COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

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

MR. CLERK: YES, MADAM SPEAKER, WE HAVE A QUORUM.

MADAME SPEAKER: I CALL THIS MEETING FOR CITY COUNCIL JANUARY 29, 2026 TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGE WE'RE ON TREATY ONE TERRITORY, THE HOME AND TRADITIONAL LANDS OF THE ANISHINAABE, ININEW, AND DAKOTA PEOPLES, AND IN THE NATIONAL HOMELAND OF THE RED RIVER METIS. DRINKING WATER COMES FROM SHOAL LAKE 40 FIRST NATION AND TREATY THREE TERRITORY. WE'LL HAVE THE OPENING PRAYER. PLEASE RISE IF YOU'RE ABLE AND WE'LL HEAR FROM COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. LET US TAKE A MOMENT OF REFLECTION. GRACE US ETERNAL SOURCE OF WISDOM AND JUSTICE. WE PAUSE AT THE OUTSET OF THIS COUNCIL DELIBERATION TO ASK FOR YOUR PRESENCE AND GUIDANCE. WE REQUEST FOR YOUR BLESSINGS UPON THIS CHAMBER. GRANT THE MAYOR AND EACH COUNCILLOR WISDOM, CLARITY OF MIND TO SEE BEYOND THE IMMEDIATE AND DISCERN THE LASTING IMPACT OF OUR DECISIONS ON THE SEVEN GENERATIONS TO COME. GRANT US WITH THE MORAL COMPASS ROOTED IN COMPASSION, EQUITY AND DEEP COMMITMENT TO COMMON GOOD OF ALL WHO CALL HER DIVERSITY HOME. GRANT US THOUGHTFULNESS AND PATIENCE TO LISTEN DEEPLY, SEEK UNDERSTANDING BEFORE JUDGMENT AND HONOUR THE VOICES OF THE PEOPLE WE ARE ELECTED TO SERVE, ESPECIALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE. AS WE WEIGH COMPLEX MATTERS OF POLICY, BUDGET, AND COMMUNITY WELL BEING, INSTIL IN US A SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION AND RESPECT. MAY DEBATES BE VIGOROUS YET CONSTRUCTIVE AND MAY OUR SHARED GOALS BE THE BUILDING OF MORE THAN JUST A VIBRANT AND FLOURISHING WINNIPEG. A CITY WHERE RECONCILIATION, INNOVATION, AND COMMUNITY CAN WALK HAND AND HAND. BLESS THE STAFF AND THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS CIVIC WORK. PROTECT THEIR DEDICATION AND STRENGTHEN THEIR HANDS. MAY THE PROCEEDINGS OF THIS DAY BE MARKED WITH INTEGRITY AND MAY ALL THAT WE ACCOMPLISH HERE TODAY CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF OUR CITY. WITH GRATITUDE FOR OUR SERVICE WE OFFER THIS PRAYER. AMEN. AS WE SAY IN HARMONY IN THIS LAND, THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS. ROLL CALL. THANK YOU. WE HAVE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE MOTION FOR COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW. IF YOU CAN READ IT INTO THE RECORD.

MADAME CLERK: [INAUDIBLE].

MADAME SPEAKER: WELCOMING BACK OUR PAGES, EKAMJOT BRAR FROM MAPLES MET SCHOOL AND

XANDER WOODLEY FROM ELMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL. CALL THE QUESTION. ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. WELCOMING BACK PAGES. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BEING HERE TO SERVE COUNCIL. WE MOVE INTO MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS. MR. MAYOR YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU AND GOOD MORNING TO YOU AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, THOSE HERE AND WATCHING ONLINE. A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE. FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST FIVE INDIVIDUALS IN CONNECTION WITH ARSON AND EXTORTION TARGETING LOCAL CONVENIENCE STORES. THESE WERE SERIOUS AND DEEPLY CONCERNING CRIMES CREATING FEAR FOR BUSINESS OWNER AND FAMILIES. I WANT TO COMMEND THE WORK OF THE INVESTIGATORS AND OFFICERS AND THE PUBLIC. ALL WHO WERE INVOLVED IN ANY WAY IN BRINGING THIS INVESTIGATION FORWARD. I SAID IT PUBLICLY. LET ME BE CLEAR. INTIMIDATION, EXTORTION AND VIOLENCE AGAINST BUSINESS OWNERS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN OUR CITY. THE PEOPLE ENGAGE THEY WILL BE INVESTIGATED, CAUGHT AND HELD TO ACCOUNT. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT THE PROGRESS ON DOWNTOWN HOUSING THROUGH THE WORK SUPPORTING BUILDING CONVERSIONS. IT'S A CREDIT TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND STAFF TO GET US TO THIS PLACE. IT WAS A REALLY EXCITING TO ANNOUNCE FOUR APPROVED PROJECTS THAT WILL ADD 297 NEW RESIDENTIAL UNITS TO DOWNTOWN. INCLUDING 106 UNITS DESIGNATED AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THESE PROJECTS WILL BRING UNDERUTILIZED HER TEENAGE BUILDINGS BACK TO LIVE WHILE PRESERVING DOWNTOWN HERITAGE AND CHARACTER. I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE DEVELOPERS INVOLVED. THEY ARE EXPERIENCED, AMBITIOUS AND COMMITTED TO BUILDING A STRONGER DOWNTOWN. THE LONG-TERM GOAL OF ADDING 750 HOUSING UNITS PER YEAR DOWNTOWN AND DOUBLING THE POPULATION IS AN IMPORTANT STEP TO MORE VIBRANT, LIVED IN CITY CORE. ON JANUARY 27TH, WE RECOGNIZE NATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY. 6 MILLION JEWISH PEOPLE AND OTHERS REMEMBERED IN THE HOLOCAUST AND OTHERS TARGETED BY THE NAZI REGIME. THIS DAY REMINDS US OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANTI-SEMITISM AND HATE. AS A CITY WE REAFFIRM TO REMEMBER, EDUCATE, AN STAND AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM AND HATE IN ALL FORMS. TODAY IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE 2017 ATTACK ON THE CULTURAL CENTRE OF QUEBEC CITY. SIX PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND MANY OTHER INJURED IN AN ACT OF VIOLENCE THAT SHOOK MUSLIM COMMUNITIES ACROSS CANADA INCLUDING IN WINNIPEG. SIMILAR TO WHAT I SAID A MOMENT AGO, WE SUBSTANTIAL DOUBT TOGETHER AGAINST ALL FORMS OF HATE AS WE REMEMBER THE VICTIMS AND STAND IN SOLIDARITY TODAY WITH WINNIPEG'S MUSLIM COMMUNITY. FINALLY, WE ARE JUST ON THE EDGE OF FEBRUARY AND FEBRUARY EVERY YEAR MEANS IT'S TIME FOR FESTIVE RUNNING FROM FEBRUARY 13TH-22. I HOPE EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE TO GET OUT AND TAKE IN GREAT FESTIVITIES AND THE FUN, THE FOOD THAT ALL IT CONTAINS. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. NEXT UP FOR MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, AS THE MAYOR ELUDED TO FEBRUARY IS DRAWING UPON US. AS WE EMBARK ON THIS MONTH, BLACK HISTORY MONTH, I WANT TO EXTEND A SINCERE INVITATION TO EACH OF YOU TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE VITAL PROGRAMMING ORGANIZED BY BLACK HISTORY MANITOBA. THIS MONTH IS MORE THAN A CELEBRATION. IT'S A FOUNDATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR LEARNING, REFLECTION, AND BUILDING A MORE INCLUSIVE AND UNDERSTANDING WINNIPEG. BLACK HISTORY MANITOBA HAS THE PROVINCE'S LEADING ORGANIZATION IS DEDICATED TO THIS CAUSE, CURATED A POWERFUL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS INCLUDING LECTURES, CULTURAL SHOWCASES, EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND COMMUNITY DIALOGUES. THEY WILL HIGHLIGHT THE IMMENSE DISTRIBUTIONS, RESILIENCE AND ONGOING NARRATIVES OF WINNIPEG'S BLACK COMMUNITY. YOUR

VISIBLE PRESENCE AND ENGAGED PARTICIPATION ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FOR SEVERAL REASONS. DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP IN SOLIDAIRE TODAY, INFORMED GOVERNANCE, ENGAGING WITH NARRATIVES PROVIDED IS ESSENTIAL FOR CONTEXT AND DECISIONS YOU MAKE. IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY REALITIES OF RACIAL EQUALITY, INCLUSION AND JUSTICE LEADING TO MORE EMPATHETIC AND POLICY MAKING. IT STRENGTHENS OUR COMMUNITY TRUST. ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BUILDS BRIDGES AND FOSTERS TRUST BETWEEN COMMUNITY, CIVILISM AND THE BLACK COMMUNITY. I URGE EACH MEMBER OF COUNCIL TO COMMIT TO ATTENDING AT LEAST ONE EVENT THIS MONTH. TOMORROW WE'RE KICKING OFF BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT CITY HALL. MAYOR IS HOSTING A BREAKFAST TO KICK OFF BLACK HISTORY MONTH. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND THAT AS YOUR PRESENCE MATTERS. THIS IS A MEANINGFUL STEP TOWARDS MORE UNITED WINNIPEG. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I HOPE TO SEE YOU AT EVENTS THROUGH BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS FOR THAT. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE QUICKLY BEFORE I MOVE ONTO A CONDOLENCE STATEMENT FOR THE DOCTOR, THE WORDS OF THE MAYOR IN SUPPORT OF JEWISH COMMUNITY AND MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN PARTICULAR THE ANNIVERSARY TODAY AND THE DENOUNCING OF HATE IN THE CITY IS VERY IMPORTANT. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS WHO WILL BRING THIS JEWISH WOMAN TO CHURCH ON FEBRUARY 1ST. MY LOCAL CHURCH WHERE HE WILL BE DOING WHAT IS A GREAT DEAL OF LABOUR HE DOES EACH AND EVERY BLACK HISTORY MONTH. I HOPE TO SEE THE CONGREGATION AT ST. GEORGE AND HIM. IN TREATY ONE TERRITORY HERE I WANT TO SHARE CONDOLENCES WITH THE MANITOBA AND THE FAMILY, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES OF DR. LAVALLEE. I WORKED WITH THIS LEADER BRIEFLY THIS TERM AND LAST. HE STOOD NOT ONLY AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE COVID CRISIS BUT STOOD AS AN INCREDIBLE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIAL AND INCREDIBLE MIND DOING TIRELESS WORK. IT WAS IN PART DUE TO THE DOCTOR GOING INTO ENCAMPMENTS THAT -- AND HIM LOSING A LEG BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE WORK HE DID THAT CAUTIONED ME AND INFORMED SOME OF MY WORK. HE BROUGHT REASSURANCE ALL THE TIME IN DANGEROUS AND FRIGHTENING TIMES. HE SUPPORT THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION, TAUGHT ME ABOUT INDIGENOUS-LEAD HARM REDUCTION AND INDEED THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. I WANT TO REALLY GIVE MY DEEP REGRET TO HIS COLLEAGUES FOR LOSING HIM ALL TOO SOON. HE OFFERED TREMENDOUS SUPPORT TO THE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE THROUGHOUT TURTLE ISLAND BUT, INDEED, WINNIPEG. I'M SO PROUD HE CALLED WINNIPEG HOME AND SPENT HIS LONG CAREER HERE AND HE SPENT HIS LONG CAREER DISMANTLING COLONIAL SYSTEMS, IN PARTICULAR IN PRIMARY HEALTHCARE. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, FOR THE TIME.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU COUNCILLOR ROLLINS FOR SHARING THAT. COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, YESTERDAY WE SAW THE TENTH AND FINAL DAY OF THE TEN-DAY TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL PLAY STRUCTURE FUNDING. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE PARENTS, TRUSTEES, MLAs FROM COUPLE OF DIFFERENT PARTY AND NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS WHO MET WITH ME, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS. IT WAS A FASCINATING PROCESS TO GO TO BRANDEN, GO UP TO NORTH KILDONAN. I HAD NEVER HEARD OF IT BEFORE THIS.

MADAME SPEAKER: I APPRECIATE YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT BUT IT'S NOT REALLY FITTING INTO THE

ANNOUNCEMENT CATEGORY, IN MY OPINION.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I WAS JUST ABOUT TO SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE ABOUT COUNCILLOR LUKES AND YOU CUT ME SHORT. THERE YOU GO, AGAIN.

MADAME SPEAKER: WHEN YOUR REPORT COMES FORWARD --

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THERE WILL BE NO REPORT COMING FORWARD.

MADAME SPEAKER: WHEN YOUR E-MAIL COMES FORWARD.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR LUKES FOR HER WORK ON THIS INITIATIVE, AS WELL.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WE HAVE AN IMPORTANT CONDOLENCE MOTION. CLERK READ IT INTO THE RECORD, PLEASE.

MADAME CLERK: MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SHARMA THE SORROW OF THE DEATH OF FORMER COUNCILLOR ALFRED SKOWRON WHICH OCCURRED JANUARY 4, 2026. SERVING AS COUNCILLOR FOR THE TALBOT AND ELMWOOD FROM 1971-1988. THE COUNCIL EXTENDS TO THE TEAM DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. PLEASE RISE FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE. COUNCILLOR DOBSON WILL YOU MOVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD DECEMBER 17TH AND 18, 2025 TO BE TAKEN AS READ AND CONFIRMED.

COUNCILLOR DOBSON: SO MOVED.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. MOVING INTO DELEGATIONS. MADAM CLERK. IS DAVID GRANT OUR FIRST DELEGATION?

MADAME CLERK: YES.

MADAME SPEAKER: HE IS APPEARING VIA ZOOM TODAY? THERE'S A NUMBER OF ITEMS HE'S SPEAKING TO. THEY ARE LISTED IN THE AGENDA. MR. GRANT, WELCOME.

DAVID GRANT: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AND THANKS FOR WELCOMING DELEGATIONS. I SHARE THE MAYORS THANKS TO THE POLICE SERVICE. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE LANDOWNERS THAT PAY FOR ALL YOU'LL BE TALKING ABOUT. SADNESS SO MANY HARD WORKING FOLKS CAN HARDLY AFFORD TO LIVE HERE BECAUSE COSTS RISEN SO MUCH. I INVITE YOU TO FIND WAYS YOU CAN SPEND MORE OF THEIR MONEY. GOVERNANCE TOPIC ONE, THE AUDIT COMMITTEE. WE NEED TO HAVE THIS COMMITTEE UP AND RUNNING. WE NEED IT TO REPORT BY SUMMER TO SHOW VOTERS THAT YOU CARE. PLEASE AVOID DELAYS. GOVERNANCE OTHER TOPIC ONE. CHIEF CONSTRUCTION OFFICER. I SPOKE IN FAVOUR OF THIS POSITION WHEN IT WAS DISCUSSED HERE. TO JUSTIFY THE COST OF THIS POSITION, REGULAR AND FULSOME REPORTING IS ESSENTIAL. THE FOLKS WHO SUPPORTED THIS CREATION OF THIS POSITION WERE COUNTING ON THIS SORT OF REPORTING. QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. THE TOPIC FOR TODAY ARE A START. REGULAR REPORTING ON PROGRESS ON CITY PROJECTS IS ALSO

ESSENTIAL. SUCH REPORTS SHOULD BE PUBLISHED MONTHLY ON THE E.P.C. AND COUNCIL AGENDAS UNLESS CONTENT INDICATES ACTIONS SO EGREGIOUS THAT BUYERS MUST BE INVOLVED. ON PUBLIC WORKS TOPIC ONE. MAJOR PURCHASE OF TECHNICAL MACHINES. A STEREOTYPICAL CAR BUYER MAY WALK IN A SHOWROOM, POINT AT A CAR AND SAY I WANT THE RED ONE. NO ONE WANTS THE CITY TO BE LIKE THAT BUYER. THE SUCCESS OF THE PURCHASE DEPENDS ON WHAT WE WILL BE BUYING. OTHER CITIES HAVE PROVEN THAT BUYING THE WRONG BUSES LEAD TO UNFIXABLE PROBLEMS. WHY IS THERE NO SPEC SHEET SUPPLIED BY THE VENDOR? WHY IS THERE NO INDICATION OF THE EXACT MODEL OF BUSES WE ARE BUYING? THE VENDOR KNOWS. WHY HAVE WE AND YOU NOT BEEN TOLD? DID THE CITY EXPLORE CHARGING AT BUS STOPS? ELECTRIC BUSES IN BOSTON WERE CHARGED AT BUS STOPS NEARLY 20 YEARS AGO. SUCH BUSES WEIGH TONS LESS, COST TENS OF THOUSANDS LESS, AND DO NOT BREAK UP ROADS AS BADLY AS DO BUSES WITH HUGE BATTERIES. WIRELESS CHARGES IS NOW AN OPTION FOR PRIVATE CARS. YOU CAN BUY ONE NOW AND IT CHARGES AS SOON AS YOU PULL INTO YOUR GARAGE WITHOUT PLUGGING IT IN. THERE'S NO EXPLANATION WHY ON ROUTE CHARGING WAS NOT CONSIDERED. WHY IS THERE NO INDICATION OF THE MEANS BY WHICH THESE VEHICLES WILL BE HEATED IN WINTER. ON BUSY ROADS, SPACE HEATING, HEATING INSIDE OF THE BUS, GIVES MORE ENERGY THAN MOVING A BUS. WITH ADVANCE SPACE HEATING THE BUS CAN RUN FOR MORE HOURS AND CAN BE CHEAPER AND DO LESS DAMAGE TO ROADS. IS THERE QUESTIONS I HOPE YOU ASK WHEN YOU GET YOUR CHANCE WITH THE BUS FOLKS. ON APC 7, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE HR COMMITTEE. TO ENSURE THIS GROUP CAN BE MEANINGFUL AND OF TRUE VALUE TO COUNCIL, I SUGGEST ANOTHER CHANGE. PLEASE ADD THESE TWO SENTENCES TO SECTION 1.2 OF TERMS OWN REFERENCE. THE AND SHE SHALL SEEK OUT ANY ISSUES RAISED AT ANY PUBLIC MEETING AT CITY HALL THAT REFER TO ANY OF THE FIVE CONCERNS ESSENTIAL FOR SECTION 1.2. THIS SHALL INCLUDE CONCERNS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, DELEGATIONS AND STAFF. BY ADVISING COUNCIL IN THIS WAY, PROBLEMS CAN BE MITIGATED WITHOUT ANYONE WRITING TO THE MANITOBA COMMISSION. SUCH MITIGATION CAN PRESERVE THE REPUTATION OF CITY HALL. THIS HR COMMITTEE HAS BEEN SILENT WHEN RIGHT ISSUES WILL ROSE AT SPC AND COUNCIL MEETINGS IN RECENT YEARS. HAVING A SECOND STAFF PERSON COULD ENABLE THE COMMITTEE TO FULFIL THIS IMPORTANT MITIGATION FUNCTION. IF THE T.O.R. IS NOT IMPROVED IN THIS WAY, THERE REALLY IS NO NEED FOR A SECOND PERSON. WITHOUT THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE T.O.R., IT'S HARD TO SEE THIS COMMITTEE EVER BEEN RELEVANT TO THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT COUNCIL MUST DO. ON SERVICES TOPIC THREE, THE TOPIC FOUR. YOU'LL BE MAKING BIG CHANGES TO KING PARK. MY FAVOURITE PARK. YOU HAVE FAILED TO BE OPEN ABOUT THESE PLANS. YOU OWE THIS CONSULTATION BUT WE DIDN'T GET A MAP OR LIST OF CHANGES. WHY THE SECRECY? MY FAMILY AND I HAVE BEEN BIKING ON THIS LOOP TRAIL FOR 40 YEARS. IT'S STILL MY FAVOURITE BIKING DESTINATION. MANY OF US WHO USE IT SEE NO REASON TO CHANGE IT OR SPEND $300,000 ON THOSE CHANGES. CITY HALL PROMISED OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY. WHY DID THE CONSULTATION YOU DID GO NO FURTHER THAN YOUR LAWYER'S OFFICE. I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT ANOTHER SPENDING ISSUE BUT IT'S IN YOUR PRINTED AGENDA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE TIME.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU MR. GRANT. QUESTIONS TODAY? SEEING NONE. APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENTATION. HAVE A GOOD DAY. OUR NEXT DELEGATION IS APPEARING REVOTE MY VICKI POIRIER IN OPPOSITION TO ITEM TWO EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE NOTION OF MOTION REGARDING THE NORTH AMERICAN STRATEGY FOR COMPETITIVENESS MEMBERSHIP AND EXPENSES RELATED RED RIVER BASIN COMMISSION. WELCOME.

