENT. I GOT NOWHERE. HOURS AND HOURS TO FIND OUTWEIGH GOES TO MAKE SURE MY IDEAS COULD BE FUNDED. I WILL WORK WITH COLLEAGUES FOR NEXT BUDGET. THIS BUDGET I AM TERRIFIED ABOUT NEXT YEAR. THIS WILL PASS.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: I BELIEVE THE BUDGET IS CONFIDENCE VOTE. I WON'T SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET 2025. MY MOTION WILL BE TO MOVE LAYOVER UNTIL NEXT MONTH. MY SPEECH WILL EXPLAIN WHY WE SHOULD DO THIS IN FEBRUARY. IT IS NOT UNUSUAL TO DO IN FEBRUARY. MOTION TO MOVE LAYOVER. NOT UNUSUAL TO BE DOING BUDGET IN FEBRUARY. WE HAVE TO GET IT DONE BY MARCH, THOUGH. THIS DECISION IS NOT MADE LIGHTLY. AS I STATED LAST WEEK WHEN I LEFT THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE, I HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ROLLINS YOU ARE MOVING LAYOVER NOW? ARE YOU SPEAKING TO THE OTHER MOTION?

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: I WILL SPEAK TO IT.

MADAM SPEAKER: YOU ARE MOVING LAYOVER?

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: I AM, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: YOU HAVE A FEW MINUTES TO SPEAK TO THAT.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: YES. THREE MINUTES.

WHAT ARE WE RECOMMENDING LAYOVER ON?

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ROLLINS LAYOVER TO NEXT MONTH?

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: YES. IN THE MEAN THE FUNDAMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOVERNMENT IS TO ENSURE FINANCIAL DECISIONS IMPACTING HOUSEHOLDS AND BUSINESS ARE FULLY DISCLOSED AND COMMUNICATED. THIS INCLUDES 5.9% TAX INCREASE FAILS TO INCREASE FOR INCREASES IN WATER AND WASTE RATES WERE COMING

IN FEBRUARY. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3. IN RECENT STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING THAT WAS CONFIRMED PER THE PUBLIC SERVICE. SIMPLY PUT WE SHOULDN'T PASS THIS BUDGET UNTIL THOSE RATES ARE INCORPORATED. WATER AND SEWAGE ARE CERTAINLY. NOT DISCRETIONARY. ACCORDING TO PUBLIC FEEDBACK WATER AND SEWAGE RANK AMONG TOP BUDGET PRIORITIES ALONGSIDE AFFORD BUILT. WHAT WE HEARD IN THE ENGAGEMENT WE ARE DEBATING BUDGET NOT ACCOUNT FOR FINANCIAL IMPACTS RATE INCREASES ON HOUSEHOLDS. WITHOUT THAT INFORMATION WE ARE PRESENTING AN INCOMPLETE MISLEADING FINANCIAL PICTURE TO BOTH HOUSEHOLDS OF WINNIPEG AND BUSINESSES THAT USE OUR WATER AND WILL BE IMPACTED BY THOSE RATES. NEW PICK IS CRITICAL PROJECT. THEY ACKNOWLEDGED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS. IF OTHER LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT PROVIDE FUNDING RATEPAYERS BEAR COST. THIS IS DIRECT QUOTE FROM BUDGET NOT ONLY LEADING TO FINANCIAL STRAIN BUT HAVE IMPACT ON ECONOMIC GROWTH. BY LIMITING ABILITY TO ADD HOUSING OVER NEXT TWO YEARS. I JUST LEFT E.P.C. I WAS CHAIR OF HOUSING. RESPONSIBLE BUDGET TO COMPLETE PROJECT AND TRANSPARENT ACCOUNTING OF RATE INCREASES. THAT IS WHY I MOVE LAYOVER. BUDGET DOES NEITHER. WITHHOLDING CRITICAL INFORMATION ABOUT WATER AND WASTE RATES IS BREACH OF PUBLIC TRUST. THAT IS A SERIOUS THING TO SAY. PLEASE LET ME BE CLEAR. IT ISN'T A BREACH FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE. THEY MADE THE PLAN AND THEY THINK IT IS FEBRUARY 3. THAT IS MONDAY, MADAM SPEAKER. MONDAY. WINNIPEGGERS VOICED CONCERNS ABOUT TAX INCREASE. ESPECIALLY SKEPTICAL HOW FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED. WE SHOULD HONOR THEIR CONCERNS TODAY. HONOR THEIR CONCERNS WITH MORE INFORMATION, MADAM SPEAKER, NOT LESS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. YOU ARE MOVING LAYOVER TO NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY?

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: YES, MA'AM.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN REBUTTAL.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I OPPOSE LAYOVER THE REASON THE COUNCILLOR SITES TO BE CLEAR.

MADAM SPEAKER: TIME ON THE CLOCK, PLEASE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: WATER SEWER RATES ARE SEPARATELY. COUNCIL VOTES ON THAT. WHEN STAFF HAS REPORT READY IT WILL BE DISCUSSED AND DEBATED PUBLICLY AS WATER AND SEWER RATES ARE. I HAVE SAID CONSISTENTLY THAT WE KNOW WHEN WATER SEWER RATES COME FORWARD IF CITY OF WINNIPEG WOULD HAVE TO FUND ON ITS OWN IT WOULD HAVE IMPACT. I SAID TO COUNCIL THAT I AS LEAD IN MY OFFICE HAVE AND CONTINUE TO WORK WITH SENIOR LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT TO PRESS FOR

PARTNERSHIP IN FUNDING THE NORTH END PLANT. THAT DISCUSSION WILL HAPPEN AND BECOMING FORWARD. WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO GET FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL PARTNERS AT TABLE TO PROTECT HOMEOWNERS IN WINNIPEG. RELATED TO THEIR SEWER RATES AND UTILITY RATES. THAT IS A DISCUSSION COMING. NOT PART OF TODAY BECAUSE THAT REPORT HAS CONSISTENTLY IN YEARS PAST DEALT WITH SEPARATE FROM BUDGET. I WILL POINT OUT THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I HAVE REITERATED, ARE CONTINUE TO REITERATE. TODAY WE DEAL WITH THE BUDGET. COUNCIL HAS THE INFORMATION. COUNCILLOR IN QUESTION WAS ON E.P.C. UP UNTIL RECENTLY WHEN SHE STEPPED DOWN AND DID HAVE AS ALL COUNCILLOR DO HAVE ACCESS TO STAFF, THROUGH MY OFFICE, C.E.O., DIRECT CONTACT WITH DIRECTORS IF THEY NEED ANY INFORMATION RELATED TO THE BUDGET. SEPARATE REPORT THAT COMES WHEN THE STAFF IS READY FOR THE REPORT TO COME. WHEN THE REPORT IS COMPLETED. THAT WILL COME NOT TODAY BUT SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE.

MADAM SPEAKER: I WILL CALL THE VOTE ON LAYOVER. ALL IN FAVOR OF LAYOVER TO NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: GILROY, MAYES, ROLLINS, WYATT. ORLIKOW.

MADAM SPEAKER: OPPOSED PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: GILLINGHAM, ALLARD, BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, EADIE, LUKES, SANTOS, SCHREYER, SHARMA.

CLERK: 5-11.

MADAM SPEAKER: LAYOVER DEFEATED. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS CONTINUE WITH YOUR SPEAKING TIME.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I WILL CONTINUE ON WITH THAT SUBSTANTIVE POINT, MADAM SPEAKER. I WILL RESPOND BRIEFLY TO SAY WHEN YOU ARE INTERGOVERNMENTAL LEAD, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT, MADAM SPEAKER, TO LEAD WITH INFORMATION THAT IS TRANSPARENT. JUST BECAUSE WE WERE ALWAYS ACCUSTOMED TO DOING A THING DOESN'T MEAN WE SHOULD CONTINUE THAT WAY. WHEN THAT REPORT WAS INDICATED WE THE PUBLIC SERVICE TO BE ABLE ON MONDAY, BUSINESS DAYS FROM NOW, IT IS A REALLY DIFFICULT POINT OF INFORMATION ON TRANSPARENCY THAT IT ISN'T UNDERSTOOD IN BUDGET, MADAM SPEAKER. ALSO DIFFICULT IS A PARTICULARLY GLARING EXAMPLE OF GOVERNANCE IN THE BUDGET. INCLUSION OF 911 LEVEE AS SOURCE OF REVENUE. THIS WAS NEITHER APPROVED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR IMPLEMENTED. IT APPEARS IN BUDGET AS IF DONE DEAL. AGAIN ACCOUNTING FOR $22.5 MILLION IN PROJECTED REVENUE THAT DOES NOT EXIST. THIS IS NOT A MINOR OVERSIGHT OR A

TECHNICAL ERROR. IT WAS DELIBERATELY INCLUDED DESPITE CLEAR KNOWLEDGE THE REVENUE COULD NOT BE REALIZED. BUDGET DOCUMENT'S ASSERTION THE FEE IS DELAYED IS MISS LEADING. THIS IS A FUNDAMENTAL VIOLATION OF FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY. I AM CONCERNED THE CANADIAN PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING STANDARDS WHICH SAY REVENUES MUST BE MEASURABLE AND REALIZABLE BEFORE BEING INCLUDED IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THAT BUDGETING SHOULD ADHERE TO ACCURATE TRANSPARENT ACCOUNTABLE FINANCIAL REPORTING THAT IT IS OFF SITE OF THAT. BY INCLUDING UNAPPROVED REVENUES THIS BUDGET DOESN'T MEET THE STANDARDS. 911 LEVY IS NOT ONLY EXAMPLE. BUDGET INCLUDES $51.1 MILLION IN UNSPECIFIED SAVINGS, MADAM SPEAKER, ASSUMING COST REDUCTIONS WILL MATERIALIZE WITHOUT CONCRETE PLAN. LONG STANDING OVER EXPENDITURES, PARTICULARLY IN OVERTIME AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS ARE MISREPRESENTED. CHRONIC UNDER STAFFING LEADS TO EXCESSIVE OVER TIME WHICH INCREASES WORKPLACE INJURIES AND WBC CLAIMS. THIS IS NOT CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT. SYSTEMATIC FAILURE TO BE ADDRESSED RATHER THAN OBSCURED BY VAGUE COST SAVING ASSUMPTIONS. BUDGET IS MORE THAN FINANCIAL DOCUMENT AS WE KNOW. IT IS REFLECTION OF OUR PRIORITIES OUR PLANS AND OUR VALUES AS COUNCIL. BUDGET FAILS TEST OF GOOD GOVERNANCE IN THREE WAYS. WITHHOLDS CRUCIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION ON WATER RATE INCREASES. THAT IS POLITICAL DECISION. IT WILL BE CHARACTERIZED AND I WANT TO BE CLEAR. WORDS SHOULD NOT BE PUT IN MY MOUTH I THINK THAT IS PUBLIC SERVICE PROBLEM. IT IS PUBLIC SERVICE THAT SAID OVER AGAIN LAST YEAR THEY ANTICIPATED IN THE FEBRUARY MEETING. COUNCILLORS IN THIS ROOM HAVE TO DEFEND WHY THEY WILL NOT SYNTHESIZE THAT INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC WHEN THEY COULD HAVE JUST MOVED LAYOVER. WITHHOLDING CRUCIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION ON WATER AND WASTE RATE INCREASES IMPACTS HOUSEHOLDDERS, BUSINESSES, SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD IN CONTEXT WITH TAX INCREASE. BY THE WAY IT WAS NEW WITH RESPECT TO BUDGET DRAFT. IT RELIES ON SPECULATIVE REVENUES FROM AN UNAPPROVED 911 LEVY, LACKS ACCOUNTABILITY IN ADDRESSING SYSTEMATIC FINANCIAL ISSUES AND THAT IS OVER AND ABOVE THE $51 MILLION. BOTTOM LINE WE ARE ASKING WINNIPEGGERS TO ACCEPT HIGHER TAXES, NEW FEES. IN RETURN THEY DESERVE HONESTY, TRANSPARENCY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. THIS BUDGET PROVIDES NONE OF THOSE. I WANT TO SPEND A MOMENT TALKING ABOUT THE MILLENNIUM LIBRARY IN THE FORT GARRY WARD. MADAM SPEAKER SIMILAR TO THE VOTE WE JUST HAD TO SAY WE ARE NOT MOVING ONE MORE MONTH DESPITE THE FACT MANY PEOPLE IN BUSINESS AND MANY WINNIPEGGERS WILL SAY WHAT IS 5.9% IN CONTEXT WITH THE RATE HIKES COMING MAYBE MONDAY, RIGHT? THAT IS A PROBLEM. I THINK IT IS MORE OF THE SAME. WHEN YOU HEAR PEOPLE WHO HAVE INVESTED TIME IN THE CITY. BUSINESS OWNER WANTING LINE OF SITE BECAUSE THEY SURVIVED PANDEMIC, SEEING PROPERTY TAX INCREASE AT HOME AND MAYBE RELY THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT INCREASE THAT WATER AND RATE MIGHT HAVE IN CONTEXT WITH THAT. WHEN WE HAVE CONTRIBUTORS LIKE SMALL BUSINESS OR WHAT WE APPOINT AS COUNCIL OR LIBRARY BOARD THAT WE HAVE IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

AND THEY TELL US THAT THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION SPACE IS A VITAL RESOURCE, THAT IS IT INDIGENOUS LED, IT IS SERVING A PURPOSE IN THE DOWNTOWN. IT REPRESENTS WHAT FOR ME, MADAM SPEAKER, IT WAS CLOSED IN DECEMBER. SIMILAR TO PANDEMIC BOOM. I START GETTING CALLS FROM DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES. I START GETTING CALLS BECAUSE WHY PEOPLE NEED A PLACE TO GO. THAT ISN'T BEING HEARD FUNDAMENTALLY. WHILE DCFP AND BY THE WAY IT USED TO BE CREATURE OF DOWNTOWN BUSINESS. I MOVED THAT DOWN OVER THERE. IT MIGHT HOLD PROMISE. AT THE END OF THE DAY IT IS A BREACH OF TRUST YET AGAIN ON PEOPLE THAT HAVE SERVED THE CITY, DEVELOPED THE SERVICE AND SO THERE IS AN AMENDING MOTION. IT IS WITH SOME IRONY IT TAKES FROM ACCOMMODATIONS TAX DOWNTOWN. I THINK IT IS POETIC GIVEN THE CALLS I GET AS LOCAL COUNCILLOR NO DOUBT COUNCILLOR GILROY IS GETTING. THE DOWNTOWN STAKEHOLDERS EXPERIENCING THE IMPACTS FROM ITS CLOSURE. IRONY OF HAVING THE CENTRE PLAN FOCUS ON GRAHAM IS NOT LOST IN ME. MADAM SPEAKER, OUR FIRST DUTY AS COUNCILLORS IS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF WINNIPEG TO ENSURE CONCERNS ARE HEARD AND THEIR TRUST IS EARNED. THEY EXPECT US TO BE HAVING THE CONVERSATIONS HERE. DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE REPORTS THAT WE NEED THAT AREN'T BEING HELD UP IN AN AGENDA MANAGEMENT. REPORTS THE PUBLIC SERVICE WOULD ASSUME WOULD BE ON AGENDA.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SCHREYER MOVES EXTENSION. CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: REPORTS PUBLIC SERVICE WOULD ASSUME ON THE AGENDA. AND THAT WILL LOOK SOMEWHAT, I THINK, UNREASONABLE AT THE END OF THE DAY WE DIDN'T INCLUDE THEM IN THIS BUDGET. BUDGETS SHOULD REFLECT BOTH FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT. THAT INCLUDES COMMUNITY INVESTMENT OF MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE. IN PART THE LOUDEST AND LONE VOICES THAT ARE IN FAVOR OF COMMUNITY CONNECTION SPACE AS IT WAS CONCEIVED BY THEM IN 2019 AND DELIVERED IN DECEMBER OF 2024. WHEN IT FAILS ON BOTH COUPEDS OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IT IS OUR OBLIGATION TO PUSH FOR BETTER. DELAYING THIS BUDGET UNTIL AFTER COUNCIL VOTES ON THE INFLATIONARY COST AND RATE HIKES THAT WE KNOW MUST COME IN THE MAYOR'S OWN WORDS, IT IS COMING. WE SHOULD BE TRANSPARENT ABOUT IT. WE SHOULD BUILD TRUST NOT BREACH IT. WE SHOULD BE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE AND WE CAN RESUME THIS DEBATE NEXT MONTH. NO DOUBT WE WILL BUT WITH THIS ALREADY PASSED AND THAT IS UNFORTUNATE, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I WILL BE SUPPORTING THE TWO AMENDMENTS. I DON'T KNOW IF THOSE WILL PASS. AT THIS STAGE I AM OPPOSING THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED. I FIND IT VERY SAD DAY, TO BE QUITE HONEST. SAD DAY. VERY

FIRST DAY I WAS SWORN IN DECEMBER 2011 WAS THE LAST TIME I VOTED AGAINST A BUDGET. I HAD NO ROLE IN ITS DRAFTING. I LIKE CERTAIN PARTS OF IT. PUBLIC ART I PRAISED. I VOTED AGAINST IT. I DIDN'T REFLECT CERTAIN PRIORITIES. I HAD NO PART IN IT. I HAVE TO SAY I HAVE REAL CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROCESS WITH THIS BUDGET. AT LEAST COUNCILLOR BROWATY TOOK MY PHONE CALLS. NO ONE ASKED WHAT YOU WANT. NO ONE CAME TO ME. COUNCILLOR BROWATY TOOK MY PHONE CALLS. I PRESENTED LAST WEEK ON ITEM. NO ONE GOT BACK TO ME ABOUT ANY OF IT. I APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS ABOUT PARTICIPATION AND RECORD SETTING. WE CAN DO A LOT BETTER. THE LAST TIME I WASN'T ON E.P.C. WAS PART OF BUDGET. I REMEMBER COUNCILLOR FIELDING REACHING OUT AND COUNCILLOR WYATT AS WELL. I NEEDED SIDEWALK PROJECT. DESTINNY WA THE. T KNOWS HOW TO DO BETTER. THAT WAS IN THE BUDGET SAM GATES CALLED ME, THE MAYOR CALLED ME.

IT IS FAIR TO KEEP STAFF OUT OF THE CONVERSATION.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR MAYES, CONTINUE.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I WITHDRAW. THEY DID WORK HARD.

TO SAY CHIEF OF STAFF CAN DO BETTER IS INAPPROPRIATE.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MAYES YOU HAVE RETRACTED THAT. MAY.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I RETRACTED THAT. IT WAS NOT MEANT AS CRITICISM OF MS. WATT. NO ONE REACHES OUT AND NO ONE GETS BACK TO YOU WHY WOULD YOU VOTE FOR THE PRODUCT? THE PEOPLE PASSING IT WILL KNOW THEY WILL NOT CALL YOU IN THE FUTURE. IT IS RESPECT FOR CERTAIN ISSUES. BRIEFLY ON THE ISSUE OF WHAT -- I WILL TOUCH ON BUSINESS TAX INCREASE PROPOSED. IF THEY WERE HE. HE IS POLITE. HE WOULD SAY THIS ISN'T THE TIME. I HAVE BEEN HERE 13 YEARS. THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAS NEVER COME FORWARD TO SAY THIS IS THE TIME WE ARE DOING WELL. THE BUSINESS TAX. LET ME BE CLEAR. IN 2004 PROPERTY TAX REVENUE WAS $387 MILLION. BUSINESS TAX 62. WE HAVE GONE UP $1 MILLION ON BUSINESS TAX TO 63. PROPERTY TAX IS DOUBLED. $800 MILLION ROUGHLY. PROPERTY TAX INCREASE IS SUBSTANTIALLY MORE THAN BUSINESS TAX. MORE OVER WE INTRODUCED THRESHOLD, INCREASED AND THIS INCREASED THRESHOLD TO EXCEPT MORE BUSINESSES. I SAY HARVEST MORE REVENUE OUT OF BUSINESS TAX. MAYOR TO HIS CREDIT DID HARVEST MORE. COUNCILLOR WYATT IN 2014 AS WELL. WE ARE NOT FROZEN AS $57 MILLION AS WE WERE SO MANY YEARS. I SUPPORT THAT. I RESPECT THE POSITION IN THE FUTURE MORE PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THAT ITEM. REAL POSITION IS TO TALK ABOUT BUDGET NOT AMENDMENTS. I DON'T WANT TO CRITICIZE MAYOR CHIEF OF STAFF. CRITICISM WITH PROCESS NO ONE REACHES OUT, GETTING BACK TO YOU. RESIST BANISHMENT ABOUT FORMER MAYOR BOWMAN. I WILL