VICKI POIRIER: HELLO. I APPRECIATE MAYOR'S SPEECH. IT WAS GREAT. I WOULD LIKE TO LAND KNOWLEDGE MY RESERVE AND ALL THE RESERVES ON SHOAL LAKE 37, 39 AND 40. I'M SPEAKING TODAY AND NOTICE A MOTION FOR THE RED RIVER BASIN. THIS MOTION MAKES A GOOD POINT ABOUT MONEY SPENT ON THE CITY MEMBERSHIP IN CLUBS AND GROUPS. TAXPAYERS WOULD BENEFIT FROM A REVIEW OF ALL THE MEMBERSHIPS THAT MAKE THE CITY TO PAY A BIG FEE. HOW MANY ORGANIZATIONS DOES THE CITY PAY MEMBERSHIP FEES TO? HOW MANY TRIPS TO MEETINGS DOES THE CITY PAY FOR? WHY NOT USE ZOOM TO ATTEND VIRTUALLY? FREE TRADE IS A FEDERAL ISSUE. WHY IS WINNIPEG PAYING THIS BIG FEE? BEFORE VOTING ON THIS MOTION, PRUDENCE DEMANDS ALL THE INFO AND TRIPS BE COLLECTED. EVERY MEMBERSHIP AND TRAVEL DESTINATION SHOULD REQUIRE A NEW JUSTIFICATION WITH A COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF TRAVEL TO BE WRITTEN BY CITY STAFF. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE RED RIVER GROUP IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH OFFICES IN WINNIPEG AND FARGO. IT IS FOCUSED ON WATER ISSUES THAT ARE CRITICAL TO MANITOBA. IT IS HOLDING A FISH FRY FUNDRAISER IN MARCH IN MANITOBA. I SUGGEST THAT WINNIPEG CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ITS IMPORTANT WORK. IF COUNCILLOR BROWATY AND COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS CAN TAKE PART BY ZOOM FOR THE RED RIVER BASIN MEETINGS OUTSIDE MANITOBA, EVEN BETTER. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS COMMISSION AND OUR TWO REPRESENTATIVES. MAYES, I APPRECIATE YOU TO. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, VICKI, FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. THERE'S NO QUESTIONS TODAY. NEXT IS JESSICA PEEBLES APPEARING IN OPPOSITION ITEM TWO REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES DATED JANUARY 9TH, THE POLICE REPORT, 2026-2030 STRATEGIC PLAN. WELCOME.

JESSICA PEEBLES: THANKS. I HAVE A FORMAL REPORT I'LL BE SENDING TO THE WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD. THIS IS IN REGARDS TO THE REACCREDITATION FOR THE WINNIPEG POLICE. I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED INTO AGAIN AND REEVALUATED BECAUSE THE WINNIPEG POLICE HAVE NOT PROTECTED THE COMMUNITY THE WAY THEY SHOULD HAVE. THEY DIDN'T CONNECT ME OR PROTECT ME WITH MY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. THEY DIDN'T INVESTIGATE THE MAPLES PERSONAL CARE HOME PROPERLY DURING COVID. DURING THE MEDIA, THEY SAY THE HOMICIDE UNIT INVESTIGATED BUT MY COMPANY WAS ACTUALLY THERE STABILIZED THE CARE HOME. NOTHING WAS DONE PROPERLY AND I FIND WINNIPEG POLICE OFFICERS ARE BEHIND MY SMEAR CAMPAIGN BECAUSE THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WAS CONNECTED TO POLICE OFFICERS. THAT BEING SAID THIS NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED MOVING FORWARD. DEFINITELY. WOMEN AREN'T SAFE. I HAVE ADDRESSED THIS AT THE WINNIPEG POLICE BOARD ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WITH THE POLICE MULTIPLE TIMES. NOTHING IS EVER DONE. ALL I'M EVER CALLED IS A LIAR. I'M COMING TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT I PUBLICLY. I'VE CALLED THE WINNIPEG POLICE ASSOCIATION TO SPEAK TO IT PRIVATELY, AS WELL. I'M JUST GOING TO READ THIS. THE WINNIPEG POLICE SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED FOR COVID --

MADAME SPEAKER: I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO SPEAK TO THE REPORT. SPECIFIES AS YOU MENTIONED ON INCIDENTS. IT'S GOOD YOU'RE DIRECTLY COMMUNICATING WITH THE POLICE AND CONTINUE DOING THAT. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE REPORT.

JESSICA PEEBLES: THE STRATEGIC REPORT. YEAH. I'M LETTING THE BOARD KNOW THAT THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO DO THEIR JOB PROPERLY BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T DO THE MAPLES PERSONAL CARE HOME INVESTIGATION PROPERLY. YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE RESIDENTS ARE TAKEN CARE OF AND THAT THEY ARE PROPERLY RESPECTED FOR WHAT HAPPENED. OKAY. YOU CAN'T COVER UP WHAT HAPPENED DURING COVID.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WE'LL RECEIVE THE SUBMISSION THAT YOU ELUDED TO THAT WOULD COME IN WRITING. THANK YOU. OUR FINAL DELEGATION TODAY IS TERRY WACHNIAK APPEARING IN OPPOSITION TO ITEM ONE OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS DATED JANUARY 8, 2026. REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NUMBER TWO UNDER EXTENSION NUMBER TWO FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF HEAVY-DUTY LOW-FLOOR ZERO EMISSION TRANSIT BUSES. WELCOME.

TERRY WACHNIAK: GOOD MORNING MAYOR, COUNCILLORS. FOR YOUR INFORMATION IT'S ONLY 49 MORE DAYS UNTIL SPRING. WE'RE ALL COUNTING THOSE DAYS. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO SPECIFICALLY THE ELECTRIC BUSES THAT ARE CONSIDERED BEING PURCHASED. NOT ONLY ARE THEY TWICE AS MUCH MONEY SO WE COULD BE BUYING TWICE AS MANY BUSES FOR THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY BUT THEY ONLY ARE VIABLE ON 30% OF THE ROUTES THAT ARE REGISTERED IN WINNIPEG RIGHT NOW. THIS IS A TREMENDOUS LIABILITY. 70% OF THE ROUTES THAT THE CITY HAS YOU CANNOT PUT AN ELECTRIC BUS ON. IT BECOMES A BOUTIQUE PROBLEM, EXPENSIVE, SELECTED PLACES TO RUN, AND THE HISTORY OF THESE BUSES, NOT IN YOUR REPORT, THERE'S A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MISSING INFORMATION FROM A REPORT ON $50 MILLION EXPENDITURE. BUT MISSING FROM THAT REPORT IS WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON WITH ELECTRIC BUSES IN OTHER CITIES WITH OUR CLIMATE. SASKATOON, 110 KILOMETERS ON A BUS RATED AT 280. THAT WAS EXTREME COLD WEATHER. ELECTRIC BUSES, THE COLDER IT GETS THE MORE DANGEROUS THEY BECOME. WE CANNOT USE THEM AS EMERGENCY SHELTER. WE CANNOT USE THEM FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATION. IT WOULD BE A ONE-WAY TRIP. THERE'S NO REFUELLING AN ELECTRIC BUS UNLESS YOU PUT IT IN THE STATION, IN A COVERED GARAGE FOR SEVERAL HOURS. THAT, MAYOR, BRINGS UP A NEW ISSUE. NOT NEW BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU'VE BEEN AWARE OF. YOU HAVE A COMMITMENT TO CREATING OR RECOVERING A KILOWATT OF HOUR ELECTRIC ENGINEER FROM RESOURCES THE CITY -- >> YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SPEAK THROUGH TO CHAIR.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR THE REMINDER. DELEGATION ANY QUESTIONS THROUGH THE CHAIR AND RESPONSES, AS WELL.

TERRY WACHNIAK: MY APOLOGIES TO THE CHAIR. I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT IN THE SITUATION LIKE I'M IN HERE NOW THE CHAIR IS BEHIND ME. I DON'T GET TO SEE THE CHAIR OR SPEAK TO THE CHAIR UNLESS I TURN AROUND. I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT TO YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: LOOK AROUND THE CHAMBER AND STILL ADDRESS ME, THANK YOU. >> PLEASE ASSUME ANY DELEGATION SPEAKING IS SPEAKING THROUGH THE CHAIR BECAUSE WE HAPPEN TO BE PHYSICALLY IN FRONT OF THE CHAIR. SO MY APOLOGIES TO BOTH OF YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: TO CLARIFY. JUST TO NOT ADDRESS THE COUNCILLOR DIRECTLY. IT'S MORE JUST SPEAKING TO THE CHAIR.

TERRY WACHNIAK: I DON'T THINK I WAS SPEAKING TO THE MAYOR SPECIFICALLY. I WAS GOING TO REFER TO HIS PROMISE TO CREATE ONE KILO WATT OF HOUR. THEN I WOULD REQUEST THROUGH YOU, I GUESS, THAT THE MAYOR TALK TO THE PREMIER CANOE ABOUT THAT. IN THAT HE IS OR THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA IS TELLING ALL OF US THAT BETWEEN 2027 AND 2030, OUR PROVINCE IS GOING TO BE RUNNING INTO A SITUATION WHERE WE ARE 600 KILOWATTS SHORT OF ELECTRIC POWER IN PEAK

TIMES. SO WHEN WE NEED IT MOST ELECTRICITY IN COLD WEATHER, THE PROVINCE, THE PREMIER IS TELLING US THAT WE WOULD BE IN THE SITUATION OF BUYING AMERICAN POWER TO GET US THROUGH THOSE TIMES AT A VERY EXPENSIVE RATE. WITH THAT IN MIND, KNOWING THAT WE HAVE A MANDATE, AN THAT'S WHAT OUR ADMINISTRATION IS WORKING TOWARDS, A FULLY ELECTRIFIED CITY BY 2045. AND BY 2030, 15% OF OUR TRANSIT FLEET TO BE ELECTRIC, THAT IS COMING RIGHT ON TOP OF AN ENERGY CRISIS IN OUR PROVINCE. WE DON'T HAVE THE ELECTRICITY IN PEAK TIMES AND WE'RE INVESTING TENS AND TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO ELECTRIC BUSES THAT WON'T WORK WHEN WE NEED THEM, WON'T HELP US IN AN EMERGENCY AND WILL ADD TO THE PROBLEM CREATED BY THINGS LIKE HEAT PUMPS THAT REQUIRE ELECTRICITY INSTEAD OF NATURAL GAS.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. WE HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. GO TO QUESTIONS NOW. COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU. THE QUESTION I HAVE IS I GIVE YOU THE TITLE COUNCILLOR BECAUSE I THINK YOU TAKE IT WITH YOU AFTER YOU LEAVE. THE QUESTION I HAVE IS THIS. PUTTING ASIDE THE FACT WE'RE FACING A CLIMATE CRISIS ON THE PLANET AND THAT WE'RE SEEING JURISDICTION, NATION AFTER NATION, NEVER MIND MUNICIPALITIES OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD, MOVING TOWARDS GREEN ENERGY. PUTTING THAT ASIDE. PUTTING ASIDE ALL THE FACTS WE'VE HEARD FROM ALL THE SCIENTISTS. I KNOW THERE ARE SKEPTICS. BUT PRETTY WELL THE EVIDENCE IS OVERWHELMING MOUNTED THAT WE'RE HEADING TOWARD A CLIMATE CRISIS IF WE DO NOT DECREASE OUR AMOUNT OF GREEN HOUSE GASES GOING INTO THE ATMOSPHERE. PUTTING THAT ASIDE. PUTTING ASIDE MANY ADVOCATED INCLUDING MYSELF THAT WE MOVE TWO ELECTRIC BUSES. PUTTING ASIDE THE FACT THOSE BUSES COME FROM THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, MANUFACTURED HERE IN MY WARD, IN TRANSCONA, WITH 1600 EMPLOYEES AND THE TECHNOLOGY, YES, IS NEW. BUT PUTTING ASIDE THE FACT THE CITY SHOULD SUPPORT A LOCAL INDUSTRY ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY TRY TO GET A NEW TECHNOLOGY IN THE MARKET. PUTTING ASIDE ALL THE FACTS, ARE YOU AWARE AND YOU RAISE THE ISSUE OF COST. ARE YOU AWARE WE ARE SAVING IF WE MOVE TO ELECTRIC FLEET MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EVERY YEAR IN FUEL COST THAT WE NOW HAVE TO SPEND, FUEL COSTS FROM THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA. NOT MANITOBA. I PREFER TO KEEP MY DOLLARS HERE. WOULD YOU NOT SUPPORT THAT?

>> THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH WHAT WE THINK IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND WHAT REALITY FORCES US TO DO. WE DON'T HAVE THE ELECTRICITY TO BE AN ELECTRIC CITY. WE DON'T HAVE THE ELECTRICITY TO AVOID RUNNING DIESEL BUSES. WE HAVE, BETWEEN 2027 AND 2030, THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA, I DON'T KNOW WHY IT'S NOT IN YOUR INFORMATION COUNCILLOR. IT SHOULD BE. WE SHOULD ALL KNOW ABOUT THIS IF YOU'RE MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT ELECTRIC BUSES. WE ARE IN AN ENERGY CRISIS. WE WILL -- YOU'RE SHAKING YOUR HEAD BUT I'M TELLING YOU THAT'S WHAT THE PROVINCE IS TELLING ALL OF US. I APOLOGIZE, MADAM CHAIR FOR SPEAKING DIRECTLY TO THE COUNCILLOR THERE. WHEN WE'RE LOOKING AT THIS WE HAVE TO BE THINKING, AS COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS SAID IN THE OPENING PRAYER, ABOUT THE FUTURE. WHAT'S RIGHT FOR THE FUTURE. RIGHT NOW INVESTING IN THE SAME KIND OF THINGS THAT WILL BE A MAJOR DRAIN, A MAJOR ELECTRICAL DRAIN. WE'RE BUILDING BUILDINGS FULL OF ELECTRICAL CHARGING STATIONS THAT CANNOT BE USED WHEN WE NEED THEM MOST. THEY CANNOT BE USED IN THE COLDEST WEATHER. HYDROGEN WE CAN USE ANY TIME. CHARGE UP THE CELLS AND STILL RUN. IT'S MORE EXPENSIVE THAN ELECTRIC BUT AT LEAST IT CAN RUN FOR 24 HOURS. AT THE VERY BEST, EVEN IN THE SUMMERTIME, WE GET 15 HOURS OUT OF AN ELECTRIC BUS. DIESEL BUSES CAN GO 2 OR 3 DAYS WITHOUT FUELLING, BASED ON RUNNING IN OUR WINNIPEG ROUTE SYSTEMS. THEY ARE VERY SAFE. VERY RELIABLE. ELECTRIC BUSES CAN ONLY RUN IN 30% OF OUR BUS ROUTES. THEY CAN ONLY RUN FOR A FRACTION OF THE HOURS OF TIME AND THEY ARE NOT SAFE

WHEN WE NEED THEM IN AN EMERGENCY. COMPOUND THAT WITH THE PROVINCE TELLING US WE'RE IN AN ENERGY CRISIS AT PEAK TIMES. IT'S COMING. THEY ARE BUILDING GAS-FIRED EMERGENCY GENERATORS TO COMPENSATE FOR THAT. WE, AS A CITY COUNCIL, SHOULD BE TALKING TO THE PROVINCE AND SAYING IS THIS THE RIGHT TIME FOR US TO BE RUNNING 15% OF THE CITY ON ELECTRIC BUSES OR SHOULD THAT BE DELAYED UNTIL IT FITS INTO THE BIGGER GRID. MAKING PERSONAL EGO OR -- I WON'T CALL IT EGO BUT CENTRAL IDEAS TO SAY WINNIPEG IS GOING TO BE ELECTRIC. WE'RE GOING TO ELIMINATE NATURAL GAS. WE'RE GOING TO STOP GAS BURNING VEHICLES FROM RUNNING INTO DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG. THOSE YOUR POLICIES. THOSE ARE YOUR POLICIES THAT WE, YOU KNOW THEY ARE NOT REASONABLE ANYMORE. MANY OF THEM HAVE BEEN VOTED DOWN. BUT THE IDEA THAT WE CAN GO AHEAD WITH ELECTRIC BUSES EVEN WHEN THE GRID SAYS WE CAN'T AFFORD MORE ELECTRIC BUSES. THE GRID IS TELLING US THAT. GET THAT INFORMATION BEFORE YOU SPEND THE MONEY. THAT'S WHAT I'M ASKING THIS COUNCIL TO DO. REFER THIS BACK TO COMMITTEE. GET THE RIGHT INFORMATION. KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY WE COULD BE SAVING BY STICKING WITH DIESEL OR DIESEL ELECTRIC AND HAVING RELIABILITY OPPOSED TO GOING ELECTRIC, AT THIS TIME.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT QUESTION. COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: ARE YOU AWARE THAT THE CITY OF WINNIPEG IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MANITOBA. THAT'S 100% THE JURISDICTION OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND IT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE HYDRO IS OPERATING EFFICIENTLY AND MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE FUTURE. WOULD YOU NOT SAY THAT'S CORRECT? HAVE YOU SPOKEN, IN LIGHT OF THAT HAVE YOU SPOKEN TO THE PROVINCE? WRITTEN TO THE PREMIER REQUESTING THIS ISSUE BE ADDRESSED?

>> HAVE YOU ASKED ME IF I'VE DONE THAT?

COUNCILLOR WYATT: YES.

>> NO. BUT I AM INFORMED ENOUGH TO KNOW THE PREMIER OR THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA IS TELLING THIS CITY COUNCIL AND EVERYONE IN WINNIPEG THAT WE ARE NOT ELECTRIC RICH ANYMORE. WE ARE BUILDING MORE DAMS. IT WILL COST MORE TAXPAYER MONEY TO KEEP UP. OUR SURPLUS ENERGY IS CONTRACTED SOUTH TO THE BORDER. WE CAN'T MAKE IT JUST BECAUSE WE NEED IT. IT TAKE YEARS OF CONSTRUCTION. BILLIONS IN INVESTMENTS. THE TIMELINE BETWEEN HOW FAST WE COULD BE RUNNING A FLEET OF ELECTRIC BUSES AND HOW FAST THE ELECTRICITY TO RUN THOSE BUSES CAN BE PUT IN PLACE. THEY HAVE TO COINCIDE. OTHERWISE YOU'RE MAKING PREMATURE, FOOLISH DECISIONS. I REQUEST, GO BACK TO -- SEND THIS BACK TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, GET THE RIGHT INFORMATION, AND COME BACK FORWARD. IF I'M WRONG, IF THE PROVINCE IS GOING TO TELL THE CITY OF WINNIPEG OR THE INFORMATION IS GOING TO TELL THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, NO PROBLEM. PROCEED AHEAD. BUY THOSE NEW FLIER BUSES, BY ALL MEANS. BUT NEW FLIER MAKES DIESEL BUSES LONG BEFORE THEY MADE ELECTRIC ONES.

MADAME SPEAKER: FINAL QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I ASSURE YOU THE PROVINCE DOES MONITOR OUR AGENDA AND ANYTHING ON OUR AGENDA AND IF THERE'S ANY ISSUE WITH THEM WE DEAL WITH IT BY NOW. I CAN ASK YOU THIS. ARE YOU AWARE THAT RIGHT NOW, TODAY, WITHOUT SPENDING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, WITHOUT

YEARS OF CONSTRUCTION, THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA HAS A POWER PLANT AT ITS DISPOSAL. IT'S CHOSEN, OBVIOUSLY, NOT TO START UP AGAIN. IT IS THERE AND OTHER COUNTRIES ARE DOING THAT. THAT IS THE FORMER AECL NEW NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. ARE YOU AWARE THAT ALL THEY WOULD HAVE TO DO IS TURN THE POWER PLANT BACK ON, GIVE PROBLEM HUNDREDS OF NEW JOBS IN TERMS OF SCIENTISTS OR AT LEAST DOZENS IN THE PLANT. GREAT FOR THE TOWN. WHY IS THE PROVINCE NOT DOING THAT? HAVE YOU ASKED THE PREMIER THAT?

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

>> WELL, AS A CITIZEN I APPRECIATE REMINDING -- GETTING REMINDS WE HAVE A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. I'VE BEEN THERE AND TOURED THAT PLANT. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO PUT THAT. BUT THAT'S THE KIND OF DECISION AND DIALOGUE THAT THIS COMMITTEE, THIS COUNCIL SHOULD BE HAVING WITH THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA. AS A CITIZEN, I'M A VOICE IN THE WIND. BUT THIS COUNCIL HAS THE POWER TO MAKE THAT KIND OF DECISION AND ADD THAT TO AT A COMMUNICATION LEVEL TO WHAT THE PROVINCE IS DOING. IT MIGHT SOLVE ALL OUR PROBLEMS. PUT IT -- SEND IT BACK. COME BACK WITH THAT AS AN ASSURANCE THAT OUR ELECTRIC BUSES CAN RUN BUT NUCLEAR POWER. I'M NOT OPPOSED TO THAT.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR THE RESPONSE. SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENTATION TODAY. THANK YOU. HAVE A GOOD DAY. >> THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: WE'LL NOW MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE REPORTS. MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE REPORT. MOVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 TO 8. I WOULD LIKE TO PULL NINE, PLEASE.

MADAME SPEAKER: NINE IS PULLED. SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL OF THE NORTH PORTAGE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND FORKS RENEWAL CORPORATION TO FINANCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. CALL THE QUESTION. ITEM 1 THROUGH 8. ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. CLERK.

MADAME CLERK: ITEM NINE SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL FOR THE NORTH PORTAGE CORPORATION TO FINANCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR INTRODUCE THE ITEM.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU. I WANT TO PULL THIS REPORT TO HIGHLIGHT THE EXCITING NEWS COMING OUT OF RAIL SIDE. I WANT TO COMMEND SARAH AND THEIR ENTIRE TEAM, BOARD CHAIR, THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR THE EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE THERE AT RAIL SIDE. I WANT TO THANK ALL THE DEVELOPERS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THIS INVESTMENT. THIS IS REALLY A COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO SEE HOUSING STARTED ON THE SITES AT RAIL SIDE. IT'S THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE PROVINCE IS ASSISTING, THE CITY IS INVOLVED. THE PRIVATE SECTOR, ALSO. WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT, THE END OF THE DAY, TEN BUILDINGS THAT ARE SET TO BE BUILT THERE. THE FIRST THREE HAVE BEGUN OR ABOUT TO GET UNDERWAY. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS AND I WERE THERE AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN EARLY -- MIDDLE OF JANUARY TO SEE REALLY WHAT WAS THE RIBBON CUTTING. THREE OF THE TEN BUILDINGS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION THAT REPRESENT 350 NEW UNITS OF HOUSING THAT WILL BE BUILT. BY THE TIME IT'S ALL DONE, IN 2040, WE'LL BE LOOKING AT 1200 UNITS OF HOUSING THAT WOULD BE BUILT ON THE SITE. MARKET RENTS AVAILABLE AND ALL THE WAY TO

DEEPLY AFFORDABLE UNIT, AS WELL. THIS IS REALLY, REALLY A PROJECT, A SET OF PROJECTS THAT WILL TRANS FORM THAT SITE AND COMMUNITY. IT'S PART OF THE BROADER EXCITING TRANSFORMATION TAKING PLACE, AN INVESTMENT THAT IS HAPPENING THROUGHOUT OUR DOWNTOWN. I WON'T LIST ALL THE PROJECTS BUT WE AS A COUNCIL HAVE BEEN APPROVING PROJECTS, PARTNERING WITH FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND NONPROFITS TO SEE HOUSING BUILT IN THE DOWNTOWN, WHICH WILL LEAD TO UP TO 5,000 NEW RESIDENTS OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS MOVING INTO DOWNTOWN. A 30% INCREASE IN THE DOWNTOWN POPULATION. THIS IS GOOD NEWS. SOMETHING TO HIGHLIGHT. JUST WANTED TO PULL THE MATTER TO MAKE THOSE POINTS AGAIN. THERE'S A LOT OF REALLY GREAT DEVELOPMENT HAPPENING IN THE DOWNTOWN WHICH WE'LL SEE MORE RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE CORE OF THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. COUNCILLOR WYATT FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: MADAM SPEAKER I LIKE TO SPEAK AND ALSO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THIS CLAUSE. THIS IS A LONG TIME COMING. GLAD TO SEE THE FORKS FINALLY MOVING ON THIS PROJECT. MAKING THIS HAPPEN. IT'S EXCITING TO SEE THE DIFFERENT BUILDINGS. I'VE SEEN SOME OF THE NAMES COMING FORWARD. ONE I THINK IS THE KINK. KIND OF A VERY MUCH MARKETED TOWARD THE YOUNGER CROWD. I CAN TELL YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT THE VIABILITY OF THE FORKS, ONE OF THE BEST PROJECTS EVER SPEARHEADED OUT OF THIS COUNCIL BY FORMER MAYOR NORI, HAS HAD A TRANSFORMATION ON OUR CITY IN MANY WAYS. THE IDEA OF HAVING HUNDREDS OF INDIVIDUALS LIVING AT THE FORKS MAKING FOOT TRAFFIC, VIABILITY OF THE AREA, MAKING IT ATTRACTIVE JUST BY THEIR VERY PRESENCE IS A POSITIVE STEP FOR THE CITY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADD I THINK THE FORKS NEEDS TO PROBABLY LOOK AT OPTIONS IN THE FUTURE. THERE WAS ALSO A PLAN FOR A SECOND PARKADE AT THE FORKS. IT NEVER GOT OFF THE GROUND. PREVIOUS MAYOR WAS OPPOSED TO IT, GLEN MURRAY. I SAY TO YOU VERY MUCH IT'S GOING TO BE IN NEED, I THINK, IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS WE TEND TO -- WE LOOK AT IT AFTER THE FACT. AFTER THE PROBLEM ARISES. BUT IT'S GOING TO BE SOMETHING TO ADDRESS. HAVING SAID THAT THIS IS A WONDERFUL PROJECT. VERY EXCITED ABOUT IT. I THINK IT'S ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNS WILL BE POSITIVE FOR DOWNTOWN. I THANK THE MAYOR FOR COMMENTS AND LOOK FORWARD TO THIS.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: THANK YOU. I WANT TO JOIN EVERYONE IN CELEBRATING THE MOMENT THAT IS THE HOMES THAT ARE GOING TO BE AT RAIL SIDE AT THE FORKS. IN PARTICULAR I WANT TO RECOGNIZE BOARD MEMBERS TIESON, CONNOR LLOYD, SCOTT KITCHING, RON DEFORGES, AND A TRIBUTE TO JENNY WHO FOR 20 YEARS WAS MOVING THE PROJECT FORWARD IN THIS CHAMBER. AND HAD BE IN LOCK STEP WITH THE FORKS. IN SOME CASES, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE DOCTORING THE PROJECTS THROUGH. SHE DID, I THINK, IMPORTANT WORK. NOT ONLY AS THE LOCAL COUNCILLOR BUT ON THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES. THAT PROJECT BRINGS TOGETHER MINISTER OF HOUSING, BERNADETTE SMITH, LOCAL MP, BEN CARR, WHO WAS THERE WITH THE MAYOR AND I LAST WEEK AND COUNTLESS OTHERS. SYLVA PUTTING UP THE FIRST BUILDINGS. TOM JANSON FROM CIVILIANS, SASHA AND MORE HAVE BEEN SURROUNDING THIS PROJECT WITH THE ENERGY THAT ONLY WINNIPEGGERS CAN BRING TO BEAR. MORE SHOPPING, MORE FOOD, MORE ART AND CULTURE, AND MORE PUBLIC SPACES HAS ALWAYS BEEN PART OF THIS WONDERFUL DOWNTOWN NATIONAL PARK. THERE'S GOING TO BE HOUSING, TOO, AND YOU CAN SEE THE CRANE IN THE SKY WAS SO GREAT. THE FORKS RAIL SIDE WILL

DEPEND ON THAT RICHNESS OF DAILY LIFE AT STREET LEVEL. IT WILL BE BUILT, INSPIRED BY THE RIGHTS MUSEUM, THE ARTS AND CULTURAL WE HAVE THERE. THE DAY, MADAM SPEAKER, I WALKED TO NEXT GREAT ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE FORKS. THE GUYS WERE PLAYING ON THE RINK. THE O.D.R. AT THE FORKS. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL MOMENT. THE DOGS WERE WALKING DOWN TO THE RIVER TRAIL. MADAM SPEAKER, IT'S VERY EXCITING PROJECT. IT IS A REMINDER TO -- THAT WE NEED TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM ON THE INVESTMENT ROAD MAP TO THE DOWNTOWN. THIS COUNCIL KNOWS MY FEELINGS WE SHOULD HAVE SEEN INVESTMENTS IN 2026. IT SHOULDN'T WAIT UNTIL 2027. THE AMOUNT OF FOLKS IN THE DOWNTOWN IN OSBORNE, THEY NEED THE CITY TO WORK WITH THAT TO LIVE AND PLAY, MADAM SPEAKER. IT'S A GREAT ANNOUNCEMENT. WE'LL KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING AND NICE TO HEAR THE POSITIVE WORDS TODAY.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, MR. MAYOR BACK TO YOU TO CLOSE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: CALL THE QUESTION.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR OF ITEM NINE? CONTRARY. CARRIED. NOTICE OF MOTION MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DOBSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MAYES REGARDING FUNDING FOR THE STURGEON HEIGHT COLLEGIATE RUNNING TRACK PROJECT FOR THE DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING. COUNCILLOR DOBSON.

COUNCILLOR DOBSON: COUNCILLORS HAVE IN THE PAST FUNDED RUNNING TRACK RENEWAL PROJECTS FOR SCHOOL DIVISIONS, WINNIPEG, TRANSCONA. COUNCIL SUPPORTED UPGRADING TRACKS IN 4 OR 5 COMMUNITY COMMITTEES. THE RUNNING TRACK AT STURGEON HEIGHTS WILL BE THE FIFTH SCHOOL DIVISION WITH SUPPORT FROM THE CITY AND WILL ALSO BE THE FIFTH AND FINAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE WITH SUPPORT FROM THE CITY FOR UPGRADED TRACK. AS A CITY COUNCILLOR FOR ST. JAMES, I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION TO PROVIDE THE ST. JAMES SCHOOL DIVISION, AS WELL AS, RESIDENCE IN WEST WINNIPEG, WITH ACCESS TO A GREAT EXPERIENCE ON A SOFTER TRACK. IT WILL PROVIDE SAFETY FOR OUR ATHLETES, AS WELL AS, OUR RESIDENTS. BY PROVIDING SHOCK ABSORPTION AND REDUCING THE IMPACT ON ATHLETES BODIES AS WELL AS SLIP RESISTANCE FOR THOSE USING THE RUNNING TRACK. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I DON'T NEED NOTES TO SPEAK TO THIS ONE. THANKS VERY MUCH, COUNCILLOR DOBSON FOR WORKING WITH ME. I DON'T THINK WE'VE HAD A PROJECT TOGETHER IN OUR MANY SHARED YEARS. PLEASED TO WORK WITH HIM ON THIS ONE. STRAIGHTFORWARD MOTION. SURPLUS FUND LEFT OVER FROM SIX YEARS AGO FROM PARKS PROJECT. LONG EXPLANATION IN MY WARD. THANKS TO MIKE FOR SPOTTING THERE WAS A SURPLUS AND I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE IT TO COUNCILLOR DOBSON'S WARD. I HAVE PUT SOME OF MY COMMUNITIES FUNDING IN. COUNCILLOR DOBSON HAS PUT IN HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TOWARD THIS PROJECT. SOME OF THE PEOPLE AROUND THIS TABLE SAID, WELL GET THE SCHOOL DIVISION TO PUT IN. WE ARE GETTING THE SCHOOL DIVISION TO PUT IN OR THIS ISN'T GOING FORWARD. IT'S ABOUT A MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT. IT BUILDS ON THE WORK WE'VE DONE IN OTHER WARDS. MADAM SPEAKER, YOU AND I COLLABORATED ON THE ONE WITH SEVEN OAK SCHOOL DIVISION. THAT USED SURPLUS FUNDING, AS WELL. COUNCILLOR BROWATY AND COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS AND I COLLABORATED ON RIVER EAST. COUNCILLOR ALLARD AND I HAVE DONE A COUPLE. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW AND I PUT SOME WARD MONEY IN FOR GRANT PARK. I THINK IF YOU LOOK AT A MAP TO HAVE CITY OF WINNIPEG WHERE THE