NOT SAY THAT. I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE SYSTEM IS IF NO ONE IS REACHING OUT. NO ONE ASKS YOU WHAT YOU WANT. WHAT DID I WANT? MOVE MONEY FROM A PARKING LOT PROJECT IN MY WARD TO CONSTRUCT A RUNNING TRACT IN THE WEST END. SO OFTEN CRITICIZED WARD CENTRIC, NOT THINKING OF THE WHOLE CITY. HERE I PRESENT A IDEA TO MOVE MONEY FROM MY WARD TO ANOTHER WARD TO DO RECREATION PROJECT. I DON'T KNOW THE DISCUSSION. COUNCILLOR BROWATY DID TAKE MY CALLS. I THANK HIM FOR THAT. THE OTHER ISSUE THAT NEEDS DISCUSSION. TWO POINTS TO GO. COUNCILLOR BROWATY IS GOING TO SAY BUDGET REFLECTS PRIORITIES IN THAT PECK. I WILL CALM THAT OUT. THERE ISN'T A BUDGET ON NEW PICK. IT IS NOT IN THE BUDGET. WHAT IS TO BE DISCUSSED AND COUNCILLOR ROLLINS IS PARTLY RIGHT. WE WERE TOLD RATE STRUCTURE IN FEBRUARY. IT ISN'T ON THE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY. IT WILL BE PUBLISHED AT END OF FEBRUARY TO MAKE MARCH WATER RATE. WE WERE TOLD NEW PROPOSAL IS COMING IN FEBRUARY. IT DEALS WITH FOUR THINGS. CAPITAL, OPERATING AND RESERVES. IN THIS BUDGET WE COULD DEBATE THAT. YOU HAVE ITEMS ON COMBINED SEWER WAIT FOR RATE REPORT. IT IS NOT JUST NORTH END. COMBINED SEWER. YOU CAN'T SAY BUDGET DOES GREAT THINGS FOR NORTH END WE WON'T LISTEN TO YOU ON WATER AND WASTE. VALID POINT BY COUNCILLOR ROLLINS. WE WILL HAVE ALMOST ANOTHER BUDGET REVIEW. PROVINCE WILL SAY NOT ON US NORTH END. YOU HAD DECADES TAKING DIVIDEND. YOU IDENTIFIED BIOSOLIDS AS GROWTH PROJECT. I SPOKE AGAINST IT WILL OF STAFF AND MAJORITY OF COUNCIL. GROWTH PROJECT. TO PUT IT ON THE PROVINCE? THAT IS TO BE SEEN. GOOD DEBATE. MOVES TO GET DONE BY 2030. WE SHOULD REMEMBER COMBINED SEWER UNDER MAYOR BOWMAN AND FINANCE CHAIR GILLINGHAM TO HIS CREDIT AND GAVE ME CREDIT AS CANDIDATE. I WILL DO THE SAME. INCREASED CSO BUDGET 50%. 30 TO 45. WE REGRESSED ON THAT BACK TO 30 AS YOU GO FORWARD. WE CAN'T DEBATE TODAY. WE DON'T HAVE RATE STRUCTURE. WE SHOULD FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO. I WILL SAVE WORLD DISCUSSION OF BEING DONE FROM 2095 TO 2092 TO BE DONE. WE NEED TO DO BETTER. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS IS RIGHT. WE NEED THAT DEBATE IN ABSENCE OF THE BUDGET. I NEED AN EXTENSION PLEASE.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ROLLINS MOVES EXTENSION TWO MINUTES. IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: WHAT REALLY SADDENS ME IN THIS. COMMENTS IN THE PAPER TODAY MAYOR SAYS IF YOU VOTE FOR THE BUDGET. IF YOU DON'T SUPPORT THOSE VOTE AGAINST IT. IT IS THAT SIMPLE. NEVER THAT SIMPLE. I THINK THOSE COMMENTS ARE BENEATH THE MAYOR. I DON'T KNOW WHO DRAFT IT. PERHAPS MAYOR DID HIMSELF. NOT THAT SIMPLE. WHY IF I WANT TO MOVE MONEY FROM PARKING LOT TO YOUTH RECREATION I NEED TO VOTE FOR A BUDGET THAT DOESN'T DO THAT? MYSTERY, ISN'T IT? ALL BUDGET CONTAIN COMPROMISES. THE RHETORIC. WE STARTED OFF WITH PROMISE. HAD RETREAT AT RIDING MOUNTAIN. THIS RHETORIC IF YOU ARE IN FAVOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY YOU WILL VOTE FOR IT, IF NOT AGAINST IT. I FIND IT HARD TO SQUARE THAT.

COUNCILLOR EADIE VOTED AGAINST OPERATING IN THE FIRST BUDGET. ON THE WORKING GROUP AFTER THAT. COUNCILLOR ALLARD VOTED AGAINST OPERATING AND CAPITAL. NOW ON BUDGET WORKING. SANTOS VOTED AGAINST POLICE BUDGET AND WITH ALLARD. SHE WAS PUT ON BUDGET WORKING GROUP AND E.P.C. THAT IS FINE. I THINK IF WE SAY PEOPLE THAT VOTE AGAINST BUDGET ARE AGAINST THESE THINGS WHY ON THE NEXT BUDGET WORKING GROUP? ISN'T THAT ODD? IT WOULD BE WISE IF WE MOVED PAST THE RHETORIC. I AM NOT HERE TO ATTACK MAYOR'S STAFF. APOLOGIZE IF THAT CAME ACROSS. FRUSTRATION WITH THE PROCESS IF YOU VOTE AGAINST THIS YOU ARE AGAINST GOOD THINGS. WHY DID COUNCILLOR EADIE GET PUT ON THE GROUP? WE HAVE BROADER CONCEPTION. NOR IDEA THIS WAS COUNCIL OF 16 PEOPLE. I WOULD HOPE TO TAKE A STEP BACK AND COOL DOWN THE RHETORIC, TRY TO WORK TOGETHER MORE, TRY TO MAKE EVERYONE INCLUDED. I VOTED FOR BUDGETS. WHICH I DIDN'T LOVE ALL OF IT. AT LEAST I HAD A ROLE IN IT. WE NEED TO MOVE PAST THE DIVIDING RHETORIC. YOU ARE AGAINST GOOD STUFF WORKING AGAINST THIS. I HOPE WE CAN MOVE PAST DIVISION AND RHETORIC THAT SEEMS TO BE DOMINATING DEBATE HERE AND PERHAPS IN THE NEXT BUDGET WORK TOGETHER MORE AND HAVE SOMETHING FOR ALL OF US. I DO RESPECT COUNCILLOR EADIE LONG CHAMPIONED ARLINGTON BRIDGE. I THINK WE NEED TO DO BETTER ON THE PROCESS AND LESS RHETORIC WOULD GO A LONG WAY.

MADAM SPEAKER: WE WILL RECESS AND RECONVENE AT 1:30 P.M. SHARP WE WILL START. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. I WOULD LIKE TO RECONVENE OUR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 2025. BEFORE WE GET BACK INTO DEBATE, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE AND RECOGNIZE A SPECIAL GUEST IN THE GALLERY TODAY MR. RICK YARISH, WHO IS THE CLERK OF THE MANITOBA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. WONDERFUL TO HAVE YOU HERE. I KNOW YOU SERVED OVER 20 YEARS PLUS AT THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IN THE CLERK'S DEPARTMENT AND IN THE LAST FEW YEARS BECAME CLERK. CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. [APPLAUSE]. COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I WILL BE MY USUAL SELF, MADAM SPEAKER, GIVEN THE CLERK OF ASSEMBLY THERE. I JUST WANT TO START OFF BY MAKING JUST A QUICK STATEMENT. I WAS VOTING FOR THIS BUDGET BEFORE I GOT APPOINTED TO WATER, WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT. I AM GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT. I DO HAVE SOME CONCERNS IN LISTENING MY COLLEAGUES, BUT LET ME START OFF WITH SINCE I HAVE BEEN ON COUNCIL 2010, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN FROM MANY PEOPLE'S PERSPECTIVE. NEVER A GOOD TIME TO RAISE PROPERTY TAXES. WHAT DO WE DO, MADAM SPEAKER? THE REALITY IS THIS. NEVER A GOOD TIME. ON THE OTHER SIDE, THE DEMANDS ON THE

SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE WINNIPEGGERS AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE PROVIDE TO THEM SO THEY CAN GO ABOUT DOING THEIR DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS CONSTANTLY ESCALATING. WE HAVE BEEN REDUCING SERVICES FOR YEARS BECAUSE APPARENTLY THERE IS NEVER A GOOD TIME TO RAISE PROPERTY TAXES. WE DID START DOING THAT TO DO OUR LOCAL AND REGIONAL ROLES WHICH WERE ATROCIOUS. ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES BROUGHT IN THOSE TAX INCREASES BECAUSE COUNCILLOR WYATT KNEW HOW BAD THEY WERE. WE DID THAT. WE DID IT EXTRA FOR RAPID TRANSIT, MADAM SPEAKER. MORE ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURE. THERE IS ALWAYS A HUGE DEMAND ON OUR OPERATING SIDE. WHAT I WOULD SAY IS MOST IMPORTANT PART PROVIDING SERVICES TO WINNIPEGGERS THAT THEY EXPECT. WE HAVE THOSE DEMANDS. THAT IS OUR REALITY. THAT IS CITY COUNCIL'S REALITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE'S REALITY. WE HEAR PEOPLE GET QUITE ANGRY WHEN WE ARE REDUCING THINGS. THEY ARE HAPPY WHEN WE INCREASE THINGS. I THINK THAT IS GREAT. NOT NECESSARILY, BUT THE THING IS WE NEED TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES TO THE LEVEL THAT WINNIPEGGERS NEED. IN MANY CASES NOT A WANT, MADAM SPEAKER, NOT A WANT. IT IS A NEED. WE HAVE A NEED TO TAKE CARE OF OUR OLD PART OF OUR CITY AND WE HAVE A NEED TO DEAL WITH GROWTH. I HAVE ALWAYS TALKED ON THE REVENUE SIDE WHAT WE NEED TO DO. REALITY IS THE PROVINCE HAS A FINANCIAL PROBLEM. WE ARE PROPOSING TO DERIVE BETTER DEAL FROM THE PROVINCE. THEY NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW THEY CAN HELP US OUT BECAUSE WINNIPEG AND THE WHOLE PROVINCE ARE ALL VERY IMPORTANT. WE ARE IN THE METRO WINNIPEG REGION. THAT IS IMPORTANT. I HAVE ALWAYS FOCUSED IN ON TRYING TO INCREASE REVENUE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME WATCHING OUT FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T AFFORD WHAT HAVE YOU. VERY DIFFICULT. ABILITY TO PAY IN THIS CITY IS PARAMOUNT. WHILE WE ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT IN THIS BUDGET, I JUST WANTED TO SAY MY FIRST THOUGHT THAT CAME INTO MY HEAD WAS THIS IS A REALISTIC BUDGET BUT IT'S REASONABLE TO ACHIEVE THE THINGS THAT WE NEED. I WAS QUITE SURPRISED, MADAM SPEAKER. THE MAYOR ADJUSTED AND THE LEAD THAT HE NEEDED TO DO THIS. WE DID IT. BUDGET WORKING GROUP AND OTHERS, STAFF AND PUBLIC SERVANTS CONVINCED US WE NEEDED TO DO IT. NOW IT IS IMPORTANT AND I JUST DID AN INTERVIEW, MADAM SPEAKER, ABOUT CRIME AND VANDALISM AROUND THE FILIPINO SENIOR CENTRE IN NORTH POINT DOUGLAS. NOT JUST THEM EXPERIENCING THESE PROBLEMS. IT IS UNFORTUNATE BUT WHAT WE HAVE TO DO IS WE HAD TO INCREASE OUR RESPONSE CAPABILITY AND OUR ABILITY TO BE MORE PROACTIVE, MADAM SPEAKER, OUT THERE ON THE STREETS. WHILE THE PROVINCE IS MOVING FORWARD, MANY IMPORTANT ISSUES TO DEAL WITH OUR SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND I THANK MINISTER SMITH AND MR. FONTAINE WITH THE PORTFOLIO AND THE PREMIER. IT IS A DIFFICULT THING TO DEAL WITH THOSE SOCIAL ASPECTS. WE AT THE CITY LEVEL, OUR SERVICES ARE WHAT. WE ARE RESPONDING, WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THAT. MAYBE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT YEAR. HOPEFULLY WE REALIZE THAT MAY BE THERE IS A BIGGER INVESTMENT IN THE THINGS THAT MY COLLEAGUE FROM THE DANIEL McINTYRE WARD. I REALLY FELT WHAT SHE HAD TO SAY. I HAVE ALWAYS FELT THAT WAY. AT SOME POINT THIS CITY COUNCIL IS GOING TO

HAVE TO LOOK AT MOVING FOR BETTER -- WELL, WE ARE DOING WELL ON THE LIBRARIES. YOU HEARD ME DURING THE QUESTION PERIOD OF DELEGATIONS. WE REALLY DO IN THIS CITY CARE AND INVEST A LOT OF MONEY IN THE LIBRARY SYSTEM. WE COULD DO MORE, HOWEVER, WE DIDN'T BE SHUT DOWN THE LIBRARY. WE DIDN'T DO THAT, MADAM SPEAKER. AS A MATTER OF FACT WE ARE PROVIDING LIBRARY SERVICES TO NEWER AREAS. THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT, MADAM SPEAKER. WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT AND BALANCE ALL OF THAT. I JUST WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD BE KINDER. WE ALL UNDERSTAND THE UNDERLYING ISSUES, MOST OF US. A LOT OF US HAVE BEEN EITHER IN CHARGE OF THE BUDGET LIKE COUNCILLOR BROWATY DOING THE BEST HE CAN AND THE MAYOR. FOR THEM TO GO TO 5.95% IS A BIG DEAL. THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE. I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD DISMISS THE DETAIL PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE. I KNOW WHAT IT TOOK FOR THEM TO HAVE TO LOOK AT IT IN THE WAY THEY ARE. I WANT TO THANK OUR PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE BUDGET, PUBLIC SERVICE IS TRYING TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. IN MY PORTFOLIO YOU HEARD FROM A COUPLE OTHER COUNCILORS. THEY KNOW WHAT THE PROBLEM IS. THEY HAVE A VERY GOOD IDEA, MADAM SPEAKER. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THEM AND THEY KNOW THAT WE HAVE SOME SERIOUS CHALLENGES TO DEAL WITHIN ORDER TO MAKE SURE, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT THOSE PEOPLE WHO CAN ILL AFFORD. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVE ANYTHING THOSE HOUSES THEY CAN ONLY AFFORD TO BUY A $200,000 HOUSE.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SCHREYER MOVES EXTENSION. CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: WE ARE MOVING FORWARD. YES, THERE IS A DELAY. THIS IS A DIFFICULT PORTFOLIO TO HANDLE WITH WATER, WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT. I AM INVESTED IN THAT. I ALSO WANTED TO MENTION BEFORE I WAS ASKED TO SERVE ON WATER, WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT, I CONVINCED OUR BUDGET COUNCIL PEOPLE THAT WE NEEDED TO INVEST IN THE ARLINGTON BRIDGE. NOW WE COULDN'T FIND EVERYTHING WE NEED. HOWEVER, WHAT WE DID FIND, MADAM SPEAKER. THIS IS WHY I WAS GOING TO VOTE FOR THE BUDGET. I WOULDN'T HAVE VOTED FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET IF THE ARLINGTON BRIDGE WASN'T MOVING FORWARD FIRST TEARING DOWN, CONTINUING DESIGN AND THEN LOOK AT OTHER LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS TO WHAT WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO FUND REPLACEMENT OF ARLINGTON BRIDGE. I THINK THAT IS SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE COMING OUT OF THE 2022 ELECTION IT WASN'T LOOKING GOOD. THAT IS IN STRATEGIC PRIORITY ACTION PLAN. I SHOULD JUST END ON THAT. I HEARD THAT IN THE SPEECH. THAT S PAP, FORMER CAO SAID VERY AMBITIOUS, MADAM SPEAKER. IN OTHER WORDS, WE ARE GOING TO ATTEMPT TO TRY TO GET ALL OF THAT STUFF DONE, BUT WE HAVE REALITIES TO DEAL WITH. THIS BUDGET IS DEALING WITH REALITY WHILE BEING REASONABLE TO PROPERTY TAXPAYERS OF THIS CITY. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SANTOS.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: I WANT TO START BY THANKING THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP AND PUBLIC SERVICE ESPECIALLY LISA GRAHAM FOR IMPROVING SERVICE DELIVERY. NO SMALL TASK. WE KNOW WINNIPEGGERS ALWAYS DEMAND BETTER CUSTOMER SERVICE AND ENSURING PROPERTY TAXES AND FEES ARE AFFORDABLE. THIS REQUIRES TOUGH DECISIONS, BALANCING PUBLIC SAFETY, ROAD AND TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE, RECREATIONAL AMENITIES. CUSTOMER SERVICES, 311 AND MUCH MORE. I BELIEVE THIS YEAR'S BUDGET CONTINUES TO STRIKE THAT BALANCE. IT BALANCES FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY WITH REALITIES OF FINANCIAL PRESSURES WHILE ADDRESSING ONGOING SOCIAL CHALLENGES. THAT BEING SAID, I DO NOT TAKE THE ISSUE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASES LIGHTLY. MANY RESIDENTS IN THE POINT DOUGLAS WARD WILL NOTARY BENEFITS. RENTS WILL GO UP. LANDLORDS WILL PASS COSTS TO TENANTS. WE NEED TO MOVE BEYOND THIS UNSUSTAINABLE CYCLE OF BLANKET INCREASES ACROSS THE INDUSTRY. I SUPPORT TESTIMONY EXPLORING ADDING $5 TO VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS. THOSE WITH FINANCIAL ABILITY TO PAY MORE, THOSE IN STRONGER FINANCIAL POSITIONS CAN HELP SUPPORT THE BROADER COMMUNITY. I URGE MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES TO SPEAK WITH PROVINCIAL COUNTERPARTS TO PUSH FOR NEW SUSTAINABLE FUNDING MODEL. ONGOING COST PRESSURES IN OUTSTANDING OPERATION RISKS OF $84 MILLION IN THIS BUDGET ARE DEEPLY CONCERNING. IF I DARE SAY IT DOWN RIGHT IRRESPONSIBLE. WITHOUT PROPER FUNDING FRAMEWORK WE ARE DELAYING INEVITABLE. PUTTING ENTIRE CITY AT FURTHER RISK. WINNIPEG RESIDENTS EXPECT US TO TAKE RESPONSIBLE PROACTIVE APPROACH AND WE CANNOT AFFORD TO IGNORE THESE CHALLENGES ANY LONGER. AS CHAIR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT CRITICAL INVESTMENTS UNDER THIS PORTFOLIO. THANKS TO PROVINCIAL FUNDING WE HIRED 24 NEW FIREFIGHTERS, ENSURING ADEQUATE COVERAGE CITY-WIDE, SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL INVESTMENTS TO SUPPORT PURCHASE OF FOUR NEW PUMPERS AND NEW FIRE HALL IN WAVERLY WEST. SIGNIFICANT STRIDES TO ENHANCE URBAN CANOPY. INCREASED FUNDING FOR TREE PLANTING ON BOULEVARDS IN PARKINGS, COUPLED WITH ADDITIONAL TREE PRUNING TRUCK TO REDUCE PRUNING FROM 21 TO 7 YEARS AND 12 YEARS IN PARKS. THIS IS VITAL TO MAINTAIN OUR CITY GREEN SPACES. THIS BUDGET CONTINUES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND WHICH BENEFITS MANY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. MORE IMPORTANTLY IT ALLOCATES ADDITIONAL $1 MILLION FOR YOUTH RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES IN HIGH NEEDS NEIGHBORHOODS. IT WILL HAVE A PROFOUND LASTING IMPACT. I AM PLEASED TO HIGHLIGHT INVESTMENTS IN COMMUNITY CENTRES, NEW SPRAY PADS AS PART OF THE PRIORITY ACTION PLAN. THESE ALIGN WITH COMMITMENT TO INCREASING FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT WINNIPEG RECREATION STRATEGY. ONE IMPORTANT AREA I DO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT. COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION SPACES. I HAVE KNOWLEDGE A LOT OF GOOD WORK WAS DONE IN THE PAST. THAT WAS DURING A DIFFERENT TIME, MADAM SPEAKER. UNDER DIFFERENT PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT NOT HERE TO ASSIST CITY WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS CRISIS. I HAVE BEEN VOCAL IN MY CRITICISM OF PREVIEWS

GOVERNMENT FOR FAILING TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION CRISIS THAT DEEPLY IMPACTED OUR CITY. OVER A DECADE WINNIPEG STRUGGLED WITHOUT ADEQUATE PARTNERSHIP WITH FRONT LINE ORGANIZATIONS TO BEAR BURDEN ALONE. BUT TODAY WE ARE IN A NEW ERA. ONE WHERE WE HAVE A PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WILLING TO COLLABORATE ALONGSIDE A MAYOR WHO IS COMMITTED TO FINDING SOLUTIONS. THIS SHIFT IN APPROACH ALLOWS US TO EXPLORE NEW IDEAS. ADAPT TO EVOLVING CHALLENGES AND WORK TOWARDS MEANINGFUL LONG-TERM CHANGES FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST. I WANT TO THANK THE DELEGATIONS WHO CAME OUT AND SPOKE ABOUT COMMUNITY CONNECTION SPACE. I WAS LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS TO OPTIMIZE SPACE TO MEET CURRENT NEEDS RATHER THAN CUT OTHER SERVICES. IN THAT PROCESS INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED ITSELF. ORGANIZATION WITH DEEP EXPERIENCE BUILT CAPACITY AND STRONG PARTNERSHIPS DOWNTOWN CORE AND INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN ENCAMPMENTS. THIS IS THE COLLABORATION TO MOVE FORWARD IN A WAY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY BEST. I AM COMMITTED TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH DCSP AND TO MAINTAIN ONGOING DIAL LOG WITH THE PUBLIC. LIBRARIES ARE PLACES FOR EVERYONE. MORE THAN BOOKS. SAFE SPACE FOR RESOURCE CONNECTION AND SUPPORT TO MANY IN NEED. I AM GRATEFUL THIS BUDGET REFLECTS PRIORITIES OF OUR CITY. NEVER EASY TO BALANCE COMPETING INTERESTS. THIS BUDGETED ENSURES WE ARE INVESTING WHERE IT MATTERS MOST KEEPING SERVICES INTACT. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. A LOT OF DISCUSSION THIS MORNING RESPECT TO THE BUDGET. I WANT TO PROVIDE HIGHLIGHTS AND REASONS WHY I SUPPORT THE BUDGET TODAY CAPITAL AND OPERATING. BUDGET TALKS ABOUT INVESTMENTS IN INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL. 2025 BUDGET PRIORITIZES CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES ROAD REPAIRS, BRIDGE MAINTENANCE AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS ENSURING THE CITY'S LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY AND SAFETY FOR RESIDENTS. THERE IS ALSO PARTS OF THE BUDGET THAT DISCUSS AFFORDABLE HOUSING. BUDGET ALLOCATES FUNDING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS SUPPORTING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS THROUGH NEW HOUSING AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES. ENHANCED PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES. WE HEARD OVER THE LAST COUPLE DAYS ABOUT WINNIPEG TRANSIT SHIFTING OUR MODEL TO SPINE AND FEEDER WITH INCREASED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT BUDGET IS TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND REDUCE WAIT TIMES EXPAND ROUTES FOR SUSTAINABILITY TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS. MORE AND MORE PEOPLE UTILIZE THE TRANSIT SERVICES THAT WILL INCREASE REVENUES. WE HAVE TO WORK TO MAKE IT SAFE. WITH THE COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICERS ON BOARD, PERCEPTIONS ABOUT SAFETY ON TRANSIT ARE ADJUSTING. THERE IS CLIMATE AND ACTION SUSTAINABILITY. BUDGET INCLUDES RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS, WASTE REDUCTION AND TREE PLANTING. WINNIPEGGERS ARE ON BOARD IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THE PRUNING CYCLES ARE REDUCED.