TRACKS ARE, YOU WOULD SAY YEAH. YOU NEED ONE IN THE WEST UNLESS YOU'RE COUNCILLOR WYATT WHERE YOU SEE WE NEED ONE IN TRANSCONA BEFORE THE WEST. HOPEFULLY WE GET THAT WARD AFTER WE DO THIS ONE. SOME MIGHT SAY WHY AREN'T YOU DOING IT ON THE CITY PROPERTY? THE CITY PARK STAFF HAVE BEEN ADAMANT THEY DON'T WANT TO MODERNIZE OR UPGRADE THE CITY RUNNING TRACKS. THEY SAW OVER THE ONE AT THE ARENA COUNCILLOR ALLARD'S WARD. GOOD COLLABORATION. THE MAYOR TALKED ABOUT COLLABORATION AT THE EVENT THE OTHER DAY AT CITY HALL. IT'S GOOD COLLABORATION WITH SCHOOL DIVISION AND IF NECESSARY, IF THE SCHOOL DIVISION GETS MONEY FROM THE PROVINCE EVEN BETTER. IT DOES REFLECT HOW WE'VE BEEN APPROACHING THESE THE PAST NUMBER OF YEARS. IT IS THE ONLY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE WE HAVEN'T DONE ONE OF THESE PROJECTS. I LOOK FORWARD TO OPENING THIS UP WITH COUNCILLOR DOBSON IN HIS WARD THIS YEAR OR NEXT YEAR AND INVITE EVERYBODY AND WE CAN RUN THE CEREMONIAL LAP TOGETHER. WITH THIS AND ONE MORE GRANT FROM ME WE'RE UP TO 600,000 WE NEED OUT OF THE CITY AND THE PARTNERS HAVE TO COME UP WITH THE REST. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: MADAM SPEAKER, I STAND TO RISE. I KNOW THAT COUNCILLOR MAYES AND I SEE COUNCILLOR DOBSON, BUT COUNCILLOR MAYES IS A STRONG ADVOCATE OF THE TRACKS AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS. I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR MAYES FOR INVITING ME TO THE OPENING OF A TRACK. IT WASN'T IN MY WARD BUT A SCHOOL THAT SERVICES PART OF MY WARD IN WINDSOR PARK. I HAVE TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I'M SOMEWHAT UNCOMFORTABLE IN TWO REGARDS. NUMBER ONE, I DON'T LIKE -- I CALL IT JUMPING ON THE COAT TAILS. I DON'T LIKE JUMPING ON COAT TAILS ESPECIALLY, I GUESS, WHERE I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE ABILITY OF MAKING THAT PROJECT UNDERWAY AT THE SCHOOL. JUST THERE FOR IF PHOTO OP. I HAVE AVOIDED THAT MY ENTIRE POLITICAL CAREER. IF I HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE PROJECT I'LL COME AND BE PART OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT. IF I HAD NOTHING WHAT'S THE POINT. THAT'S OPTICS, WE CALL THAT. ANYWAY, THAT WAS PART OF IT. THE OTHER PART THAT MADE ME UNCOMFORTABLE IS SEEING COUNCILLOR MAYES IN SHORTS RUNNING AROUND THE TRACK. PUTTING THAT ASIDE IT WAS A FUN DAY. CONGRATULATE THE COUNCILLOR. I WANT TO POINT OUT IT IS CRUCIAL, MADAM SPEAKER, THE SCHOOL DIVISIONS, WHICH WE'RE DOWNING THIS AS COUNCILLOR MAYES POINTS OUT. IN TRANSCONA, I DON'T KNOW IF SHE'S HE'S AWARE OF THIS. THE DIVISION WHEN IT'S THE ORIGINAL DIVISION OF TRANSCONA SPRINGFIELD, FOR WHATEVER REASON VIRTUALLY EVERY SCHOOL IN THE WARD. THE LAND WHERE THE SCHOOL IS SCHOOL LAND AND YOU STEP A FOOT OUTSIDE AND IT'S CITY OF WINNIPEG PARKLAND. IT MAKES IT A CHALLENGE BECAUSE TO BRING THE SCHOOL DIVISION TO THE TABLE, PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS, IT'S EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. I'VE FOUND IT IN MY DIVISION. HAVING SAID THAT, THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT IS WELCOME TO SEE THE PROVINCE AND SCHOOL DIVISION STEP UP. THESE FACILITIES ARE NOT CHEAP TO BUILD. THEY ARE WONDERFUL TO HAVE BUT THE TECHNOLOGY USED NOW IS NOT JUST GRAVEL TRACK BUT THE TIME OF COMPOSITE USED IS AT THE HIGHER END AND WE'LL SEE HOW LONG IT LASTS. I UNDERSTAND IT LASTS A LONG TIME. THE KEY IS GETTING THEIR FUNDING IN PLACE, AS WELL. I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION AND THANK COUNCILLOR MAYES. HOPEFULLY WE CAN SEE SOME PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. IT WOULD BE NICE RATHER THAN DOING THE ONE OFF, IF I ADD THIS, WE OFTEN WILL CREATE A PROGRAM AROUND THESE. IF THIS IS A HIGH CONCERN TO COUNCIL, YOU KNOW, TO CREATE A PROGRAM THAT WOULD BE SOMEWHAT ORGANIZED AND STRATEGIC BASED ON NEEDS. IF THERE IS A NEED FOR THIS IN THE CITY. THEN DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THERE SHOULD BE A CAPITAL LINE ITEM IN THE BUDGET FOR THIS PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM SPEAKER. FIRST OFF I WANTED TO COMMEND COUNCILLOR MAYES FOR THIS INITIATIVE. NOT JUST IN THE ST. JAMES WARD IN WEST WINNIPEG BUT THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. CLEARLY AN INITIATIVE THAT HE LOOKS TO SEE THROUGH TO GET INTO EVERY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE AND HOPEFULLY EVERY NEIGHBOURHOOD. IT'S ALWAYS WELCOME THESE TYPES OF INVESTMENTS IN RECREATION AMENITIES. HE HAS A GREAT PARTNER IN COUNCILLOR DOBSON FOR THIS TYPE OF THING. HOWEVER, I DO HAVE TO RAIN ON THE PARADE A LITTLE BIT. AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE HAVE CITY RESOURCES THAT ARE DILAPIDATED. I DO UNDERSTAND THAT THE CITY BUREAUCRATS WITHIN THESE DEPARTMENTS HAVE THEIR OWN PRIORITIES. AT SOME POINT IN TIME, COUNCILLOR WYATT HAS PREACHED THIS, WE NEED TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE SHIP YET AGAIN AND DIRECT THEM ON WHAT WE WANT NOT WHAT THEY WANT. THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE. IF WE, AS A COUNCIL, WANT RUNNING TRACKS THROUGH THE CITY OF WINNIPEG THEN WE NEED TO TELL THEM THAT'S WHAT WE WANT. EVEN THOUGH THERE'S A PUSHBACK AND THEY SAY WE DON'T WANT THAT. WE WANT THIS. WE WANT INVESTMENT HERE. WELL THAT'S TOO BAD. COUNCIL IS SUPREME. IN REGARDS TO THIS FUNDING, THE 92,000 AND CHANGE, ALMOST $93,000. THIS WAS FOR GOLF LANDS REPURPOSING. CONVENIENTLY ENOUGH THE CITY OF WINNIPEG ENTERED INTO A TAKE OVER AND OPERATIONS OF THE CANOE CLUB GOLF COURSE. IT ONE FITTING MONEY ASSOCIATED WITH REPURPOSING MIGHT GO FORWARDS THAT INVESTMENT. THAT, AGAIN, CONVENIENTLY HAS SEEN A PROFIT TO THE CITY OF WINNIPEG IN THE LAST FEW YEARS SINCE THE PANDEMIC. HOWEVER, AGAIN, BECAUSE THE CITY OF WINNIPEG BUREAUCRATS CHOOSE TO IDENTIFY THEIR PROJECTS AS PRIORITY OVER COUNCIL'S PROJECTS AS PRIORITY, WE WON'T SEE THAT MONEY GO TOWARDS THINGS WE'RE INTERESTED IN. WE'RE GOING TO SEE IT GO TOWARDS WHOEVER JUMPS ON IT FIRST AND IDENTIFIES A PROJECT OF THEIR CHOOSING. IT'S NO CRITICISM OF COUNCILLOR MAYES, IN THIS CASE. IT'S A GREAT PROJECT. IT WOULD JUST BE NICE THAT AFTER THE SINGLE LARGEST TAX INCREASE BY THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA AND THEIR SCHOOL DIVISIONS, THAT WE TAKE THE HEAT FOR AS COUNCIL, WE AS COUNCILLORS TAKE THE HEAT FOR BECAUSE IT'S ON A CITY OF WINNIPEG PROPERTY TAX BILL THAT COMES TO THEM. THAT WE TURN AROUND AND SAY TO THEM, YOU INVEST IN RECREATION AMENITIES ON YOUR PROPERTIES AND DON'T CALL ON US TO DO IT. HOWEVER, IF THIS COUNCIL SO CHOOSES WE REINFORCE THAT, YES, WE ARE WILLING PARTICIPANTS AND PARTNERS IN THIS BUT DON'T CRY THE NEXT TIME A RESIDENT CALLS YOU AND SAYS, THANKS FOR INCREASING MY PROPERTY TAXES. GUESS WHAT? YOU'RE NOT HOLDING THE SCHOOL DIVISIONS ACCOUNTABLE. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN. FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: YES, MADAM SPEAKER. I'M GOING TO BE SUPPORTING THIS MOTION. MY WARD ALSO UNDERSTANDS THE DIFFICULTY IN WORKING ON PROVIDING SOME KIND OF RECREATION PLAY STRUCTURES OR RUNNING TRACKS ON SCHOOLYARDS IN OUR AREA. ONE OF THE REALITIES -- WELL, VERY OFTEN I'M NOT SEEING PROJECTS IN MY WARD, DEPENDING ON THE SCHOOL DIVISION, PUTTING THEIR OWN SCHOOL DIVISION TAX DOLLARS INTO SOME OF THESE STRUCTURES. WHICH IS A DIFFICULTY. THEY DO HAVE A -- EACH SCHOOL DIVISION DOES RIGHT NOW UNDER LEGISLATION HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO THEIR OWN TAXING. WHAT I WILL POINT OUT, MADAM SPEAKER, AND THIS OCCURS ALL OVER THE PLACE. ALL OVER THE CITY. THE GROUNDS OF A SCHOOL WHERE YOU HAVE VARIOUS FACILITIES TO PLAY IS FOR ALL THE RESIDENTS. IF THE SCHOOL IS NOT USING IT PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE AREA WILL BE USING IT. THERE'S A SMALL LITTLE RUDIMENTARY RUNNING TRACK IN MY WARD. IT WAS FUNDED THROUGH PROVINCIAL GRANT AND THE CITY OF WINNIPEG L.D.R. GRANT TO THE SCHOOL. IN

ORDER TO DO THAT, IT'S NOT A PROFESSIONAL RUNNING TRACK OR ANYTHING, BUT IT IS USABLE BY THE PEOPLE IN BOTH OUR WARDS, MADAM SPEAKER. THAT'S RIGHT AT THE BOUNDARY OF OLD KILDONAN AND THE MYNARSKI WARDS. THESE PROJECTS ARE IMPORTANT AND ONE OF THE THINGS I THINK I MAY HAVE HEARD AND I'M NOT SURE, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE THE ST. JAMES SCHOOL DIVISION, MADAM SPEAKER, IS PUTTING IN SOME OF THEIR OWN -- AT STURGEON HEIGHTS IS PUTTING IN SOME OF THEIR OWN DOLLARS OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS. IF SOMEONE WANTS TO CLARIFY FOR ME WHEN THEY CLOSE. I THINK THAT'S A GOOD THING. THAT MEANS THE SCHOOL DIVISION ITSELF AND THE SCHOOL APPRECIATE THAT WHATEVER THEY HAVE IN THEIR OUTDOORS IS AVAILABLE TO THE NEIGHBOURHOODS AROUND IT. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, IF ANY. MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I'M CALLING UPON SCHOOL DIVISIONS TO FUND THEIR FACILITIES, THEIR RECOMMENDTIES, PLAYGROUNDS. TO COUNCILLOR DUNCAN'S POINT, THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAXES RELATED TO SCHOOL DIVISIONS AND THEY'VE RAISED SIGNIFICANT REVENUE. THEY HAVE THE REASONS FOR RAISING THE REVENUE BUT IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL DIVISIONS TO STEP UP AND FUND THEIR ASSETS.

MADAME SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? SEEING NONE COUNCILLOR DOBSON DO YOU WISH TO CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR DOBSON: YEAH. I UNDERSTAND WHERE EVERYONE IS COMING FROM BUT THIS IS A FACILITY THAT IS AVAILABLE TO EVERYBODY IN ST. JAMES. WHETHER THE SCHOOL DIVISION FUND IT OR WHETHER THE CITY FUND IT I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT FOR THE RESIDENTS IN ST. JAMES THAT THERE IS A TRACK THAT THEY CAN GO TO THAT IS EASY TO USE, SOFT ON THEIR FEET, EASY TO RUN. THE FACT THAT THE SCHOOL DIVISION IS GOING TO PUT UP A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY TO DO IT, I THINK THIS IS THE PROJECT THAT SHOULD GO FORWARD.

MADAME SPEAKER: WITH THAT I'LL CALL THE QUESTION ON THIS. ALL IN FAVOUR PLEASE RISE.

MADAME CLERK: MAYOR, COUNCILLOR ALLARD, COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, COUNCILLOR DOBSON, COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD, COUNCILLOR EADIE, COUNCILLOR GILROY, COUNCILLOR MAYES, COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, COUNCILLOR SANTOS, COUNCILLOR WYATT.

MADAME SPEAKER: OPPOSED PLEASE RISE.

MADAME CLERK: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN, COUNCILLOR LUKES, AND MADAM SPEAKER.

MR. CLERK: YEAS 11 AND NAYS THREE.

MADAME SPEAKER: NOTICE OF MOTION IS PASSED. NEXT WE HAVE A NOTICE OF MOTION MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WYATT, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW REGARDING THE NORTH AMERICAN STRATEGY FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND THE RED RIVER BASIN.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: MY SECOND IS NOT PRESENT THEREFORE THE MATTER CAN'T BE. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE, I UNDERSTAND COUNCILLOR BROWATY IS AT THE RED RIVER BASIN ON THIS THING. I JUST WANT

TO SAY, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE SUSPENSION OF THE RULES TO ALLOW US TO DISCUSS THIS NOW. I THINK IT'S PER INNOCENT INNOCENT. THE TIMING IS GOOD AND ANY MONEY SPENT ON THESE THINGS IS QUESTIONABLE. I REQUEST THAT. IF WE DON'T SUSPEND THE RULES NOW IT WILL COME BACK, JUST SO YOU KNOW, IN FEBRUARY. I AM REQUESTING SUSPENSION OF THE RULES. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: IT IS AN ORDER. I'M JUST CLARIFYING WITH THE CLERK. I BELIEVE THAT'S AN ORDER IF YOUR SECONDARY ISN'T HERE YOU CAN ASK FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES. OKAY TO HEAR IT TODAY? NOTICE OF MOTION. IT'S ON THE COUNCIL AGENDA FROM LAST MONTH. CLERK, GO AHEAD.

MADAME CLERK: SO THE MOTION BEFORE COUNCIL IS MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WYATT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW IS NOT PRESENT AS A RESULT THE MOTION CANNOT BE CONSIDERED TODAY BECAUSE SECTION 19 OF THE PROCEDURE BYLAW REQUIRE ALL MOTIONS SHALL BE IN WRITING AND SECONDED. SO THE SECONDER IS NOT PRESENT. COUNCILLOR WYATT IS PROPOSING RULE 19 BE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE MOTION TODAY.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JUST CLARIFICATION ON THIS. THE MOVE TO SUSPEND THE RULES IS TO DEBATE THE TOPIC BUT NO VOTE ON IT OR DEBATING AND VOTING TODAY?

MADAME CLERK: THE MOTION IS, I BELIEVE COUNCILLOR WYATT IS TO SUSPEND -- SECTION 19 OF THE PROCEDURE BYLAW REQUIRING A SECONDER. COUNCIL WOULD CONSIDER WITHOUT A SECONDER.

MADAME SPEAKER: WE ARE SUSPENDED THE RULES HE WANTS TO PROCEED WITH DEBATING TODAY. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: I WON'T BE SUPPORTING.

MADAME SPEAKER: THAT'S FINE. STAND UP OR SIT DOWN IN IF VOTE IS CALLED. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: I AM THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR RED RIVER.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WITH THAT THERE IS THE REQUEST ON THE FLOOR, AN ORDER. I'LL CALL FOR THE QUESTION TON SUSPENSION OF THE RULES SO WE CAN PROCEED WITH DEBATING THE ITEM TODAY. ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY? ALL IN FAVOUR PLEASE RISE.

MADAME CLERK: MAYOR GILLINGHAM, COUNCILLOR ALLARD, COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, COUNCILLOR DOBSON, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN, COUNCILLOR EADIE, COUNCILLOR LUKES, COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, COUNCILLOR SANTOS, COUNCILLOR WYATT, AND MADAM SPEAKER SHARMA.

MADAME SPEAKER: OPPOSED PLEASE RISE.

MADAME CLERK: COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD, COUNCILLOR GILROY, AND COUNCILLOR MAYES.

MR. CLERK: MADAM SPEAKER, YEAS 11 AND NAYS THREE.

MADAME SPEAKER: REPEAT THAT.

MR. CLERK: YEAS 11 AND NAYS THREE.