ALIGNING WITH CITY COMMITMENT TO REDUCING CARBON FOOTPRINT THROUGH CLEAN ACTION INVESTMENTS THAT WE ARE MAKING AS A CITY. FINALLY, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES DIRECTED TOWARDS EMERGENCY SERVICES AS WE HEARD WITH FIRE AND PARAMEDIC AND POLICE. MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT EVERY COMMUNITY IS DEALING WITH. MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT MAKING SURE THAT THOSE THAT ARE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE RECEIVING SUPPORTS THEY NEED IN ORDER TO TURN LIVES AROUND. COMMUNITY POLICING. AS THE CITY GROWS NOT ONLY ARE POPULATION PERSPECTIVE BUT FOOTPRINT OF THE CITY GOING LONGER DISTANCES. SAGE CREEK. COUNCILLOR MAYES' WARD. CANTERBURY TRAILS. COMMUNITIES IN YOUR WARD, MADAM SPEAKER, AMBER TRAILS. THESE AREAS DIDN'T EXIST. BRIDGE WATER WITH COUNCILLOR LUKES WARD. THESE AREAS DID NOT EXIST 15, 20 YEARS AGO. ARE NOW HOME TO GREATER POPULATIONS. I BELIEVE I WAS LOOKING THE OTHER DAY AT COMPOSITIONS OF WARDS AND POPULATIONS CONTAINED IN THOSE WARDS. RECOGNIZING THAT BRIDGE WATER IS AT 53,000 PEOPLE. COUNCILLOR MAYES' WARD 51,000 PEOPLE. OTHER AREAS OF THE WARD WELL OVER 50,000 PEOPLE. AGAIN, NEW AREAS, GROWING AREAS, AS I SAID POPULATION IS GROWING. POPULATION IS GROWING LARGER THROUGH IMMIGRATION. PEOPLE ARE COMING FROM AREAS OF THE WORLD WHERE THEY HAVE DIFFERENT RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOVERNMENT, WITH POLICE, ETC. COMPLEXITY OF CALLS WINNIPEG POLICE ARE ATTENDING ARE GREATER. DEALING WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. ADDING MORE RESOURCES TO POLICES IS ONE OF THE OPTIONS THAT THIS BUDGET IS ADDRESSING. ALSO, RECOGNIZING THAT WE NEED TO PUT MONEY IN OTHER PROGRAMMES AND OTHER SERVICES THAT HELP SUPPORT VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES. THAT IS WHAT THIS BUDGET DOES. I ASK MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUE TO SUPPORT THIS BUDGET. I BELIEVE DOES IT HAVE EVERYTHING THAT EVERY COUNCILLOR WANTS? NO. IT WILL NEVER HAVE EVERYTHING EVERY COUNCILLOR WANTS. WE ARE ELECTED TO GOVERN AND THAT IS MAKING DIFFICULT DECISIONS. THIS IS A CONSULT DECISION. I AM ASKING COLLEAGUES TO CUT THIS BUDGET. WE WILL WORK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ON THE OTHER PRIORITIES AND INITIATIVES THAT HAVE BEEN PROPERTY TO US AS A CITY COUNCIL. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER COUNCILLOR SCHREYER.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. THERE ARE TWO VOTES IF WE MAY AS WE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST. TWO SEPARATE BOOKLETS. IN FACT, WE GO AT THEM COMPLETELY DIFFERENTLY. OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL BUDGET. DISTINCTION OUR BUDGET WORKING GROUP HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH RECOMMENDING SOURCES OF REVENUE. THEY ARE NOT PROPOSING SOURCES OF REVENUE. NOR ANYTHING TO DO WITH CAPITAL BUDGET CONSTRUCTION BUDGET. WHAT THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP DOES IS DEAL WITH HOW WE SPEND THE OPERATIONAL BUDGET. THAT IS THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP. YOU CAN SEE THE HUGE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE OPERATIONAL BUDGET AND

THE CAPITAL BUDGET. INCLUDING HOW COUNCIL IS ALLOWED TO DEAL WITH IT. INCLUDING HOW TO BUDGET WORKING GROUP IS ALLOWED TO DEAL WITH OUR BUDGET. THERE ARE TWO BUDGETS. THAT DISTINCTION MEANS SO MUCH THAT I AM GOING TO MAKE THE POINT IT DEFINES EVERY SPEECH I HAVE HEARD TODAY. I WILL START WITH COUNCILOR ORLIKOW. HE SAID GOOD THINGS. IMPORTANT THINGS. I AM GLAD TO HEAR IT BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN SAYING IT FOR 10 YEARS. COUNCILOR ORLIKOW MENTIONED GROWING INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT. THE INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL BUDGET RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION BUDGET IS FASTEST GROWING PART OF THE BUDGET. WHEN WE INCREASE OUR EXPENDITURE ON INFRASTRUCTURE, CONSTRUCTION. WE CALL THAT GROWING THE ECONOMY. WE CALL THAT GROWING THE ECONOMY. WHEN WE RAISE THAT BUDGET WE ARE CALLING THAT AN INVESTMENT. SINCE THAT IS THE HIGHEST, FASTEST GROWING PART OF OUR BUDGET IS THAT CONSTRUCTION BUDGET. CAPITAL BUDGET, INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET. HIGHEST INCREASE IN OUR TAXES IN OUR LIFETIME, CALL THAT GROWING THE ECONOMY INVESTMENT. WHY IS COUNCILOR ORLIKOW TALKING ABOUT GROWING INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT? HOW CAN WE IN ONE MINUTE ARE WE ON THE SAME PAGE IN TERMS OF VALUES AND OPINIONS. IF WE DON'T UNDERSTAND. NOT TALKING ABOUT SAME THING AT THE SAME TIME, WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? COUNCILOR ORLIKOW MADE A GOOD POINT. GROWING INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT. FASTEST GROWING PART OF THE BUDGET. THAT IS WHERE THE TAX INCREASES GO. IT SCARES ME TO THINK THAT WE ARE GIVING IMPRESSION ON DAILY BASIS OUR OPERATIONAL BUDGET IS CAUSING PROBLEMS FOR OPERATIONAL BUDGET. NO, IT IS NOT. ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THIS. I HAVE TO SAY IT. I AM NOT LOOKING FOR A FIGHT. THEREFORE LET'S NOT HAVE A FIGHT. LET'S AGREE WHEN REALITY IS REALITY. WHEN WE CAN AGREE ON SOME FACTS. AS AN EXAMPLE AND I HATE TO DO THIS. COUNCILLOR BROWATY, FINANCE CHAIR, SAYS INFLATION EVERYWHERE. INCREASED COST FOR CITY VEHICLES AND WAGES. I HAVE TO MAKE THE POINT. COST OF THE INCREASE TO THE VEHICLES IS WAY BIGGER THAN COST OF WAGES. SO WHEN WE SAY IN NATION EVERYWHERE IT IS OUR JOB TO SAY WHERE EXACTLY. NOT ALL INFLATION IS THE SAME. PEOPLE INCREASING WAGES DOESN'T COMPARE TO INCREASE IN INFLATION FOR FOOD OR HOUSING. I WILL GIVE YOU A POINT THAT WILL CROP UP TOMORROW. AS AN EXAMPLE. HELICOPTERS. COST OF THE HELICOPTER IN 13, 15 YEARS WENT FROM $3.5 MILLION TO 13.5. 15 YEARS. THAT IS AN INCREASE OF 260%. IT IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE. WELL, YOU KNOW, JASON ANECDOTAL. I DIDN'T GIVE YOU WORST EXAMPLE. PEOPLE KNOW THAT IN THIS ROOM. WORST OR HIGHEST EXAMPLE. THAT IS MOST TANGIBLE ON THE AGENDA TOMORROW. WHEN IT COMES TO COST OF OPERATING HELICOPTER IN SAME TIME PERIOD. COST WENT FROM $1.3 MILLION TO ABOUT $2 MILLION. IN THE SAME PERIOD OF THE COST OF THE HELICOPTER 3.5 TO 13.5. COST FOR OPERATING, PAYING PEOPLE, LABOR COSTS 1.3 TO AROUND 2. INCREASE OF 70%. THIS IS NOTHING SPECIAL.

JUST TO CLARIFY HELICOPTER IS LEASE TO OWN. MAINTENANCE COST.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, TOMORROW WE WILL DISCUSS THAT ITEM.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: THIS IS THE KIND OF DISCUSSION WE ARE TO HAVE. WHEN I START ASKING QUESTIONS I WANT ANSWERS. I AM GLAD COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS MADE THAT DISTINCTION IN TERMS OF IT. WE ARE TALKING CAPITAL COSTS. WE ARE. IF YOU WANT A BETTER POINT THAN HELICOPTERS I CAN. I SAID THIS IS NOT BEST EXAMPLE. IT IS JUST ONE COMING UP. I HAVE GOT TO SAY GIVEN COUNCILLOR CHAMBER'S REMARKS. I HAVE BEEN TALKING CONSTRUCTION INFLATION FOR 10 YEARS. EVERYTHING I HAVE BEEN SAYING IN MY FIRST TERM IS WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT. SHERRY ROLLINS SAYS TRANSPARENCY FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. THOSE ARE MUSIC TO MY EARS I HAVE BEEN TALKING THAT 10 YEARS. LOOK BACK AT COUNCIL MEETINGS ON VIDEO. WHAT AM I ASKING FOR? TO UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR BUDGET PROBLEMS ARE. NOT PRETEND IT IS WAGES. THAT IS THE LEAST OF THE CONCERNS. LOWEST RATE OF INFLATION. THEY ARE SUFFERING MOST. NOT CAUSING PROBLEM. THEY ARE CAUSING SOLUTION. WE HAVE SERIOUS INFLATION. I HAVE BEEN TELLING YOU THIS 10 YEARS. HERE WE ARE ASKING FOR MORE INFORMATION WHAT IS CAUSING INFLATION. ASKING FOR MORE TRANSPARENCY. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. NOW HERE WE ARE. IS THERE SOMETHING ON RECORD IN THIS CHAMBER WATCH OR READ NOT CONSISTENT WITH WHAT I SAID NOW AND WHAT THEY ARE SAYING TODAY AS IF IT JUST HAPPENED. WHAT IS UNFORTUNATE IS THAT THE PEOPLE HERE AS EXAMPLE. KATE CALLER, MICHAEL CHAMPAGNE, LISA FORBES. I CAN TELL THEM I UNDERSTAND. YOU CAN LOOK GOOD ABOUT SOMETHING OR TRY TO DO GOOD. SOMETIMES IT IS CONFUSING. I DON'T THINK IT IS FAIR FOR THESE PEOPLE WHO COME HERE TODAY TO BE MISLED INTO THINKING THE SOLUTION TO THIS IS JUST SUCCESSFUL LOBBYING BECAUSE THIS WE COULD HAVE PREDICTED FIVE YEARS AGO. NOTHING TO SAY WE ARE GETTING BETTER NEXT YEAR. PATTERN IS THERE. REALLY SIMPLE. GETTING WORSE NEXT YEAR AND LEAST WE CAN DO FOR WINNIPEGGERS IS EXPLAIN HOW AND WHY. WE HAVEN'T DONE THAT YET. NOW MAYOR SAID RECENT CONSTRUCTION INFLATION REPORT OUT. I HAVEN'T SEEN IT. I DON'T KNOW WHO HAS.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE MOVES EXTENSION. TWO MINUTES. CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR SCHREYER: WE BETTER SEE THE CONSTRUCTION INFLATION REPORT. I WAS TOLD TWO YEARS AGO IN THIS CHAMBER MY STATISTICS WERE COMPLETELY INACCURATE. EIGHT YEARS EARLIER I WAS PREDICTING CONSTRUCTION INFLATION WAS UNSUSTAINABLE. GUESS WHAT WE ARE HEARING. THAT WE NEED NEW STREAMS OF REVENUE. I WAS SAYING IT WAS UNSUSTAINABLE. HE SAYS WE NEED NEW SOURCES OF REVENUE. EITHER WE CAN TRY TO EXPLAIN TO OURSELVES TO WINNIPEGGERS WHAT IS CAUSING THE BUDGETARY PROBLEMS OR WE CAN GIVE UP AND TALK ABOUT SUCCESSES IN THAT STREAMS OF REVENUE. THAT UNTO ITSELF ISN'T AN ANSWER, IT IS ABETTING THE PROBLEM. IT IS OUR JOB TO OURSELVES. WE OWE IT TO EACH OTHER AT CITY HALL AND TAXPAYERS OF WINNIPEG TO STOP TALKING AS IF INFLATION IS ALL THE SAME. IT IS NOT.

DIFFERENCE IN THE INFLATION RATE IS THE PROBLEM. I WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM SPEAKER. I RISE TO SPEAK TO THE BUDGET TODAY. WE ARE AT A VERY UNIQUE TIME IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG HISTORY, GLOBAL HISTORY. IN THE HISTORY IN THE CITY'S HISTORY FOR THE BUDGET PROCESS WE ARE AT THE TIME WHERE WE ARE EXPERIENCING RESULTS OF YEARS OF TAX FREEZES AND LOW TAX INCREASES WHICH ARE HAVING A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE. AND WE ARE STILL RECUPERATES FROM COVID. WE DON'T RECOGNIZE THAT IMPACT AS MUCH AS WE SHOULD. THE CITY OF WINNIPEG TOOK A $200 MILLION HIT OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS DURING COVID PROCESS. WE ARE STILL IN FINANCIAL RECUPERATION. COVID WAS KEY FACTOR IN REDUCING FISCAL STABILIZATION RESERVE. ALSO, WINNIPEG DUE TO FAVORABLE FEDERAL PROVINCIAL IMMIGRATION POLICIES IS EXPERIENCING FOR WINNIPEG UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH INCREASED DEMANDS ON SERVICES. WE ARE ALSO A CITY EXPERIENCING WHAT EVERY CITY IN CANADA IS EXPERIENCING. GROWTH WITHOUT A FUNDING MODEL TO SUPPORT GROWTH. CITIES ARE AT THE FOREFRONT OF DEALING WITH DECISIONS MADE FROM HIGHER LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. IN ADDITION, WE ARE LIVING IN ONE OF THE MOST UNCERTAIN TIMES IN THE WORLD WITH WARS, SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES AND AGGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP TO THE SOUTH CREATING MUCH UNCERTAINTY. WE ALL KNOW HOW PEOPLE FEEL DEALING WITH UNCERTAINTY. IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP AND TO THE CITY STAFF I THANK YOU ALL FOR TRYING TO NAVIGATE ALL OF THESE ISSUES AND DEMANDS RESULTING IN WHAT I BELIEVE IS A FAIR AFFORDABLE BUDGET. TO THE RESIDENTS OF WAVERLY WEST WARD I THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING INPUT AT TWO OPEN HOUSES I HELD AND E-MAILS YOU SENT IN. CITY-WIDE TO ALL FOLKS THAT CALLED OR SEPT IN E-MAILS. I REALLY, REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT AND GUIDANCE. WE HEAR YOU. AFFORDABILITY IS SO CRITICAL AT THAT POINT IN TIME. WE HEAR YOU ON SAFETY, INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES BEING KEY PRIORITIES. I KNOW IN THIS BUDGET WE ARE ADDRESSING RESIDENTS' PRIORITIES. FOR SURE I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE FUNDING FOR SO MANY THINGS. SUBWAYS, REDUCED RELIANCE ON OTHER LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. AGAIN AND I SAY THIS TO A LOT OF RESIDENTS IN THE WARD FROM CITIES AND COUNTRIES OF 200, 300 MILLION PEOPLE PLUS. WHY DON'T YOU HAVE THIS OR THAT? WE ARE A CITY OF ABOUT 850,000 PEOPLE. PROVINCE OF ABOUT 1.3 MILLION. WE ONLY HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE. WE CAN ONLY APPLY SO MUCH TAX INCREASE TO SUPPORT DESIRES WE WANT. I KNOW THIS BUDGET IS REASONABLE, AFFORDABLE AND EVEN WITH TAX INCREASE SUPPORTS KEY SERVICES. I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR BEING BOLD ENOUGH TO MAKE THE DECISION TO RAISE TAXES. THIS IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT GROWTH AND ENSURE CITY SERVICES ARE NOT CUT. NOT AN EASY DECISION. I DO AGREE BEST DECISION FOR THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG. PERSONALLY, AND I HAVE TO SAY THIS, I AM PLEASED TO SEE

MOST INVESTMENT EVER IN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND ROAD SAFETY. EXTREMELY PLEASED TO SEE SO MANY POSITIVE INITIATIVES IN TRANSIT AND ROADS. EVERYONE LOVES ROADS. I AM GLAD WE TOASTED THE PILOT PROJECT RECOMMENDATION ON SNOW. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT GOT DREAMED UP ON ONE LATE NIGHT ON BUDGET WORKING GROUP. THAT IS OKAY. I KNOW YOU HEARD THIS AT STRATEGIC ACTION STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION. TO GET ALL THINGS DONE WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD ON REQUIRES A STRONG AND FOCUSED AND ACCOUNTABLE PUBLIC SERVICE. IN THIS BUDGET WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH MORE INITIATIVES THAN I HAVE EVER SEEN ON OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT TO IDENTIFY EFFICIENCIES, AUGMENT PROCESSES, IMPROVE CUSTOMER SERVICE AND GENERATE ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCES. BIG SUGGESTION IN THE COMING WEEKS. WE WILL PUT A MAGNIFYING GLASS ON HIGH COST DEPARTMENTS AND EFFICIENCIES. WE ARE MOVING FORWARD TO REVIEW AND SCRUTINIZE. WE GET CRITICISM. WHAT ABOUT THE INTERNAL PART? BUREAUCRACY? HOW ARE YOU IMPROVING EFFICIENCIES. WE COMMITTED TO MAJOR INITIATIVES. COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF HIGH COST DEPARTMENTS. STAFFING UP. I THINK THEM ONE RESONATED ME. STAFFING UP TO DELIVER ON PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT AUDIT. IN SUMMARY I AM PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE BUDGET WE CAN AFFORD AND NOT CUTTING SERVICES AND STILL SUPPORTING KEY PRIORITIES. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR LUKES. COUNCILLOR GILROY OPPORTUNITY TO CLOSE ON YOUR MOTION.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I KNOW THAT I WAS VERY PASSIONATE IN MY SPEECH. I WANT TO THANK OUR STAFF. I BELIEVE THEY DO AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF WORK AND COUNCILLOR BROWATY I KNOW THIS IS NOT EASY. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT. IT IS A VERY DIFFICULT PROCESS. COMING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION SPACE. I JUST REALLY FEEL THAT I THINK IT IS 614,000. LESS THAN I THOUGHT. I FEEL THAT THIS IS NOT VERY MUCH IN A BIG BUDGET LIKE WE HAVE. I DON'T FEEL THAT WHEN WE SAY WE WANT TO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC AND THEN WHEN WE DO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC OVERWHELMING LEO ONE ISSUE AND NOT PUTTING IT IN THE BUDGET I QUESTION THAT. DO WE WANT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION. GO OUT THERE AND ASK PEOPLE WHAT THEY THINK? WE GOT A RESPONSE AND WE ARE NOT RESPONDING. OVERWHELMINGLY THIS IS PROBABLY THE BIGGEST ISSUE. IT IS OVER 614,000 THAT WE CAN'T PUT IN THE BUDGET. THAT RAISES QUESTIONS IN MY MIND ABOUT OUR PROCESS, MADAM SPEAKER. AND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE THE CHANGES, SIGNIFICANT BE CHANGES TO COMMUNITY SERVICES THAT A LARGE PART NOW COMES OUT OF THE CAO'S OFFICE. I, AS COUNCILLOR, CANNOT ASK REALLY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS REGARDING OUR POLICE BUDGET, REGARDING OUR COMMUNITY SERVICES BUDGET. I COULD HAVE DUG DEEP DOWN AND FOUND MONEY. NOW, I CAN'T DO THAT BECAUSE IT IS E.P.C. THAT DOES THAT. I HAVE TO COME IN FRONT OF E.P.C. AND ASK IN 10 MINUTES MY QUESTIONS OR WHATEVER I WANT. US COUNCILLORS SHOULD BE