MADAME SPEAKER: WE'LL PROVIDE. COUNCILLOR WYATT TO INTRODUCE.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. FOR THOSE WHO WATCH ON TV AND MAY NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE AGENDA. I WANT TO READ THE MOTION AND THAT WOULD SUMMATE MY COMMENTS. I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW FOR SECONDING THIS. HE'S NOT HERE BUT STILL THANK HIM. WHEREAS CANADIANS STANDING STRONG AND SAYING NO TO VOLUNTARY EMBARGO ON PERSONAL AND BUSINESS TRAVEL INTO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SINCE COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP WHO CALLED FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CANADA TO MAKE CANADA THE 51ST STATE OF THE USA. THE CAPABLE PEOPLE IMPLEMENTED THEIR OWN BAN ON TRAVEL INTO AMERICA, ALSO DUE TO THE CANADIAN ECONOMY BEING DRAMATICALLY AND NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY PRESIDENT TRUMP'S DECISION TO ABANDON OUR HISTORIC RELATIONSHIP INCLUDING FOR ALL INTENSIVE PURPOSES ATTACKING THE FABRIC AND SPIRIT OF ALL TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES, BOTH BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT, AND MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS CANADA, MEXICO AND U.S. FREE RAID AGREEMENTS BY PLACING TARIFFS ON CANADIAN MADE GOODS IN ATTEMPT TO DRIVE UP THE COST OF GOODS PRODUCED IN CANADA AND SUPPLIED TO THE AMERICAN CONSUMER. WHEREAS, WINNIPEG CITY COUNCIL HAS BEEN OUT OF STEP WITH THE CANADIAN PEOPLE AS COUNCIL CONTINUES ITS MEMBERSHIP WITHIN THE AMERICAN FREE TRADE ORGANIZATION KNOWN BY THE NORTH AMERICAN STRATEGY FOR COMPETITIVE BASED IN DALLAS TEXAS AND COSTS THE CITY OF WINNIPEG A MINIMUM OF $30,000 A YEAR MEMBERSHIP COST AND RELATED TRAVEL COSTS AND EXPENSES RELATING TO THE COUNCILLOR APPOINTED TO THE NASCO COMMITTEE, COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS. AND THE CITY OF WINNIPEG IS A MEMBER OF THE RED RIVER BASIN COMMISSION INVOLVING THE RATE PAYER, WINNIPEG HAVING TO PAY FOR REPRESENTATIVES, NAMELY, I APOLOGIZE TO COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, IN THAT SENSE THE MOTION IS NOT COUNCILLOR BROWATY FOR TRIPS WITHIN THE STATES, WITHIN THE USA SOUTH OF THE MANITOBA BORDER, AGAIN, REPRESENTING AN INSULT TO ALL THE HARD WORKING CANADIANS WHO IMPLEMENTED THEIR OWN EMBARGO ON THE TRAVEL OF THE UNITED STATES. IMMEDIATE CANCELLED WINNIPEG CITY COUNCIL. WINNIPEG CITY COUNCIL CEASE COMPENSATING FOR ANY AND ALL TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED FOR TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES. PROPER OFFICERS OF THE CITY BE AUTHORIZED. WE'RE NOT CALLING FOR CANCELLATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE RED RIVER BASIN. IT'S NOT CALLING FOR THAT. I SEE THE VIABILITY OF THE COMMISSION AND ANY KIND OF RELATION, ANY TRAVEL GOING ON WITH REGARD TO THE RED RIVER BASIN COMMISSION INSIDE THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA. I DON'T SEE ANY ISSUE WITH THAT, MADAM SPEAKER. THE TRAVEL INTO THE UNITED STATES. I WANT TO MAKE A POINT THAT WE'RE NOT SAYING PULLING OUT OF THE ENTIRE COMMISSION WHEN IT COMES TO THE RED RIVER VALLEY BASIN COMMISSION. THE WORK IT DOES IS WORTHWHILE AND IS IMPORTANT WITH WATER SHED ISSUES AND FUTURE OF LAKE WINNIPEG AND ALL THE WORK I KNOW THE MAYOR IS DOING IN RELATION TO TREATMENT PLANT. THEREFORE THE MOTION WAS WRITTEN IN THIS MANNER. SECONDLY I WOULD LIKE TO PERSONALLY ADD AS A MEMBER OF COUNCIL THAT HAS SERVED ON NASC AND THANK THE MAYOR FOR PREVIOUS APPOINTMENT TO THAT. IT'S A GREAT ORGANIZATION. THIS IS NOT A COMMENT ON N/ASCO. THE PEOPLE ARE AMAZING I. WANT THE MAKE THAT VERY CLEAR. WHAT'S VERY

UNFORTUNATE, MADAM SPEAKER, AND I THINK MANY CANADIANS SHARE THIS IS WHAT'S OCCURRING SOUTH OF THE BORDER AND COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT. I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD LIVE TO SEE A PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES POSSIBLY THREATENING THE CANCELLATION OF THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT THE AMERICANS PUSHED FOR, BUT THE AMERICANS WANTED TO SEE WITH CANADA AND LATER WITH MEXICO. I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT MAYBE IT COME OUT OF CANADA IN THE FUTURE IF A CERTAINLY POLITICAL SEPARATE ELECTED FEDERALLY OR MEXICO BUT NEVER THE UNITED STATES. WHO IS THE WINNING PARTNER IN THAT AGREEMENT. I WAS NOT A FAN IN 1988. CAMPAIGNED AGAINST, WITH ALL MY FELLOW STUDENTS STRONGLY, THE GREAT 88 DEBATE. IT WAS A DEBATE AGAINST MULRONEY, TURNER, BROADMAN DIDN'T MAKE AN ISSUE. IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE GOVERNOR OF CANADA AND CHOSE NOT TO AND DROPPED THE BALL ON THAT. I TELL YOU WHAT, MADAM SPEAKER. I REMEMBER AS A STUDENT STANDING WITH OTHER STUDENTS OUTSIDE THE FAIRMONT AND WE ROCKED HIS CAR OUTSIDE. RIGHT UP WITH THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE SIDE AND LATER FOLLOWED HIM -- WE WERE STUDENTS. FOLLOWED HIM TO THE THEN CROWN PLAZA HOTEL AND WE HECKLED HIM. WE WERE PASSIONATE ABOUT THE COUNTRY. WE GATHERED IN THE HALL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG AND TALKED ABOUT WHICH COUNTRY WE'RE MOVING TO BECAUSE WE FELT VERY SAD AND DEPRESSED ABOUT THE FACT WHERE OUR COUNTRY WAS GOING. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THIS FOR THE RECORD, MADAM SPEAKER. I DON'T NECESSARILY THINK WE WERE NECESSARILY THAT WRONG. IN THE SENSE THAT SINCE THAT TIME, INDUSTRY AFTER INDUSTRY IN THIS COUNTRY HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY FREE TRADE NEGATIVELY. FOLLOWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT, THE ENTIRE ONTARIO ECONOMY TANKED INTO A RECESSION. IT TRIGGERED A RECESSION BECAUSE OF THE CLOSING OF ABOUT 400,000 JOBS BECAUSE OF THE CLOSING OF BRANCH PLANTS, WHICH NOBODY CALCULATED OR PREPARED FOR, BY THE WAY. WHICH TRIGGERED THE REST OF THE COUNTRY TO GO INTO A RECESSION. A RECESSION THAT WAS SO DEEP AND PROFOUND THAT LASTED FIVE YEARS IN THIS COUNTRY. AND AFFECTED MANITOBA DRAMATICALLY. WE WERE THE LAST IN THE RECESSION BUT THE LAST TO COME OUT ABOUT 1995 OR 1996. IT AFFECTED WORKING FAMILIES WHO TOOK IT ON THE CHIN. FAR LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE INDUSTRY, ALTHOUGH THEY DID VERY WELL, BY THE WAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, WOULD BE ABLE TO OPEN UP PLANTS IN MEXICO. CUT LABOUR COSTS DRAMATICALLY, LAYOFF WORKERS IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES TO DO SO. I WANT TO SAY, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT THERE ARE PARTS OF THE TRUMP AGENDA WHICH I DON'T NECESSARILY DISAGREE WITH. I WANT TO THANK PRESIDENT TRUMP, IN THIS SENSE, OF HAVING WOKEN UP THIS NATION TO REALIZE THAT WE CAN BE A NATION AGAIN AND THAT WE CAN MAKE OUR OWN GOODS HERE AND WE SHOULD HAVE OUR OWN INDEPENDENT INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY, AN ECONOMIC STRATEGY, A NOVEL IDEA FOR THIS COUNTRY. AFTER WORLD WAR II, UP UNTIL THEN WE RIDDEN ON THE COAT TAILS ECONOMICALLY OF TRADE TIDE TO GREAT BRITAIN AND THE EMPIRE. WHAT WE DID AFTER WORLD WAR II IS HOWELL MOVED US ONTO A POLICY, THE GREAT CANADIAN ORBING STRAY TOR OF THE NEW CANADIAN ECONOMY, MOVING US INTO THE ECONOMY OF JUMPING ON THE COAT TAILS OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY FROM ONE GIANT TO THE NEXT. WE'RE ON IT AGAIN. JUMPING ON THE COAT TAILS OF THE CHINESE EMPIRE. THAT'S CANADIAN FOREIGN POLICY. I COME BACK TO THE MOTION, MADAM SPEAKER. CANADIANS TODAY HAVE SAID OVERWHELMINGLY THEY ARE NOT TRAVELLING TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS NOT MANDATED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN CANADA OR ANY GOVERNMENT. CANADIANS ARE VOLUNTARILY DOING THIS OF THEIR OWN WILL. I THINK IT SPEAKS VOLUMES TO THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY THAT SAYS NATIONAL PRIDE THAT THEY ARE STANDING UP TO WHO THEY SEE REALLY OPERATING IN THE WORLD SEEN TODAY USING THE PHILOSOPHY THAT OUR HOPE WAS STUCK IN THE 19TH CENTURY. THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE POWER OF THE BIG MAN ON THE BLOCK. THE BULLY, RIGHT. THE GREAT POWER THAT CAN USE GUN BOAT DIPLOMACY. I THOUGHT THAT AGE WAS OVER, MADAM SPEAKER, AND THAT WE CAME -- PARTLY BECAUSE WE WENT THROUGH TWO WORLD WARS. WE DROPPED TWO NUCLEAR BOMBS. WE CREATED THE UNITED NATION AND

INTERNATIONAL PEACE KEEPERS, THIS FRAMEWORK TO MAINTAIN WORLD PEACE AND WE HAVE SOMEBODY IN THE WHITE HOUSE THAT WANTS TO TEAR IT DOWN AND GOD KNOWS WHAT IS REPLACED WITH IT. BASICALLY, YOU'RE GOING BACK TO THE ORIGINAL VERSION OF WHAT WE SAW THAT LED TO THE TWO WARS OVER THE LAST CENTURY. MADAM SPEAKER, CANADIANS ARE STANDING UP TO THAT. THEY ARE SAYING NO TO THAT AGENDA. NOT IT ONLY A QUESTION OF NATIONAL PRIDE, THEY SEE THE TERRIBLE RESULTS OF AND DIVISIONS IN THAT COUNTRY. I PRAY, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT IT'S A WARNING TO US THAT WE AS A DEMOCRACY CAN EASILY SEE OUR INSTITUTIONS BE ERODED LIKE THIS. ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO THE INFLUENCE OF MONEY AND MONEY IN RELATION TO THE POLITICAL ARM OF OUR SOCIETY. I THINK THAT'S WHERE THE UNITED STATES HAS GONE WRONG. ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO ADD. WHEN I WAS ON NASCO AND HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO WASHINGTON. IT WAS AMAZING TO SEE A CITY THAT WAS PLANNED AT A TIME WHEN THEY WERE NOT IN A GREAT POWER BUT IF THEY KNEW THEY WOULD BECOME A GREAT POWER. I HAVE THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THEY ARE AN AMAZING PEOPLE. I HAVE FRIENDS DOWN THERE. I FEEL SO SORRY FOR WHAT THEY ARE GOING THROUGH. THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. WHEN I WAS IN WASHINGTON, MADAM SPEAKER, IT WAS SAD BECAUSE THE PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THEY KNEW WHAT THE PROBLEM IS. THEY KNOW WHAT IT IS. THEY KNOW THEIR SYSTEM IS TAKEN OVER BY THE POWER OF THE CORPORATION AND BIG MONEY. THEY'VE GONE FROM BEING A DEMOCRACY NATIONALLY TO BASICALLY NOW AN OLIGARCHY, CONTROLLED BY BILLIONAIRES AND THEIR FRIENDS IN ELECTED OFFICE. THEY KNOW THIS IS THE PROBLEM AND FEEL POWERLESS TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT. IT WAS EXTREMELY, YOU KNOW WE TALKED ABOUT IT MANY TIMES, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAME SPEAKER: READY FOR OTHER SPEAKERS.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: WE STAND BY THE CANADIAN PEOPLE AND IT GETS PASSED TODAY.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WYATT. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS FOLLOWED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: MADAM SPEAKER, SUSPENDED TRAVEL TO UNITED STATES RIGHT NOW IS THE WRONG RESPONSE TO A VERY SERIOUS MOMENT. IT MAY FEEL RIGHTEOUS AND SATISFYING BUT IT IS NOT STRATEGIC. IT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE. IT IS ACTIVELY UNDERMINING THE WORK THAT ACTUALLY PROTECTS OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR ECONOMY AND OUR DEMOCRATIC VALUES. THIS IS NOT A TIME FOR WITHDRAW, MADAM SPEAKER. THIS IS A TIME FOR ENGAGEMENT. HARD, DISCIPLINED, EYES OPEN DIPLOMACY AND ENGAGEMENT. DECISIONS MADE IN WASHINGTON AND STATE CAPITALS AND CITY HALLS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES DIRECTLY AFFECT BORDER COMMUNITIES. TRADE CORRIDOR, PUBLIC SAFETY, CLIMATE ACTION, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE. PRETENDING OTHERWISE IGNORES OUR FAMILIES RELATIONSHIP, OUR KINSHIP RELATIONSHIPS, PRETENDING OTHERWISE, MADAM SPEAKER, DOES NOT MAKE US SAFER. IT MAKES US IRRELEVANT POPULOUS. SOMETHING I'M TRYING TO FIGHT WITH EVERY STEP I TAKE AND EVERY MOVE I MAKE. I HAVE SPENT YEARS BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND, MADAM SPEAKER, SO HAS MAYOR GILLINGHAM. IT IS TIME THIS CHAMBER ACTUALLY KNOWS THE THERAPEUTIC BROTHERHOOD AND SISTERHOOD MAYOR GILLINGHAM HAS MADE AND IT IS TIME THAT STOREY IS TOLD IF TO ONLY EDUCATE NAIVE EARS, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT COLLABORATION IS NO LONGER NEEDED. CITY MANAGERS, HOUSE LEADER, HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES, MADAM SPEAKER, ACROSS THE UNITED STATES HAVE REACHED OUT AND I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF PRESENTING ALONGSIDE OF THEM AND MEETING THEM. THOSE RELATIONSHIPS MATTER,

MADAM SPEAKER, WHEN THINGS ARE DIFFICULT. THOSE RELATIONSHIPS, ESPECIALLY WHEN GOVERNMENT IS UNDER PRESSURE, ESPECIALLY WHEN VALUES ARE BEING TESTED, YOU DO NOT INFLUENCE POWER BY TURNING YOUR BACKS. YOU INFLUENCE POWER BY SHOWING UP, BY PUTTING THE WORK IN, BY BEING PRESENT, BY BEING RELENTLESS CANADIANS, MADAM SPEAKER, AND BY SPEAKING SUPER PLAIN. SUPER PLAIN TO PEOPLE WHO MAY NOT AGREE WITH YOU. AND THAT, MADAM SPEAKER, HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CANADIAN WAY AND THAT, MADAM SPEAKER, IS WHY I'M GOING TO CALL FOR A RECORDED VOTE TO MAKE SURE THIS IS A UNANIMOUS VOTE AND IT CONTINUES TO BE THE WINNIPEG WAY. WALKING AWAY FROM THE TABLE DOES NOT SEND A MESSAGE OF STRENGTH. IT SENDS A MESSAGE WE'RE UNWILLING TO PUT IN THE HARD WORK ESPECIALLY WHEN IT GETS HARDER. THE IMPACTS WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT, THE VIOLENT IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT THAT KILLED RENEE GOOD, THAT KILLED ALEX PRETTI, WHO MAY KILL MORE. THE LABOUR STANDARDS, THE PUBLIC SAFETY COOPERATION, THE CLIMATE ROLL BACKS, THE DEMOCRATIC EROSION, MADAM SPEAKER, THE HITLER REFERENCES THAT CAME OUT IN EARLY 2026 FROM THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. THEY DON'T STOP AT THE BORDER, MADAM SPEAKER. YOU KNOW WHAT? THEY ACCELERATE WHEN SERIOUS PEOPLE STOP TALKING TO ONE ANOTHER. THEY ACCELERATE. MAYORS, THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT THE MAYOR BUILT, IT WAS THERAPEUTIC. IT WAS TIMELY AND IT CONTINUES TO BE. THAT IS WHY I HOPE HE TAKES ON ANOTHER DIFFERENT NATIONAL ROLE IN ADDITION TO HIS MAYORAL ROLE NEXT TERM. EVERYONE AROUND THIS TABLE KNOWS THAT HE AND I HAVE BEEN THROUGH IT. THE CONFLICT, MADAM SPEAKER, CAN BE A CREATED CATALYST AND THIS, MADAM SPEAKER, IS A RECKLESS MOTION. THEY, MADAM SPEAKER THE AMERICANS, ARE DEALING WITH HOMELESSNESS, THEY ARE DEALING WITH PUBLIC HEALTH, THEY ARE DEALING WITH INFRASTRUCTURE, THEY ARE DEALING WITH MIGRATION IN REALTIME. MANY OF THEM ARE ALLIES. MANY OF THEM ARE PUSHING BACK WITH THEIR OWN SYSTEMS AND WE SEE THAT ON THE STREETS OF CITIES WE'VE ALL BEEN TO, MANY OF US. CUTTING OFF ENGAGEMENT WITH THEM IS NOT PRINCIPLED. IT TEACHES OUR CHILDREN NOTHING, MADAM SPEAKER, IN THIS MOMENT. DIPLOMACY ALSO, MADAM SPEAKER, IS NOT APPROVAL. IT'S NOT APPROVAL. TRAVELER IS NOT ENDORSEMENT. ENGAGEMENT, THAT'S NOT SILENCE. THIS MOTION WOULD HAVE US BE SILENT, MADAM SPEAKER. NOT APPLIED PRESSURE, NOT BUILD COALITION, NOT RELATIONSHIP BUILDING, ALL THINGS WE NEED IN THIS MOMENT, MADAM SPEAKER. I WANT A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO BE ABLE TO VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE THIS MOTION, MADAM SPEAKER. I WANT IT TO BE RECORDED IN STANDING.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MR. MAYOR FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, THROUGH YOU. I APPRECIATE AND AGREE WITH COUNCILLOR ROLLINS PASSION ON THIS. THIS IS THE WRONG TIME. THE VERY WRONG TIME, IN MY MIND, TO BE ABANDONING ALLIES WHEN IT COMES -- REALLY ON THE CUSP, ONCE AGAIN, OF US AS NATIONS UPDATING. I'LL USE THAT WORD LOOSELY THE CANADA, U.S., AND MEXICO TRADE AGREEMENT. AT THE END OF THE DAY, ALL OF THESE TRADE RELATIONSHIPS AND THE IMPACT OF THEM PLAY OUT IN OUR CITIES. THEY PLAY OUT IN OUR COMMUNITIES. IT'S ABOUT OUR BUSINESSES HERE. THOSE INVOLVED IN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING, THOSE WHO THAT I CAN THEIR PRODUCTS HERE AND IMPORT OR EXPORT OR ELEMENTS OF PRODUCTS TO MAKE WHAT THEY ARE MAKING HERE. THOUGH IT'S THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT DEAL WITH THE TRADE RELATIONSHIP. AT TEND OF THE DAY THIS AFFECTS OUR RESIDENTS, OUR BUSINESSES, OUR MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE EMPLOYED OR WHOSE JOBS ARE THREATENED BECAUSE OF CHANGES IN TRADE RELATIONSHIPS. NASCO IS AN ALLY. WE HAVE BEEN A MEMBER, THE CITY OF WINNIPEG HAS BEEN A MEMBER SINCE DAY ONE IN 1994. NASCO HAS BEEN AROUND 32 YEARS. IT STARTED INITIALLY REALLY AS A RELATIONSHIP ENTITY THAT COULD FOSTER GOOD TRADE RELATIONSHIP ALONG THE I-29 CORRIDOR. THE MID CONTINENT TRADE