OVERSEEING EVERYTHING. THAT IS VERY VITAL TO SERVICES THE CITY OFFICERS. POLICING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES IS VERY MUCH BIG PART OF THAT, MADAM SPEAKER. I WAS REALLY SHOCKED. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME ON COMMUNITY SERVICE THE. I REMEMBER SPEAKING TO THOSE ITEMS. HAVING COUNCILLOR DRILL IN AND ASK THE QUESTIONS. WE ARE LIMITING THE INFORMATION WE ARE PROVIDING NOT ONLY COUNCILLORS BUT THE PUBLIC. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS. I THINK YOU HEARD OVERWHELMINGLY THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT BEHIND THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION SPACE. IT IS NOT THE SAME MODEL AS THE DOWNTOWN SAFETY PARTNERSHIP. IT IS NOT. I WISH WE -- IT IS ENDED SO NOW, I CAN'T TAKE YOU THERE FOR A FIELD TRIP. IT IS A VERY, VERY UNIQUE MODEL SUPPORTED FROM THE COMMUNITY. SUPPORTED FROM THE STAFF. THIS IS A SUCCESS STORY TOUTED ACROSS THE COUNTRY. NOW WE ARE DECIDING TO STOP IT. IT MAKES NO SENSE TO ME. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE MOTION. EVEN IF YOU MAY WANT TO SUPPORT THE OVERALL BUDGET AND I GET THAT, AT LEAST SUPPORT THE ONE MOTION. NO MATTER WHAT YOU FEEL. THIS IS IMPORTANT. WE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS. I URGE YOU TO LOOK BEYOND YOUR WARDS HERE TO THE TWO COUNCILLORS THAT REPRESENT THE PEOPLE USING THE SPACE AND UNDERSTANDING THE DESIRE AND NEEDS OF THAT SPACE. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME. WE GOT SOME CHANGES TO MAKE. I THOUGHT WE WERE DOING IT GOVERNANCE REVIEW. WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANYWHERE. THAT IS ON ME. WE HAVE TO MAKE CHANGES HERE. THE SYSTEM RIGHT NOW IS BROKEN AND NOT WORKING. YOU KNOW WHAT? IT IS THE RESIDENTS THAT FEEL IT. THE MANY PEOPLE THAT CAME IN DELEGATION THAT FEEL THEY ARE NOT BEING HEARD TODAY. THAT IS REALLY SAD FOR $614,000 IN A $1.4 BILLION DOUBLE IT. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT TO CLOSE ON MOTION ONE.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. SINCE 1997 AFTER THE ELIMINATION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IT WAS CLEAR COMBINED WITH LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO CITY OF WINNIPEG CHARTER ACT, WE ENSHRINED BY 1998 STRONG MAYOR MODEL. THIS FIRST YEAR OF TAX FREEZES NOW NOR 26 YEARS. FOR THE MOST PART BY AND LARGE FEW YEARS OF EXCEPTIONS DURING 26 YEARS. THE AGENDA HAS BEEN IN CONTROL OF THE BUDGET PROCESS AND THIS CITY. INSTEAD OF NEO RIGHT WHAT IS RIGHT. WE HAVE CHALLENGES AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO FAR TO SEE THIS. POINT DOUGLAS GRAFFITI EVERYWHERE, BROKEN WINDOWS.

STATE OF STREETS AND HOUSING SUPPLY IN DECLINE. BILL BRATTAN, WHO WROTE THE BROKEN WINDOWS THEORY. LOOK AFTER ENFORCEMENT OF BY-LAWS AND BE BROKEN WINDOWS AND NEIGHBORHOODS BECOME SAFER. WE HAVE NOT ONLY CUT POLICING. WE CUT ENFORCEMENT TO ENFORCE BY-LAWS. POLICE CUTS ARE LEADING TO DISASTER ACROSS THE CITY. HIRING OF CHIEF OF POLICE RIGHT NOW. A MESS. WE HAVE WADING POOLS CLOSING IN INNER CITY. SHUT DOWN. HAPPY LAND POOL STILL CLOSED WITH NO

SIGN OF DIRECT FACILITY PARK PROMISED. $2.6 MILLION IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET WITH $10 MILLION BUDGET. NO IDEA WHEN THAT IS COMING. POOL CLOSED. CRIME AND SAFETY ON TRANSIT BUSES AT ALL-TIME HIGH. $10 MILLION OUT THE DOOR OF PEOPLE WALKING ON THE BUS WITHOUT PAYING ANY FARE. AS HIGH AS 7 AND AS HIGH AS 10. THEY DON'T WANT TO DOCUMENT BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO ENFORCE. SO CITIES HAVE DONE. LEGITIMATE CITIZENS ARE PAYING. PEOPLE ARE WALKING ON THE BUSES AND NOTHING IS DONE. THE SYSTEM IS UNSAFE. TALK TO THE TRANSIT UNION. CAPITAL PROJECTS. LOUISE BRIDGE PUT-OFF FOR ANOTHER 25 YEARS. 25 YEARS. NOT TO MENTION OTHER PROJECTS STUCK IN THE MUD FROM SOUTHWEST REC PROJECT THAT CAN'T GET OFF THE GROUND. THE MAYOR PROMISED TO DELIVER THAT PROJECT. WE HAVE CHALLENGES RIGHT ACROSS THE CITY, MADAM SPEAKER. ARE WE SETTING ASIDE RESEARCHES TO ADDRESS THESE PROJECTS WE KNOW ARE COMING? HAVE WE TAKEN ADVICE FROM STAFF BEHIND THE SCENES DO ADVICE BUDGET WORKING GROUP AND MAYOR'S OFFICE THESE ARE THE CHALLENGES. WE SHOULD SET UP RESERVE FUNDS. NO, WE USE RED, GREEN, YELLOW. MORE IS UNDER RED AND YELLOW. VERY LITTLE GREEN IN TERMS OF FUNDING IN THE BUDGET. THE FUNDING OF PROJECTS IS BECOMING ACUTE. WE NEED TO START TO ADDRESS GROWING INFRASTRUCTURE OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE CRUMBLING NOT TO MENTION NEED OF NEW STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE. WE DEVELOPED THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITY ACTION PLAN. WE DID A STRATEGIC FUND AND WE REFUSE TO FIND DOLLARS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. THAT IS CALLED LEADERSHIP. THAT IS CALLED COURAGE TO FACE CHALLENGES WE ARE FACING TO BE UP FRONT ABOUT IT. THE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG NO WHAT IS HAPPENING. THEY CAN SEE THE STATE OF THE STREET. THEY CAN SENSE EVEN NEIGHBORHOODS ARE MORE UNSAFE. THEY KNOW THE LACK OF SAFETY ON THE BUSES. THEY SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING. WE ARE NOT RISING. THE RATIO OF POLICE OFFICERS TO POPULATION CONTINUES TO FALL. I TALKED TO MANY OFFICERS ON THE FRONT LINES, SENIOR OFFICERS FACING SITUATIONS THEY NEVER THOUGHT THEY WOULD FACE IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE CITY. MORE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS THAN EVER BEFORE. THEY DON'T FEEL THAT WE HAVE THEIR BACK ESPECIALLY WITH THE HIRING OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE. WATER SEWER RATES WHY CAN'T WE KNOW WHAT THEY ARE? IT SPEAKS TO TRANSPARENCY THAT COUNCILLOR ROLLINS AND MAYES SPOKE ABOUT. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS NONMEMBERS E.P.C. NOT BEING EVEN CALL OR E-MAIL SAYING WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES? NOTHING. SPEAKS TO ARROGANCE OF THE EXISTING SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE. I KNOW THE PEOPLE IN THAT SYSTEM ARE BETTER THAN THAT. BUSINESS TAX, MADAM SPEAKER, 2001 BUSINESS TAX MADE UP 9% TOTAL REVENUE. NOW IT IS LESS THAN HALF OF THAT. WE HAVE BUSINESSES OUT THERE CRYING FOR MORE POLICING. PEOPLE WALKING IN RETAIL STORES AND OPERATIONS. I TALKED TO THE HEAD OF THE ASSOCIATION. IT IS ENDEMIC. PEOPLE ARE WALKING IN BROAD DAYLIGHT STEALING AND WALKING OUT. THEY NEED HELP AND SUPPORT. WE ARE NOT THERE. COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PROGRAMME. IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO WHEN A TRAUMATIC INCIDENT HAPPENED IN THAT LIBRARY. HERE WE ARE CUTTING AWAY AT THE PROGRAMMING THAT HELPS PREVENT HAVING PEOPLE THERE, EYES AND

EARS TO HELP PREVENT THOSE SITUATIONS FROM DEVELOPING. WE ARE CUTTING IT A YEAR AFTER WE AGREED TO FUND IT? IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. THE TRUCK IS NOT STUCK IN THE DITCH. THE TIRES OF THE TRUCK ARE NOW COMING OFF. THE CITY FEELS LIKE WE ARE FALLING BACKWARDS WITH CRUMBLING INFRASTRUCTURE, RISING CRIME RATES, HOUSING CRISIS COMBINED WITH MENTAL HEALTH, URBAN HEALTH CRISIS IN THE STREETS OF THE CITY WE ARE FAILING TO RISE TO CHALLENGES BEFORE US. I KNOW THERE IS A LOT OF WISDOM IN THIS ROOM WILLING TO STAND UP TO HELP. NOT THE TEAM EFFORT PROMISED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TERM BY THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL WE WERE HOPING FOR BY THIS POINT IN TIME IN OUR TERM. WE SHOULD NOT BE IN THIS POSITION RIGHT NOW LEADING UP TO THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION LESS THAN TWO YEARS AGO. WE SHOULD BE ON THE WAY TO ADDRESSING THESE CHALLENGES AND MOVING TO OTHER ONE WAS. INSTEAD WE ARE FALLING BEHIND. THAT IS BECAUSE WE HAVE EMPLOYED THE SAME IMPRACTICAL ELITIST SYSTEM SINCE 1998. BY AND LARGE IT HAS NOT BEEN COPIED BY ANY MUNICIPALITY IN WESTERN CANADA. ROB FORD ROLLED OUT WITHOUT PROMISING IN ELECTION AND WAS HAMMERED ON THAT WITH THE NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLIC. YOU WATCH ONTARIO IN 20 YEARS THOSE MUNICIPALITIES WILL BE IT. MUNICIPALITIES HAVE NOT ADOPTED STRONG MAYOR MODEL. SHOW ME MANAGEMENT MODEL THAT EXISTING 25 YEARS NOT COPIED. I WILL SHOW YOU A MANAGEMENT MODEL THAT DOESN'T WORK. THE TIME HAS COME TO START TO WORK TOGETHER. WE NEED TO PULL TOGETHER AS COUNCIL. IT IS NOT HAPPENING. I AM DONE. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: GOOD NEWS FROM TRANSCONA BECAUSE SEVERAL THINGS IF YOU JUST RAISED AS CONCERNS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF. BY GOLLY THEY ARE IN THIS BUDGET MORE PUBLIC SAFETY, 36 MORE POLICE OFFICERS. MORE SAFETY ON TRANSIT. 15 MORE SAFETY OFFICERS THAT WILL ENHANCE TRANSIT SAFETY. MORE EMPHASIS ON RECREATION IN THE NORTH END. GOOD NEWS $1 MILLION HERE ALLOCATED. ONE OF THE COUNCILLORS PERHAPS COUNCILLOR FROM MCINTIRE DIDN'T SEE THIS. RIGHT IN THE BUDGET IT IS FOR HIGH NEEDS AREAS. $1 MILLION FOR YOUTH PROGRAMMING IN HIGH NEEDS AREAS TO BE DEVELOPED IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNCILLORS FROM THE HIGH NEEDS AREA. IF YOU ARE A COUNCILLOR IN HIGH NEEDS AREA YOU WILL HAVE DIRECT INPUT ON THE ALLOCATION OF THOSE FUNDS TO MAKE SURE THEY GO WHERE THEY ARE MOST NEEDED. LAST YEAR AS COUNCILLOR BROWATY AS FINANCE CHAIR DEVELOPED MULTIYEAR BUDGET WE TALKED TO EVERY CITY COUNCILLOR. WE ASKED FOR INPUT. I CAN'T REMEMBER HOW MANY LINE ITEMS WE HAD. WE DID THAT A YEAR AFTER THE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ACTION PLAN. THIS IS A BUDGET UPDATE. WE DID NOT GO ONE BY ONE BY ONE TO COUNCILLORS. WHY? WE JUST WENT THROUGH STRATEGIC PLAN TWO YEARS PRIOR. YEAR BEFORE HUNDREDS OF REQUESTS OF PRIORITIES OF CITY COUNCILLORS. WE HAD A WHOLE LIST OF PRIORITIES. IN FACT, JUST TODAY I WENT TO THE

STRATEGIC PRIORITY PLAN ACTION PLAN PAGES 15-19. I PRINTED OFF AND WENT THROUGH WITH HIGHLIGHTER. BUDGET FUNDED THIS AND THIS. YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME TO MY OFFICE. I WILL SHOW YOU THE THINGS FUNDED IN THE PREVIOUS BUDGET AND THIS BUDGET IN LINE WITH THE ACTION PLAN. MOTION ONE. I WILL BE REJECTING MOTION ONE. I AM FRANKLY SURPRISED MOTION COMES TO INCREASE BUSINESS TAXES BY 20%. IT FALLS OUT OF THE SKY INTRODUCED TODAY TO INCREASE BUSINESS TAXES 20% FROM TWO VETERAN COUNCILLORS. JUST DAYS BEFORE ADMINISTRATION SOUTH OF THE BORDER THREATENING 25% TARIFFS. THE MOTION IS IRRESPONSIBLE. I SPOKE LAST NIGHT WHILE WATCHING THE HOCKEY GAME TO TWO MAJOR BUSINESS LEADERS IN THE CITY. I CALLED ONE IN AEROSPACE AND ONE FROM NEW FLYER. HOW ARE THEY DOING? AT COUNCIL WE ARE PAYING ATTENTION TO WHAT IS GOING ON WITH TARIFFS. WE KNOW DETRIMENTAL IMPACT TO YOUR BUSINESS. WE WANT TO PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS. NOW A MOTION OUT OF THE SKY WITHOUT DISCUSSION OR TRANSPARENCY OR CONSULTATION TO ADD 20% INCREASES TO BUSINESS OWNERS WHEN WE SHOULD RALLY AROUND THE BUSINESSES TO PROTECT THEM. IRRESPONSIBLE MOTION. OUR BUSINESSES ARE ALREADY PAYING MORE BECAUSE THEY ARE PAYING MORE THROUGH PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. $14 MILLION MORE IN FACT FROM BUSINESSES BECAUSE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. WINNIPEG ONLY MAJOR CITY IN CANADA WITH SEPARATE BUSINESS TAX RATE IN THE CITY AS IT IS. LAST THING WE WANT TO DO IS DRIVE MORE BUSINESSES OUT OF OUR CITY OR TELL MORE BUSINESSES WE REALLY DON'T WANT BE THIS TO BE A BUSINESS FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT. BUSINESSES GENERATE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY FOR POOLS, LIBRARIES, POLICE CARS, FIREFIGHTERS. CRITICAL TO SUPPORT BUSINESSES. THIS MOTION ONE I WILL REJECT COMPLETELY. EVERY ONE OF US SHOULD COMPLETELY REJECT. MOTION TWO AMENDED MOTION WITH COMMUNITY CONNECTION SPACE. FUNDING TO END OF 2024. I APPRECIATE A COUPLE COUNCILLORS SAID THOSE ARE OUR RESIDENTS. I CARE. DCSP WILL CONNECT WITH THE SERVICES THEY NEED. IF THEY IMMEDIATELY BURY SERVICES THERE IS A WHOLE LIBRARY FULL OF STAFF TO PROVIDE LIBRARY SERVICES. WE AS COUNCIL HAVE DONE GOOD INVESTMENT IN LIBRARIES. $2 MILLION MORE THAN LAST YEAR. 28 MORE FTEs NOW AS COMPARED TO 2013. SIGNIFICANT INCREASE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WILL GET SERVICE. VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN THAT SPACE WILL GET HELP. I AM REJECTING MOTION 2. I WILL END WITH THIS. I APPRECIATE SOME COUNCILLORS DON'T LIKE PAINTING A BUDGET VOTE AS DICHOTOMY. THEY DON'T HAVE LUXURY OF YES OR NO. A VOTE TO INVEST IN PRIORITIES WINNIPEGGERS SET. PUBLIC SAFETY, TRANSIT, INFRASTRUCTURE. CLEARING SNOW. OUTREACH WE HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR FOR MONTHS, YEARS, FINALLY AS PROVINCE ONE PLAN WE ARE PARTNERS. THIS BUDGET HELPS TO FUND OUR PARTNERSHIP IN THAT PLAN. TO VOTE YES FOR BUDGET IS TO VOTE FOR THOSE PRIORITIES. TO VOTE NO IS TO REJECT INVESTMENT IN THOSE PRIORITIES. FULL STOP. YES OR NO. I AM ASKING EVERYBODY TO VOTE FOR THE BUDGET AND FOR THE PRIORITIES THAT THE PEOPLE OF WINNIPEG TOLD US ARE IMPORTANT TO THEM. PLEASE RECORDED VOTE ALL THREE ITEMS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. WE HAVE TWO AMENDING MOTIONS. IN

REVERSE ORDER. FIRST IS AMENDING MOTION TWO MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GILROY COMMUNITY CONNECTION. IN FAVOR, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: GILROY, MAYES, ROLLINS, SCHREYER, WYATT, ORLIKOW.

MADAM SPEAKER: OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

MADAM SPEAKER: GILLINGHAM, ALLARD, BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, EADIE, LUKES, SANTOS, SHARMA.

CLERK: 6-10.

MADAM SPEAKER: IT IS DEFEATED.

BECAUSE THERE MAY VERY WELL AS IN THE PAST SEPARATE VOTE FOR CAPITAL AND OPERATIONAL BUDGET. THESE ARE TO THE BUDGET. THERE IS NOT ONE BUDGET THERE ARE TWO. VOTED ON SEPARATELY. CLARIFICATION MAYBE THE CLERKS MIGHT LIKE CLARIFICATION WHAT THESE AMENDMENTS ARE TO. WE CAN'T SAY THE BUDGET.

MADAM SPEAKER: WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE AMENDING MOTION. WE CAN BREAK IT OUT.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: WHAT VOTE THESE ARE TO?

MADAM SPEAKER: IT NOTES THE CLAUSES AMENDED. I HOPE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND. IT IS CIRCULATING ALL DAY. I THINK THEY DO. THANK YOU. WITH THAT I CALL THE VOTE ON AMENDING MOTION ONE THAT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WYATT. ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: COUNCILLORS GILROY, MAYES, WYATT, ORLIKOW.

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: GILLINGHAM, ALLARD, BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, EADIE, LUKES, ROLLINS, SANTOS, SCHREYER AND SHARMA.

CLERK: 4-12.

MADAM SPEAKER: AMENDING MOTION ONE DEFEATED. NOW ON TO THE 2025 BUDGET UPDATE. WE CAN VOTE ON THE THREE RECOMMENDATIONS SEPARATELY. OPERATING CAPITAL. THERE IS A VOTE FOR THE TRANSIT, TRANSFER FROM SOUTHWEST RAPID TRANSIT

SEPARATELY. I WILL CALL THE QUESTION ON THE OPERATING. CLAUSE ONE. OPERATING BUDGET. ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: GILLINGHAM, ALLARD, BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, EADIE, LUKES, SANTOS, SCHREYER, SHARMA.

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: GILROY, MAYES, ROLLINS, WYATT, ORLIKOW.

CLERK: 11-5.

MADAM SPEAKER: OPERATING BUDGET PASSES. CLAUSE TWO. CAPITAL BUDGET IN FAVOR PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: GILLINGHAM, ALLARD, BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, EADIE, LUKES, SANTOS, SHARMA.

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: GILROY, MAYES, ROLLINS, SCHREYER, WYATT, ORLIKOW.

CLERK: 10-6.

MADAM SPEAKER: CAPITAL BUDGET PASSES. CLAUSE THREE. TRANSFER FROM SOUTHWEST TRANSFEREE SERVE IN FAVOR PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: GILLINGHAM, ALLARD, BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, EADIE, LUKES, SANTOS, SHARMA.

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: GILROY, MAYES, ROLLINS, SCHREYER, WYATT, ORLIKOW.

CLERK: VOTE. 10-6.

MADAM SPEAKER: THAT IS DEFEATED. THAT DOES NOT AFFECT THE OVERALL BUDGET VOTE TODAY. CORRECT, MR. CLERK?

CLERK: RECOMMENDATION THREE REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO PASS.

MADAM SPEAKER: BY-LAWS UNDER E.P.C. JUST A MOMENT. RECOMMENDATION FOUR. COUNCILOR ORLIKOW.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: EXPLANATION HOW $3.7 MILLION HOLE IN BUDGET DOESN'T IMPACT THE BUDGET.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. CLERK, SPEAK TO THAT PLEASE.

CLERK: IT IS A TRANSFER OF -- MY UNDERSTANDING THIS IS A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER. THE RESEARCH REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO UTILIZE MONEY FOR OTHER THAN INTENDED PURPOSE.

ANOTHER PURPOSE FOR GENERAL REVENUE. WITHOUT THAT MONEY GENERAL REVENUE, MY UNDERSTANDING, IS SHORT $3.75 MILLION.

MADAM SPEAKER: TRANSFER I BELIEVE IS TO FINANCIAL STABILIZATION RESERVE FUND NOT GENERAL REVENUE. MOVING ON. WE WILL HAVE VOTE ON CLAUSE FOUR. IN FAVOR. CONTRARY.

PROPER OFFICERS CLAUSE.

MADAM SPEAKER: IS THAT CLEAR PROPER OFFICERS CLAUSE. IN FAVOR, PLEASE RISE. I THINK IT IS CLARIFIED. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. THAT IS CARRIED. NOW WE WILL MOVE TO BY-LAWS UNDER THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE. MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD MOVE THE FOLLOWING BY-LAWS READ FIRST TIME. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 OF 2025. CONTRARY. THAT IS CARRIED. NOTED IN OPPOSITION COUNCILLOR WYATT.

BY-LAW 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, AND 8 OF 2025.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: BY-LAWS 3 TO 8 OF 2025 BE READ SECOND TIME.

MADAM SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. AYE. THAT IS CARRIED.

CLERK: 3 TO 8 OF 2025. MR. CLERK, WHICH ONE SHALL WE GO BACK TO? MR. MAYOR NEXT.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: BY-LAWS 3 TO 8 OF 2025 INCLUSIVE BE READ THIRD TIME, BE

PASSED TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: RECORDED VOTE.

MADAM SPEAKER: IN FAVOR PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: GILLINGHAM, ALLARD, BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, EADIE, LUKES, SANTOS, SHARMA.

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: GILROY, MAYES, ROLLINS, SCHREYER, WYATT AND ORLIKOW.

CLERK: 10-6.

MADAM SPEAKER: THAT SECOND READING IS LOST. THIRD READING IS LOST. THAT CONCLUDES THE AGENDA. MR. CLERK ONE MORE? [INAUDIBLE]

MADAM SPEAKER: IN A MOMENT. MR. MAYOR, BACK TO THE ONE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE BY-LAW 10 OF 2025 BE READ FIRST TIME.

MADAM SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. THAT IS CARRIED.

CLERK: BY-LAW 10 OF 2025.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR LUKES WILL YOU MOVE ADJOURNMENT. IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. ROLL CALL. SHARMA, ALLARD, BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DUNCAN, EADIE, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, ROLLINS, SANTOS, SCHREYER AND WYATT AND ORLIKOW.