CORRIDOR. IT'S EXPANDED BEYOND THAT. THE PRESIDENT OF NASCO, TIFFANY MELVIN, OUTSTANDING LEADER, HAS BEEN AT THE HELM SINCE DAY ONE. I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING ON THAT BOARD AND UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT CAN BE BUILT. MISS MELVIN, IN FACT, RELATIONSHIPS HAVE BEEN SO ESTABLISHED HERE THROUGHOUT WINNIPEG AND THROUGH MANITOBA, SHE SITS ON THE CENTREPORT BOARD. A BOARD MEMBER DIRECTLY IMPACTING THE WORK THAT IS HAPPENING HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THAT RELATIONSHIP THAT TIFF ANY MELVIN, FOR ONE, CAN LEVERAGE. HER CONNECTIONS AND NETWORK OF CONNECTIONS AS A BOARD MEMBER ON CENTREPORT WILL ONLY ENHANCE THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ALL THOSE THAT WOULD ESTABLISH BUSINESSES IN CENTREPORT, YOU KNOW, THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH TRADING PARTNERS IN THE U.S. AND THROUGH MEXICO. NOW AT A REALLY CRITICAL TIME IN CANADA'S TRADE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO ABANDON THOSE WHO ARE ALLIES. WHO ARE WORKING WITH US AND WORKED WITH US FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. AND SO I THINK IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT INVESTMENT. A GOOD INVESTMENT. IT'S A FRAMEWORK, A RELATIONSHIP OF STABILITY THAT HAS BEEN STABLE FOR 32 YEARS OVER THE UNCERTAINTY TIMES. OFTEN WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT IT'S BEHIND THE SCENES THAT THE WORK AND THE RELATIONSHIPS AND THE CONVERSATIONS HAPPEN WHERE YOU'VE GOT BUSINESSES TALKING TO GROUPS LIKE NASCO. BUSINESSES ARE ON NASCO'S BOARD. YOU HAVE LOCAL BUSINESSES TALKING TO NASCO. NASCO TAKES THE VOICE OF BUSINESSES AND LOCAL COMMUNITY TO WASHINGTON AND OTTAWA, AS WELL. THEY HAVE A STANDING AND GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE POLICY MAKERS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL IN EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT. THE EFFECT WHICH IT CAN POSITIVELY IMPACT THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THAT'S ANYONES GUESS. THE INDIVIDUAL SEEMS TO DO WHAT WE WANTS TO DO WHEN HE WANTS TO DO IT USUALLY AT 2:00 IN THE MORNING ON X OR OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM. BUT THE RELATIONSHIPS I THINK ARE VERY IMPORTANT. NOW IN AN UNCERTAIN TIME IS A TIME TO MAINTAIN THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT ARE ALLIES. THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT SEEK THE BEST IN OUR NATION, AS WELL. I WILL BE VOTING -- I'M GLAD TO STAND UP AND VOTE AGAINST THE MOTION.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I JUST WANT TO PROVIDE SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO BOTH OF THESE COMMITTEES THAT I'VE BEEN APPOINTED TO BY MAYOR GILLINGHAM. THE RED RIVER BASIN COMMISSION ACTUALLY HELD THEIR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HERE IN WINNIPEG ON JANUARY 12TH-14, WHICH SAW DELEGATES FROM MANITOBA, NORTH DAKOTA AND MINNESOTA HERE IN OUR CITY TO DISCUSS WATER STEWARDSHIP. THE RED RIVER BASIN COMMISSION IS NOT SINGULAR TO WINNIPEG BUT ALSO THE CITIES IN MANITOBA AND TOWNS IN MANITOBA ALONG THE RED RIVER, SUCH AS MORRIS MANITOBA AND SOUTH MANITOBA THAT HELP IMPACT LAKE WINNIPEG. THIS WORK MUST CONTINUE IN COLLABORATION WITH OUR PARTNERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER. WITH RESPECT TO NASCO. NASCO'S PRIMARY FOCUS IS TO ADVOCATE AND IMPROVE THE CORRIDORS THAT LINK CANADA, U.S. AND MEXICO, SPECIFICALLY THE CANMEX CORRIDOR AND THE INTERNATIONAL MID CONTINENT TRADE CORRIDOR. WINNIPEG IS A CRITICAL NORTHERN GATEWAY TO THIS NETWORK. INCLUDING A NETWORK THAT WILL SEE US GOING FURTHER NORTH INTO THE PORTS OF CHURCHHILL TO CONTINUE TRADE INTO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THE CANMEX CORRIDOR, THIS TRADE ROUTE OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA, THE U.S., AND MEXICO, WHICH RUN FROM WINNIPEG THROUGH REGINA, CALGARY AND EDMONTON, CONNECTING TO THE U.S. AT PORT OF ENTRY LIKE SWEETGRASS, MONTANA. THIS IS STRATEGIC POSITION. THE PORTS IS PART OF THE RELATIONSHIP THAT NASCO IS DOING FOR THE CITY OF

WINNIPEG. NASCO RECENTLY HELD SESSIONS OUTSIDE OF MANITOBA, OUTSIDE CANADA IN MEXICO CITY, THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME, JANUARY 12TH-14, OF WHICH I ATTENDED THE RED RIVER BASIN COMMISSION AND WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN NASCO BUT HAVE HEARD BACK FROM STAKEHOLDERS HERE IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG REPORTING BACK ON MEETINGS THAT WERE HELD IN MEXICO CITY. NASCO'S NEXT GATHERING OR MEETING IS IN MAY OF 2026 IN REGINA SASKATCHEWAN. WE MUST CONTINUE PROMOTING AND INTEGRATING WINNIPEG'S CORRIDOR TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WORK IN THIS SPHERE IS DONE AND MOVES CANADA TOWARD A NEW TRADE AGREEMENT FOR NORTH AMERICA DESPITE THE NEW TRADING REALITY WITH SOME OF OUR TRADING PARTNERS. WINNIPEG'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY THAT ARE PART OF THE CANADIAN MANUFACTURING AND EXPORT HAVE A KEY INTEREST IN ENSURING THEIR INTERESTS ARE WELL REPRESENTED AND NASCO OFFERS THAT OPPORTUNITY. NASCO PROVIDES WINNIPEG'S BUSINESS LEADER AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES LIKE E.D.W. OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM WINNIPEG, TO COLLABORATE WITH COUNTERPARTS IN THE U.S. AND MEXICO STATES. THIS NETWORK HELPS IDENTIFY NEW MARKET OPPORTUNITIES, ADDRESSES REGIONAL CHALLENGES COLLECTIVELY AND ATTRACTS INVESTMENT BY PROMOTING AN INTEGRATING WINNIPEG REGION CORRIDOR. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER COUNCILLOR DUNCAN, COUNCILLOR LUKES, AND THEN COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM SPEAKER. I WANT TO SPEAK DIRECTLY TO THE QUESTION OF NASCO AND WHY WITHDRAWING FROM IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE. NOT JUST IN THEORY BUT IN PRACTISE AND NOT JUST FOR CANADA BUT SPECIFICALLY FOR WINNIPEG AND MANITOBA. WE'RE LIVING IN A MOMENT, MADAM SPEAKER, WHERE ISOLATIONISM, PROTECTIONISM, AND NATIVISM IS NO LONGER ABSTRACT IDEAS. THEY ARE SHAPING POLICY, TRADE AND ECONOMIC DECISION ACROSS NORTH AMERICA. THE REALITY IS THAT THESE FACTORS DON'T HURT LARGE SELF-CONTAINED ECONOMIES FIRST. THEY HURT TRADE DEPENDANT CITIES IN REGIONS LIKE OURS. WINNIPEG SITS AT THE CROSS ROADS OF NORTH AMERICA TRADE. OUR ECONOMY DEPENDS ON INTEGRATED SUPPLY CHAINS, CROSS BORDER TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURE, MANUFACTURING AND LOGISTICS. DECISIONS MADE ELSEWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES, MEXICAN REGIONS, AND FEDERAL CAPITALS DIRECTLY AFFECT JOBS AND INVESTMENTS AT HOME. NASCO IS ONE OF THE FEW FORMS WHERE CITIES, PROVINCE, STATES, INDUSTRIES AND POST SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS SIT AT THE SAME TABLE ACROSS BORDERS. IT ISN'T A FEDERAL TRADE BODY. IT DOESN'T BIND US TO POLICY. IT DOESN'T TELL US WHAT TO DO. IT GIVES US ACCESS TO RELATIONSHIPS AND EARLY INCITES AS A TIME WHEN TRADE DECISIONS ARE BECOMING MORE POLITICAL AND LESS PREDICTABLE. PULLING OUT DOESN'T PROTECT WINNIPEG FROM PROTECTIONISM. IT DOESN'T SHIELD US FROM A BUY AMERICA POLICY, BORDER SLOW DOWNS OR SUPPLY-CHAIN DISRUPTIONS. IT SIMPLY MEANS WE GIVE UP OUR SEAT AT THE TABLE AND HOPE THAT OTHERS MAKE DECISIONS THAT WORK IN OUR FAVOUR. IF NATIVISM IS TELLING PEOPLE TO LOOK INWARD, OUR RESPONSE SHOULD BE PRACTICAL AND CONFIDENT. SHOWING UP, ENGAGING AND STANDING FOR OUR LOCAL INTERESTS. NASCO ISN'T ABOUT IDEOLOGY, IT'S ABOUT KEEPING GOODS MOVING, SUPPORTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND PROTECTING COMPETITIVENESS FOR CITIES LIKE WINNIPEG. THE COST OF STAYING INVOLVED IS MODEST, PARTICIPATION IS VOLUNTARY, BUT THE COST OF LEAVING IS STRATEGIC. LOST INFLUENCE, LOST INTELLIGENCE AND LOST RELATIONSHIP ARE EXACTLY AT THE WRONG TIME HERE AND NOW. IF WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT STANDING UP FOR WINNIPEG AND MANITOBA AND CANADA, THEN WE SHOULDN'T JUST MAINTAIN OUR RELATIONSHIPS. WE SHOULD DOUBLE DOWN. I WOULD RECOMMEND SENDING OUR MAYOR TO REPRESENT WINNIPEG AT NASCO. THAT SENDS A CLEAR MESSAGE WE'RE ENGAGED, WE'RE CONFIDENT, WE'RE NOT BACKING DOWN. IT

SHOWS LEADERSHIP, PROTECTS OUR INTERESTS AND MAKES IT CLEAR THAT WINNIPEG INTENDS TO STAY AT THE TABLE. WE INTEND TO STAY STRONG, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN. NEXT COUNCILLOR LUKES FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I LOVE THESE PASSIONATE SPEECHES BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO ADD NO. WHAT I'LL ADD IS -- I'LL BRING IT HOME TO THE GRASS ROOTS LEVEL. WE ALL KNOW COMMUNICATION IS ONE OF THE BEST TOOLS TO COMING TO A SOLUTION OR TO AT LEAST UNDERSTANDING THE ISSUE. WE DEAL WITH OUR RESIDENTS CALLS, ALL THE TIME. WE KNOW THAT IF WE COMMUNICATE WE CAN COME TO SOME KIND OF CONCLUSION AND HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING. EVERYTHING THAT EVERYONE SAID HERE TODAY SO FAR. I'M IN TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH IT. I, TOO, LIKE COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, WANT TO SEE UNANIMOUS VOTE. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S BECAUSE I'M WEARING RED TODAY BUT I'M INSPIRED TO QUOTE OUR PRIME MINISTER. IF YOU'RE NOT AT THE TABLE YOU'RE ON THE MENU. WE NEED TO BE AT THE TABLE.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER COUNCILLOR EADIE FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I KIND OF TAKE -- I WANT TO START WITH THIS MOTION. I DON'T APPRECIATE A MOTION THAT SOMEHOW, YOU KNOW, NAMING WHO IS ON THE COMMITTEE. OVER THE YEARS, WE KNOW THAT COUNCILLOR WYATT HAS BEEN ON THE NASCO AS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR TO UNDERTAKE AND BE ON THAT. MANY OTHER COUNCILLORS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH COUNCILLOR FIELDING BEING THE FIRST MEMBER OF NASCO FROM THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. AT THE TIME THE GARY DOER AND AMERICAN STATE PEOPLE AND MEXICANS DECIDED THERE SHOULD BE A NASCO. IT WAS RIGHT AROUND THE TIME WE WERE BUILDING, THE PROVINCE WAS MOVING FORWARD ON CENTREPORT NORTH. THE CITY WAS ASKED, ACTUALLY, TO GET IN ON THAT. THE PROVINCE ENDED UP PAYING FOR SEWER SERVICE OUT TO CENTREPORT NORTH. THEN WE COULDN'T SELL WATER, MADAM SPEAKER. ULTIMATELY THOUGH IT'S GOOD TO HAVE A DIALOGUE. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT WITH THE RED RIVER BASIN THE APPOINTEES ARE DONE -- THOSE APPOINTMENTS ARE DONE BY ALL OF COUNCIL. AS YOU KNOW, MADAM SPEAKER. THE MAYOR IS NOT APPOINTING ANYBODY TO THAT ONE. THAT IS A VOTE OF ALL OF COUNCIL IN MOVING FORWARD WHOEVER AND THERE'S AN ALTERNATIVE, RIGHT. WITH THAT ONE. I JUST WANTED TO POINT THOSE OUT. WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO HAVE DIALOGUE. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO AND CANADA WHO ARE TOTALLY OPPOSED TO MR. TRUMP. I WOULD NEVER APPLAUD ANYTHING HE DOES BECAUSE HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ANYBODY REALLY. I'LL JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT. I'LL BE VOTING NO TO THIS PARTICULAR MOTION. IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. I'LL JUST CONCLUDE NAMING PEOPLE KIND OF DEMONIZING SAYING THEY ARE SPENDING MONEY. WE HEARD FROM A PRESENTER WHO WAS TALKING ABOUT SPENDING MONEY. IT'S AN INTERESTING THING, MADAM SPEAKER. I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: MADAM SPEAKER, THIS TAKES YEARS IF NOT DECADES TO BUILD THESE RELATIONSHIPS AND THE MOMENTS WE'RE DEBATING THIS WE COULD BE TEARING IT DOWN WITH THIS VOTE, MADAM SPEAKER. I DO NOT SUPPORT SUPPORTING THIS MOTION. WE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO

DO ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER AND I THINK IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT WE ARE COMMUNICATING AND MOST IMPORTANTLY CONNECTING WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS ON SHARED VALUES, ON SHARED INTERESTS THAT ARE GOING TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL ECONOMY, MADAM SPEAKER. SO I HOPE THAT MY COUNCILLOR COLLEAGUES, I AGREE WITH MANY OF THE SPEAKERS HERE TODAY. A LOT OF GREAT CONVERSATION ON THIS. I WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING THIS MOTION.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR WYATT TO CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO STATE I RESPECT COUNCILLOR EADIE'S COMMENTS HE DECIDED TO GO PERSONAL. I RESPECT ALL THE COMMENTS MADE. I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE. BUT I RESPECT THE OPINION EXPRESSED. THERE HAS BEEN, IF YOU READ ABOUT POLITICS WHICH SOME OF US DO, THE THEORY AROUND BUBBLES THAT EXIST AT HIGH LEVELS IN TERMS OF LEADERSHIP. WE GET SO CAUGHT UP, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE'RE IN A POSITION OF MAKING DECISIONS BUT AT THE HIGHER LEVEL. WHERE YOU HAVE A CABINET OR AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THAT YOU GET CAUGHT UP INSIDE THAT WORLD. A DISCONNECT FOR SOME REASON FORMS BETWEEN THAT WORLD AND THE POPULOUS. WHETHER THAT IS A TRUE THEORY OR NOT IT'S AN INTERESTING ONE. I REALLY THINK, ON THIS MATTER, MADAM SPEAKER, I THINK THE CANADIAN PEOPLE ARE RIGHT. I THINK THEY ARE SENDING A SIGNAL. I THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF CANADIANS WHO WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO GO AND KEEP THAT LINE OF COMMUNICATION OPEN. GO TO THE STATES. WHETHER IT BE FOR PURPOSE OF PLEASURE, TRAVELLING, OR OTHER REASONS BUT THEY'VE ELECTED NOT TO DO SO. THEY'VE DONE IT VOLUNTARILY. I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THIS COUNCIL WOULD HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT OR WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT AND STAND WITH THE CANADIAN PEOPLE AND WITH THE PEOPLE OF MANITOBA WHO ARE SACRIFICING AND NOT GOING FORWARD WITH TRIPS INTO THE UNITED STATES AND SOMETIMES IT COULD BE TRIPS RELATED TO BUSINESS. NOT JUST PLEASURE. I CAN SAY, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT IT HAS SENT A STRONG MESSAGE TO THE AMERICANS IN TERMS OF OUR CONCERNS WITH WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITH THEIR PRESIDENT. IT SHOULD GO WITHOUT SAYING, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT WE HAVE BEEN A LOYAL ALLY OF THE UNITED STATES. WE WERE A LOYAL ALLY PRIOR TO THE VALUES THAT WE HOLD AND THE CANADIANS. PRIOR TO AMERICANS ARRIVING IN THE SCENE AND ONE THAT HAVE ALREADY TAKEN. IT WAS THE CANADIANS THAT ENDED UP BASICALLY IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN 1939 WHEN HONG KONG FELL VICTIMS OF THE EMPIRE OF JAPAN, WHICH THE AMERICAN LEADER FACED. MADAM SPEAKER, IT WAS A CANADIAN THAT CAME UP WITH THE CONCEPT THAT KEPT TWO ALLIES IN THE 1960s IN NATO WITH THE PEACE KEEPERS WHEN TURKEY DECIDED TO INVADE CYPRUS. PEARSON. IT WAS THE CANADIANS WHO HELPED GET ABOUT A HALF A DOZEN AMERICANS OUT OF TEHERAN WHEN THE AYATOLLAH SAVED THE EMBASSY AND GOT AMERICANS OUT UNDER THE NOSE OF THE IRANIAN AUTHORITY, THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY REGIME. WE HAVE BEEN A LOYAL ALLY TIME AND TIME AGAIN. WE SUPPORTED THE AMERICANS GOING INTO AFGHANISTAN. WHEN THE TWIN TOWERS WERE ATTACKED, MADAM SPEAKER. TO HEAR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES STAND UP AND BASICALLY, WHATEVER YOU THINK OF THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER, TO CALL HIM A GOVERNOR. THE FUTURE GOVERNOR OF CANADA. TO REFER TO US AS A 51ST STATE. AND THINK ABOUT IT, MADAM SPEAKER. IT WAS A CANADIAN WORKER WHO HAS TAKEN IT ON THE CHIN FOR BETTER OR WORSE, NOT DIFFERENT SOME WAYS THAN THE AMERICAN WORKER WITH WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE DOWNWARD PRESSURE ON WAGE AND BENEFITS. IT'S THE CANADIAN WORKER WHO IS TAKING IT ON THE CHIN, WE LINKED THE ECONOMY SO CLOSELY TOGETHER IT'S DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE ANTICS AND POLICIES COMING OUT OF WASHINGTON TODAY. MADAM SPEAKER, THAT IS UNFORTUNATELY THAT A TIME WHEN WE SHOULD BE STANDING BESIDE OUR CANADIAN WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES THAT COUNCIL, YES, IT IS SYMBOLIC. YES, IT'S SENDING A MESSAGE. BUT THIS IS THE TIME FOR US TO DO

THAT. IF THERE'S NOT ANY OTHER TIME I DON'T KNOW WHEN IT WILL BE. MADAM SPEAKER, SOMEBODY SAID THIS MOTION IS RECKLESS. I ARGUE IT'S RECKLESS NOT TO STAND BY THE CANADIAN PEOPLE AT SUCH A TIME. THAT IS UNFORTUNATE, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT COUNCILLOR AFTER COUNCILLOR SPOKE AGAINST THIS. I RESPECT THEIR POSITION. I DISAGREE. RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE THAT WE SHOULD STAND BY THE PEOPLE OF CANADA AT THIS LOW POINT. KNOWING FULL WELL THAT LIKE ANY STORM, MADAM SPEAKER, THE STORM WILL SUBSIDE. HOPEFULLY WE CAN REPAIR THE DAMAGE DONE BY THE PRESIDENT WHO IS THERE TODAY. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. NO DOUBT IN MY MIND, AS I SAID WHEN I OPENED UP THE DEBATE ON THIS MATTER, MADAM SPEAKER, AS A FORMER MEMBER OF NASCO, HOW IMPORTANT AND GREAT THE STAFF ARE OF NASCO. HOW GREAT THE ORGANIZATION IS. I THINK IT'S TIME, MADAM SPEAKER, THE ISSUE AT HAND HAS OVERTAKEN THAT. WE HAVE TO STAND BESIDE OUR RESIDENTS WHO HAVE SENT A CLEAR AND STRONG MESSAGE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT WE ARE BOYCOTTING ACTIVITY AND TRAVEL THROUGH THE UNITED STATES AND I THINK WE SHOULD ALSO SUPPORT THAT EFFORT, AS WELL, MADAM SPEAKER. I THINK AT THE VERY LEAST YES, COUNCILLOR LUKES SAYS IT'S ABOUT COMMUNICATION. WELL THIS IS COMMUNICATING. THIS IS US SENDING A MESSAGE, STRONG AND CLEAR, THAT WE ARE NOT IN FAVOUR OR IN ANY WAY, SHAPE, OR FORM SUPPORTIVE OF WHAT THIS PRESIDENT HAS BEEN DOING AND WE FEEL THE DAMAGE HE'S DOING IS UNFORTUNATE AND HAS TO BE REVERSED. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHO I HAVE GREAT ADMIRATION FOR, I THINK YOU'RE SEEING RISING UP IN CERTAIN CITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, WILL HOPEFULLY TAKE TO GREATER NUMBERS IN THE FUTURE TO DO MORE OF THAT PEACEFULLY. MADAM SPEAKER, I HOPE THIS MOTION PASSES. IF IT DOESN'T I THINK IT'S VERY UNFORTUNATE. I LOOK TO THAT LEADERSHIP BUBBLE AND WONDER IF NOT THAT THEORY POSSIBLY IS TRUE IN TERMS OF WHAT SOME HAVE WRITTEN PERTAINING TO THAT. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. I CALL THE QUESTION ON NOTICE OF MOTION. ALL IF FAVOUR? CALL FOR A RECORDED VOTE. YES. ALL IF FAVOUR PLEASE RISE.

MADAME CLERK: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

MADAME SPEAKER: OPPOSED PLEASE RISE.

MADAME CLERK: HIS WORSHIP MAYOR GILLINGHAM. COUNCILLOR ALLARD, COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, COUNCILLOR DOBSON, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN, COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD, COUNCILLOR EADIE, COUNCILLOR GILROY, COUNCILLOR LUKES, COUNCILLOR MAYES, COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, COUNCILLOR SANTOS, AND MADAM SPEAKER COUNCILLOR SHARMA.

MR. CLERK: THE VOTE YEAS ONE AND NAYS 13.

MADAME SPEAKER: NOTICE OF MOTION IS DEFEATED. MOVING ONTO BYLAWS.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE THE BYLAWS BE READ A FIRST TIME. NUMBER 1/2026 AND 5/2026.

MADAME SPEAKER: CARRIED.

MADAME CLERK: BYLAW 1/2026. BYLAW 5/2026.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR. MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE THE FOLLOWING BYLAWS READ A SECOND TIME. 76/2025. 131/2025.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

MADAME CLERK: BYLAW 76/ 2025. 131/ 2025.

MADAME SPEAKER: MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE BYLAWS 76/2025 AND 131/2025 READ A THIRD TIME AND ORDER TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE, MADAM SPEAKER, BYLAW NUMBER 6/2025 READ A FIRST TIME.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. >> BYLAW 6/2026.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE BYLAW 6/2026 READ A SECOND TIME.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. >> 6/2026.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE THAT RULE 52 THE PROCEDURE BYLAW 50/2007 BE SUSPENDED AND BYLAW 6/2026 READ A THIRD TIME TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IF FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. WE HAVE A MOTION THAT CIRCULATED. MOTION ONE MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WYATT AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SANTOS. IT'S REGARDING A PARK NAMING. IT'LL BE AN AUTOMATIC REFERRAL TO THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE. QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE MAYOR. QUESTIONS FOR THE MAYOR. COUNCILLOR WYATT FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I RISE. I RECENTLY HAD A STANDING COMMITTEE OF FINANCE. THAT WAS A REPORT THAT CAME FORWARD PERTAINING TO PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT. IT HAS TO DO WITH EXPENDITURES AND NEED TO MOVE FUNDS AROUND TO MAKE THAT DEPARTMENT WHOLE. ONE PART WAS PERTAINING TO A GRANT OF $350,000 APPROVED FOR PERMITS AND PLANNING FEES PERTAINING TO THE PROJECT GOING ON AT THE BAY. MY QUESTION TO THE MAYOR IS THAT THIS PROJECT WAS -- THE CITY OF WINNIPEG HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO THIS PROJECT BY THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL TO THE AMOUNT OF $10 MILLION IS MY UNDERSTANDING. IN TERMS OF DEFERRED THINGS LIKE THIS, PERMITS AND FUTURE PROPERTY TAXES. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE ORIGINAL PROJECT COST WAS TO BE $130 MILLION. THAT HAS SINCE RISEN TO $200 MILLION AND SINCE AS OF LAST YEAR GONE TO $310 MILLION FROM A TOTAL OF 130 MILLION. I ASK THE QUESTION, IS THERE ANYTHING THE MAYOR CAN SHARE WITH THIS CHAMBER ON WHAT HE KNOWS THE STATUS OF THIS PROJECT NOW AND WHERE COSTS ARE GOING. I DON'T WANT TO BASE OF WHAT I HEAR ON THE STREET IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY BUT I HEAR THINGS THAT CAUSE ME CONCERN. THEREFORE, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT HAS COME FORWARD TO HIS OFFICE OR THROUGH THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT OFFICES OF THE CITY IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE COMMITTED OURSELVES TO $10 MILLION OF PUBLIC MONEY TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, THROUGH YOU TO THE COUNCILLOR. YES. THIS PROJECT OVER SEEN OWNED BY THE SOUTHERN CHIEFS ORGANIZATION IS THE TRANSFORMATION CHANGE OVER OF THE OLD BAY BUILDING. I HAVE NO RECENT UPDATE RELATED TO THE PROJECT OR THE COST. COUNCIL, THROUGH VARIOUS VOTES HAS PROVIDED VARIOUS FUNDING EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH WAIVING OF PERMITS, STREET WORK IN THE AREA, THE WAIVING OF TIPPING FEES TO ASSIST WITH THE PROJECT. THERE'S BEEN NO RECENT UPDATE THAT I'VE GOT RELATED TO THE COST THAT I RECEIVED.

>> THANK YOU. I WANT TO SAY I WAS GOING TO ASK A QUESTION UNTIL ABOUT A WEEK AND A HALF AGO. RESEARCHING, A WEEK AND A HALF AGO THE C.E.O. PARTED COMPANY WITH THE SOUTHERN CHIEFS ORGANIZATION. I GUESS THE QUESTION MUST BE IS THE MAYOR PREPARED TO DIRECT THE PROPER OFFICERS OF THE CITY AND POSSIBLY THE CITY AUDITOR TO LOOK INTO THE SITUATION HERE IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE COST HAS NEARLY TRIPLED ALREADY AND WE'RE HEARING THE COST HAVE POSSIBLY GONE UP AGAIN TO' WHAT'S GOING ON.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: MADAM SPEAKER, THE PROJECT, I DON'T KNOW THAT IT WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF THE CITY AUDITOR AT THIS POINT. WE DO HAVE ONGOING DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR C.A.O. AND RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENT LEADERS RELATED TO ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT. WE'LL CONTINUE THAT DIALOGUE AND WE'LL START FROM THERE.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: KNOWING IT'S AN ARM LENGTH PROJECT WE ARE ON THE TABLE FOR 10 MILLION. CAN THE MAYOR COMMIT THAT WE WILL NOT CONTEMPLATE ANY FURTHER SUBSIDIZATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL WE KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON OR THE VERY LEAST NOT COMMIT TO AN EXPANSION UNTIL WE HAVE ANSWERS TO WHY THESE COSTS HAVE MORE THAN NEARLY TRIPLED AND POSSIBLY GONE UP MORE.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, THANK YOU. THERE HAS BEEN NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE RECENT REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL OUTSIDE OF WHAT THE COUNCIL REFERENCED ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROJECT. IF THERE IS SOMETHING THAT COMES IN, COUNCIL WILL BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH THAT. IF THERE'S CONCERN RELATED AN ESCALATION OF COST THAT'S SOMETHING COUNCIL CAN DEAL WITH AT THAT TIME.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SET OF QUESTIONS. COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I KNOW THE MAYOR IS FAMILIAR WITH THE SORRY STATE OF THE CITY'S BACK LANES FROM HIS DAYS OF ST. JAMES WARD COUNCILLOR. TWO ITEMS HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN PLACE THAT HAVE CAUSED ME SOME CONCERN ABOUT THIS. NUMBER ONE, REFERENCES RECENTLY TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN. THERE ARE ONLY TWO ITEMS OUT OF 39-PRONG STRATEGIC PLAN THAT HAVE HAD NO ACTION SINCE WE PASSED IT. ONE IS THE ONLY ONE PERTAINING

TO GRAVEL LANES. PROVISION ABOUT TRYING TO IMPROVE LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS TO GRAVEL LANES. ADDITIONALLY, IF YOU LOOK AT THE BUDGET YOU SEE ONE OF THE UNDERSTATED THINGS IN THE BUDGET IS THE BUDGET FOR CONCRETE ALLEYS IS DOUBLING FROM 12 MILLION TO 24 MILLION OVER A PERIOD OF ABOUT FOUR YEARS. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S ONLY AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 300,000 FOR GRAVEL LANES AND THERE WAS TO BE A MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR PUT INTO THE MIXER. I'M NOW ADVISED THEY ARE NOT GOING TO SPEND THAT WHICH IS A CONCERN. IT'S ONE OF THE FEW THINGS WE'RE DOING FOR GRAVEL LANES. I WONDER IN LIGHT OF THE TWO THINGS THE STRATEGIC PLAN NOT BEING PURSUED AND THE INITIATIVE BEING NOT BEING PURSUED IF THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE COULD SIT DOWN WITH THE C.A.O. AND MYSELF. CREDIT TO NEW C.A.O., TO BACK LANES. I WONDER IF THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE WOULD SIT DOWN WITH THE C.A.O. AND MYSELF TO DISCUSS WHAT WE CAN DO. OUR CURRENT PHILOSOPHY WE HAVE TO KEEP THEM IN A PASSABLE CONDITION. THEREFORE, THEY ALL MUST BE PASSABLE AND THERE IS NO PROBLEM DOESN'T REFLECT REALITY. MANY AREN'T PASSABLE ANYMORE AND IT'S NOT JUST MY WARD IT'S OTHER WARDS. I WONDER IF THE MAYOR CAN UNDERTAKE TO ME TO HAVE HIS DESIGNEE MEET WITH THE C.A.O. AND MYSELF.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, THROUGH YOU. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS CHAIR TO BE PART OF THAT DISCUSSION, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE. NEXT COMMITTEE. STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I'LL INTRODUCE THE REPORT OF JANUARY 13, 2026, AND MOVE ADOPTION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 12. I SEE A MOTION IS BEFORE US.

MADAME SPEAKER: ONE HAS BEEN PULLED. CALL THE QUESTION ON TWO. SORRY. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN YOU MENTIONED IS IT 12.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: YES.

MADAME SPEAKER: I CALL THE QUESTION ON 2 THROUGH 11, 13 THROUGH 15. ALL IF FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. MADAM CLERK. >> ITEM ONE. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES TO THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN INTRODUCE THE ITEM.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I'LL HEAR FROM MY COLLEAGUES HERE. HOWEVER, JUST TO HOPEFULLY PREEMPTIVELY SAY SIMILAR THINGS THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WINNIPEG AIRPORT AUTHORITY AREA. WEST WINNIPEG AND WINNIPEG AND MANITOBA, AS A WHOLE. INVESTMENT THAT COUNCIL MADE IN BRINGING IN THAT FEEDER MAIN INTO THIS REGION HAS PAID OFF WITH POTENTIAL INVESTMENT. AND INEVITABLE INVESTMENT INTO THE FUTURE IN THIS LANDS WEST OF THE EXISTING AIRPORT. HOWEVER, I WILL GIVE MY TIME TO MY COLLEAGUE, THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. SIMILAR TO WHAT COUNCILLOR DUNCAN SAID, THE REASON I PULLED THIS IS IT'S TO HIGHLIGHT THE POTENTIAL THAT IS NOW UNLOCKED BECAUSE COUNCIL MADE THE DECISION YEARS AGO TO PUT WATER AND SEWER PIPES IN THOSE LAND WEST OF

THE AIRPORT, WHICH IS CENTREPORT SOUTH LANDS. WE KNEW, BASED ON THE REPORT, I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT YEAR THE REPORT CAME OUT, BUT IT WAS A REPORT THAT HIGHLIGHTED THE FACT WE WILL NOT HAVE ENOUGH SERVICE INDUSTRIAL LANDS TO REALLY GROW OUR ECONOMY UNLESS WE SERVICE CENTREPORT SOUTH. COUNCILLOR EADIE EARLIER TODAY REFERENCED THE HISTORY OF NASCO. PART OF THE HISTORY OF NASCO INCLUDES CENTREPORT. THE SERVICE WAS MADE AVAILABLE IN THE ARM OF ROSSER. IF YOU WATCH WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE NORTH PART OF CENTREPORT THE ARM OF ROSSER, IT'S REALLY DEVELOPED QUICKLY AND THERE'S A LOT OF INDUSTRY THERE. SOME MOVED FROM WINNIPEG INTO ROSSER. BE THAT AS IT MAY, WE ARE NOW PLAYING CATCH UP BUT UNLOCKING THE LANDS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN CENTREPORT SOUTH, WHICH IS WEST OF THE AIRPORT. THIS ANNOUNCE REALLY BY THE WINNIPEG AIRPORT AUTHORITY THEY ARE MOVING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR LAND AND THE PROPERTY THEY OWN ON THE WEST SIDE TO HAVE RUNWAYS, THE WEST SIDE OF THE AIRPORT IS GOOD NEWS. I THINK IT'S THE FIRST OF MORE TO COME. THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE HAVE TO GO AHEAD AND MAKE AN INVESTMENT TO GET A RETURN ON THAT INVESTMENT. INVESTING IN THE WATER AND SEWER SERVICING WAS A PRIORITY FOR ME AS A CITY COUNCILLOR DURING MY TIME AS A CITY COUNCILLOR FOR ST. JAMES. I AM REALLY GLAD TO SEE BECAUSE OF THE SHARED DECISION WE MADE AS A COUNCIL WE NOW SEE THE FRUIT OF OUR LABOUR BEGINNING TO BE BORN OUT HERE. IT'S GOOD NEWS WITH MORE TO COME.

MADAME SPEAKER: FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO THIS ALSO. THIS IS AN EXCELLENT INITIATIVE FOR WHOEVER -- WHOEVER LANDS AT THE AIRPORT AUTHORITIES LAND. I THINK THE MAYOR IS BEING A BIT MODEST ON HIS EFFORTS IN THIS. HE WAS THE CHAIR FINANCE IN THE LAST TERM OF COUNCIL WHEN THIS CAME FOR A VOTE. NOT EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM VOTED FOR THAT BUDGET. IT WAS PART OF THE BUDGET. THERE WAS A LOT -- THERE WASN'T A LOT OF TALK UNDER THE FORMER MAYOR ABOUT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUT IT DID COME FROM THE CHAIR OF FINANCE AND FEW OTHERS OF US THERE. THIS IS A SPECTACULAR EXAMPLE OF THE BENEFIT OF A PIPE AND FUNDING A PIPE AND THE RESULTS THAT WILL HAPPEN. I SIT ON THE, I GUESS, THE WINNIPEG METROPOLITAN REGION RIGHT NOW, WHAT'S LEFT OF IT, AND REALLY SEE HOW REGIONAL PLANNING AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS IMPORTANT AND THIS INVESTMENT IS GOING TO REAP THE CITY OF WINNIPEG MUCH BENEFIT. VERY PLEASED.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR LUKES. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN BACK TO YOU FOR CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM SPEAKER. CALL THE QUESTION.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR OF ITEM ONE? CONTRARY? CARRIED. MADAM CLERK.

MADAME CLERK: 12, ZONING AGREEMENT AMENDMENT 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1986, 1988, 1994, 1996 ST. MARYS ROAD.

MADAME SPEAKER: WE HAVE AN AND MENDING MENTION. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN TO INTRODUCE AND COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS THE MOVER OF MOTION TWO. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WILL KEEP MY COMMENTS SHORT. THIS IS A LONG STANDING DEVELOPMENT DATING BACK TO I BELIEVE 2018 IN THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE AREA.

AGREEMENT WITH THE RESIDENT AND DEVELOPER AT THAT TIME REFLECTED A FOUR-STOREY COMPLEX. FOR LACK OF GETTING INTO DIRECTION THAT WOULD RUN TO THE POINT OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSING AT WHICH POINT IT TRANSITION DOWN TO A HEIGHT OF 26 FEET WHICH WOULD REPRESENT TWO-STOREY TOWNHOMES. OBVIOUSLY TIMES HAVE CHANGED. EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE HEARD THIS AND COUNCILLOR LUKES PUT FORWARD AND AMENDMENT TO ALLOW FOR A DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 35 FEET, WHICH IS ALLOWABLE HEIGHT OF A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME RATHER THAN TWO-STOREY TOWNHOUSES. THE REASONS FOR THIS THAT THE COMMITTEE LISTENED TO AND ULTIMATELY AGREED WITH IS THAT IT WOULD INFRINGE LESS ON THE EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES ON MERDINA CRESCENT AND WOULD CREATE A SIGNIFICANT DISTANCE BUFFER FROM THOSE HOMES. I DO UNDERSTAND WITH THIS MOTION THAT THERE'S FURTHER CONSULTATION THAT IS BEING REQUESTED. THIS TOUCHES ON THE FACT THAT A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO ANY DEVELOPER THAT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION GOES A LONG WAY. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION BACK IN 28 AND MAYBE NOT SO MUCH THIS TIME AROUND. THIS HAS LED TO RESIDENTS HOLDING COMMITTEE TO A SIX-HOUR PUBLIC HEARING AND I WOULD BE AMENDABLE TO THIS MOTION BUT WOULD LIKE TO HEAR IF COUNCIL COLLEAGUES.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS ON AMENDING MOTION TWO AND THE MAIN ITEM.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. YES. THE DEVELOPER BROUGHT THEIR DEVELOPMENT PLANS BACK TO THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO THEIR DESIGN. AT THAT HEARING IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE WITH WOULD CONTINUE ON WITH THE DECISION THAT WAS MADE IN SEPTEMBER OF 2018. THAT DECISION WENT TO D.D.P. AND WENT TO E.P.C. AT E.P.C. THERE WAS DISCUSSION THAT TALKED ABOUT REMOVAL OF THE TOWNHOUSES TO MAINTAIN A TREE BUFFER. THEN BUILDING THE BUILDING SIZE TO A 35 FEET, THERE HAS BEEN NO DISCUSSION WITH THE COMMUNITY. THIS MOTION IS RECOMMENDING THAT WE BRING IT BACK TO THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE WHERE THE DEVELOPER WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH THE COMMUNITY WITH RESPECT TO THE DESIGN THEY'VE COME UP WITH THAT PUTS THE BUILDING FURTHER AWAY FROM THE HOUSES ON MERDINA DRIVE. AS WELL AS MAINTAINING A TREE BUFFER THAT WILL IMPACT SITE LINES FROM THE HOUSES ON MERDINA DRIVE ONTO THEIR PROPERTY ON NORMAN AVENUE. AS WELL, MAINTAINING TREES BEHIND TO THE NORTH OF THIS DEVELOPMENT THAT ABUTS THE PARK. THIS MOTION IS, AGAIN, BRINGING IT BACK TO THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE WHERE THE DEVELOPER WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH THE COMMUNITY. AGAIN, COMMUNITY CONSULTATION VERY MUCH NEEDED IN SITUATIONS WHERE THE COMMUNITY IS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT. THEY ARE LIVING THERE AND THEY SHOULD BE THE ONES THAT HAVE AN INPUT ON WHAT IS NEIGHBOURING THEIR PROPERTIES. I'M ASKING FOR COUNCIL TO VOTE UNANIMOUSLY TO BRING THIS BACK TO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE WHERE WE CAN HAVE FURTHER ROBUST DISCUSSIONS. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS. COUNCILLOR LUKES FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE OF COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS' AMENDMENT. IN 2018, I WAS THE COUNCILLOR FOR THIS AREA. BEFORE 2018 I WAS THE WINNIPEG TRAILS COORDINATOR AND WORKED WITH THE FOUNDATION TO INCREASE TREES, VOLUNTEERED, SUPPORTED TREE PLANTINGS, LAUNCHED INTERNATIONAL TRAIL DAY IN THE PARK. WORKED WITH THE NORMAN PARK RESIDENT ASSOCIATION, THE VAN HALL RESIDENT ASSOCIATION TO COMPLETE A PATHWAY AND CONNECTION. MY HISTORY WITH THIS AREA GOES BACK AS AREA COUNCILLOR AND

ALSO FOR PRESERVATION OF GREEN SPACE AND CONNECTING PATHWAYS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD. I WAS PART OF THE INITIAL CONSULTATION BACK IN 2018. THEN IT WAS AN ELECTION AND THERE WAS A WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW AND I WAS NO LONGER PART OF THIS WARD. THE DEVELOPER DID COME FORWARD AND WANTED TO INCREASE DENSITY IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD. JUST RECENTLY AT THE RAIL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING. HE CURRENTLY IS APPROVED FOR APPROXIMATELY 72 UNITS. I BROUGHT A COMPROMISED -- WITH THE 72 UNITS WOULD HAVE A BUFFER OF 25 FEET TO THE -- I BELIEVE THERE'S SEVEN RESIDENTIAL HOMES. I BROUGHT A COMPROMISE FORWARD AT THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE ASKING THAT THE BUFFER BE 73 FEET INSTEAD OF 25 FEET TO THESE 7 OR 9 HOMES THAT WOULD BACK ONTO AND TO ALLOW THE DEVELOPER TO HAVE AN EXTRA NINE FEET. THE SAME HEIGHT AS IN A RESIDENTIAL ZONING OF 35 FEET. THAT'S THE MOTION I BROUGHT FORWARD. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, ALWAYS BEING THE STATESMAN HE IS AND DIPLOMAT HE IS, WE CAME TOGETHER TO AGREE THAT, YES. HAVE THE DEVELOPER GO OUT. DO A COMMUNITY CONSULTATION. SHOW THEM WHAT HE'S PROPOSING TO BUILD WITH THE SAME DENSITY HE'S APPROVED AT, NO MORE, AND AT THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE THAT PLAN APPROVAL IS REQUIRED TO OCCURRING THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CAN DECIDE AT THAT POINT ON THIS. IT'S A COMPROMISE. IT'S A COMPROMISE. GIVE THE RESIDENTS MORE SPACE BETWEEN THE PROPERTY LINE AND THE DEVELOPMENT. GIVE THE DEVELOPER NINE FEET TO DO THE SAME DENSITY AND HOPEFULLY EVERYONE CAN COME TO AN AGREEMENT. I'M FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS MOTION AND ASK EVERYONE HERE DO THE SAME.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: MADAM CHAIR, I SOMETIMES WONDER IF I MISSED MY CALL IN LIFE TO BE AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER. I HAD TO ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS IN STANDING COMMITTEE ON THIS ITEM. I WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN SOME INFORMATION BUT THEN IT WAS A QUESTION OF, WELL, WHAT KIND OF QUESTIONS DO YOU ASK TO GET THE INFORMATION THAT CLEARLY WAS BEING WITH HELD BUT DID COME FORWARD AT THE STANDING COMMITTEE AFTER THE QUESTIONS WERE ASKED. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT WHAT IS TAKING PLACE IN THIS SITUATION, WHICH IS UNFORTUNATE. I WANT TO ALSO PREFACE THAT MISTAKES ARE MADE. MADE AT THE STAFF LEVEL, MADE AT THE STAFF LEVEL, MADE POLITICALLY, BUT THE IMPORTANT THING IS WHEN A MISTAKE IS MADE THAT WE BASICALLY SAY THIS IS WHAT WAS DONE AND IT'S UNFORTUNATE AND THAT, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TO TAKE CORRECTIVE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THAT MISTAKE. WE SHOULD TREAT EVERYONE THE SAME. WHERE I'M GOING WITH THIS IS SOMEBODY GOES TO THE CITY TO BUILD A GARAGE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT AND NOT PULLED A PERMIT, WE COME DOWN VERY HARD ON THEM. WE APPLY THE ZONING BYLAWS OF THE CITY AND WE LIKE TO HE THE WE APPLY IT EQUALLY. IT APPEARS UNFORTUNATELY IN THIS SITUATION THE DEVELOPER MAY HAVE GOTTEN A SITUATION WHERE THEY WERE ISSUED A PERMIT TO BUILD A BUILDING THAT WAS 20 FEET BEYOND WHERE HE HAD AGREED TO BUILD IT IN TERMS OF ITS IMPACT ON THE RESIDENTS. MORE CONCERNING THE FACT THE CITY WHICH ISSUED THE PERMIT, APPEARS NOT TO BE WILLING TO BASICALLY SAY, YES. WE ARE PART OF THE MISTAKE HERE, AS WELL. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE MAYBE A LIABILITY COST TO THE CITY. QUESTION I HAVE TO ASK IS WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE DOING THIS CONSULTATION FOR SAKE OF CONSULTATION WITH RESIDENTS OR DOING IT SO WE CAN AVOID ANY LEGAL LIABILITY, WHICH MAY HAVE TO BE COMING OUR WAY IN TERMS OF THE FACT WE ISSUED A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, BUILDING PERMIT ON A SITE 20 FEET BEYOND WHAT WAS APPROVED BY THE PREVIOUS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE AND THIS COUNCIL. THIS IS CONCERNING. I HOPE MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUE IS TOTALLY INCORRECT. THAT'S WHY I'M PREFACING IT THROUGHOUT MY DISCUSSION HERE. THIS IS MY UNDERSTANDING.

AGAIN, I'M NOT POINTING ANY FINGERS. PEOPLE MAKE MISTAKES, MADAM SPEAKER. BUT IT'S BETTER FOR US TO SAY THIS IS THE MISTAKE MADE. THIS IS LIABILITY COST TO THE CITY. THIS IS WHAT'S IT'S GOING TO COST THE DEVELOPER TO HONOUR HIS ORIGINAL COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY. NOT TO BE BEYOND THE 25 FEET, WHICH I UNDERSTAND IS A BUFFER. THEN TO BE ABLE TO PULL BACK AND HONOUR THAT, MADAM SPEAKER, RATHER THAN SAYING OKAY. BUILD. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE CONSULTATION FOR THE ACHE OF THE ISSUE COULD BE ARGUED WHAT IS DONE NOW. I PREFER THIS MATTER BE TAKEN BACK TO THE COMMITTEE AND RECONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF WHAT'S HAPPENING. I COULD BE WRONG. THE MOTION RIGHT NOW, MY UNDERSTANDING IS WE'RE AMENDING FOR CONSULTATION. IT'S STILL GOING FORWARD. OKAY. I'M GLAD I PUT THESE CONCERNS ON THE RECORD. IF IT'S GOING TO PLAN APPROVAL I WANT CLARIFICATION FROM THE CLERK. WHAT'S THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE MOTION. WHERE IS THIS GOING FORWARD IF IT'S PASSED. IT IS CARRIED AS WE HAVE IT TODAY BEFORE US.

>> IF MOTION IS PASSED THE ITEM BEFORE COUNCIL WOULD BE AMENDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MOTION AND PASSED.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: SO MY UNDERSTANDING IS THE ONLY THING SUBJECT IS PLAN APPROVAL AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE WHICH IS STANDARD. WE ARE APPROVING THE SUBDIVISION TODAY, THE CHANGES. THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS DO YOU WISH TO CLOSE ON YOUR AMENDING MOTION?

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: YEAH. AGAIN, CONSULTATION IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT FOR DEVELOPMENTS TO HAPPEN, MAKING SURE RESIDENTS HAVE A VOICE IN WHAT WILL BE BUILT AROUND THEM. AGAIN, THIS IS GOING BACK TO THE -- IN REFERENCE IN THE MOTION IT'S GOING BACK TO DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND PROPERTY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED PLANS. BUT THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION DOES NEED TO HAPPEN. WITH THAT, MADAM SPEAKER, YOU CAN CALL THE QUESTION.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN, ANY CLOSE FOR YOU, SIR?

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JUST SOME CLARIFICATION HERE TO THE COUNCILLOR FROM TRANSCONA COMMENTS. THE PERMITS THAT WERE ISSUED THAT WENT APPROXIMATELY 20 FEET PASSED THE POINT, IN THE DOCUMENTATION YOU'LL SEE THE PATHWAY IS NOTED. IT SEPARATES THE SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING FROM THE PROPOSED SITE. THE PATHWAY WAS THE MARKER, INCORRECTLY, BUT REGARDLESS OF THAT THE PATHWAY WAS NOTED AT AS THE MARKER. EASY TO PLACE BLAME ON WHOMEVER SIGNED OFF ON THE PERMITS BUT THE PATHWAY WAS THE MARKER WHICH, YES, DOES NOT LINE UP WITH THE CORNER HOUSE THERE. I WANTED TO POINT THAT OUT AND JUST FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION HERE. PERHAPS, MADAM SPEAKER, THE PLAN APPROVAL FOR THIS WOULD STILL BE HEARD AT RIEL. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING -- THE PART WE'RE CONSIDERING RIGHT NOW IN THE REPORTS, WE'RE VOTING ON, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PIECE MUST TAKE PLACE AND THEN THE COMMITTEE WILL, AGAIN, CONSIDER IT AT R REAL. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR OF AMENDING MOTION TWO PLEASE RISE. AMENDING MOTION TWO, PLEASE RISE. THAT WAS PUT FORWARD BY COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS.

MADAME CLERK: MAYOR GILLINGHAM, COUNCILLOR ALLARD, COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, COUNCILLOR DOBSON, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN, COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD, COUNCILLOR EADIE, COUNCILLOR GILROY, COUNCILLOR LUKES, COUNCILLOR MAYES, COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, COUNCILLOR SANTOS, AND MADAM SPEAKER, SHARMA.

MADAME SPEAKER: OPPOSED. PLEASE RISE.

MADAME CLERK: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

MR. CLERK: YEAS 13, NAYS ONE.

MADAME SPEAKER: AMENDING TWO MOTION PASSED. NOW AS AMENDED. ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. AND THAT'S CARRIED. COUNCILLOR WYATT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE NOTED IN OPPOSITION? OKAY. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS. THANK YOU. IN OPPOSITION. THANK YOU. WE'RE NOW GOING TO TAKE A RECESS. >> WOULD YOU BE OPEN TO HEARING THE BYLAWS.

MADAME SPEAKER: WE HAVE QUESTION PERIOD, AS WELL. MAYBE AFTER WE CAN. WE'LL NOW TAKE A RECESS. THE MEDIA -- I'M SURE THE MAYOR WILL BE IN A MEDIA SCRUM. GIVE HIM TEN MINUTES THEN -- WE CAN TAKE THE PHOTO. WE HAVE A PHOTO. LET'S TAKE THE PHOTO FIRST. THANK YOU. COUNCILLORS IF WE CAN PROCEED UPSTAIRS TO THE MAYORS FOYER FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH. WE'LL COME BACK AT 1:15 PLEASE. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M RECONVENING THE COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 29th, 2026. WE'RE ON THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON DEVELOPMENT. COUNCIL DUNCAN, OVER TO YOU FOR BYLAWS.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I'D LIKE TO READ BYLAW 2 OF 2026, 3 OF 2026, 4 OF 2026, 8 OF 2026, AND 9 OF 2026.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY. BYLAW 2 OF 2026, BYLAW 3 OF 2026, BYLAW 4 OF 2026, BYLAW 7 OF 2026, BYLAW 8 OF 2026 AND BYLAW 9 OF 2026.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: BYLAWS 68 OF 2025, 66 OF 2025, AND 92 OF 2025.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY. CARRIED. BYLAW 68 OF 2025, BYLAW 66 OF 2025 AND BYLAW 92 OF 2025.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: MADAM SPEAKER, I'LL READ THE BYLAWS OF 68 OF 2025, 66 OF 2025, 92 OF 2025 BE READ A THIRD TIME TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY. CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: MADAM SPEAKER, I'LL READ THE BYLAWS OF 10 OF 2026 A FIRST TIME.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

MADAME CLERK: BYLAW 10 OF 2026.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I MOVE THAT BYLAW 10 OF 2026 BE READ A SECOND TIME.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: AND I'LL RULE THAT THE BYLAW OF 2027 BE SUSPENDED AND BYLAW 10 OF 2026 BE READ A THIRD TIME TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY. CARRIED. WE'LL NOW HAVE QUESTION PERIOD UNDER THIS COMMITTEE. ANY QUESTIONS FOR CHAIR COUNCILLOR DUNCAN. NEXT IS THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE IN THE ENVIRONMENT. WE HAVE NO REPORTS TODAY. NO MOTIONS. NO BYLAWS. SO WE'LL GET RIGHT INTO QUESTION PERIOD. ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR CHAIR? COUNCILLOR COUNCILLOR LUKES?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: SURE. I'M JUST WONDERING IF COUNCILLOR EADIE HAS ANY UPDATE ON WHAT HAPPENED AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT. NOT AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT BUT THE NORTH WATER TREATMENT PLANT AT THE PIPE THAT BROKE AROUND CHRISTMAS. DO YOU HAVE ANY UPDATES ON THAT? ARE WE EXPECTING A REPORT TO COME OR? I'M JUST CURIOUS.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: MADAM SPEAKER, THAT IS A GOOD QUESTION, AND THE INCIDENT DID NOT CREATE A REQUIREMENT FOR A REPORT TO COUNCIL IN TERMS OF THE ACCIDENTAL BREAKING OF THE FEEDER WATER MAIN. WHILE UNDERTAKING THE WORK OF CONNECTING A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY TO THE NEW NORTH END WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTRE. THERE WAS THE HAPPEN, AND IT WAS REALLY AWFUL IT HAPPENED. THERE IS OR THERE WAS AN INVESTIGATION. I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE RESULTS WERE, AS TO WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE THAT SOME EQUIPMENT DIGGING DOWN RUPTURED THE FEEDER WATER MAIN. BUT THAT FEEDER WATER MAIN, THERE WAS THE PROBLEM OF CLEANING UP ALL THE ICE AND WATER AND EVERYTHING. THAT WAS DONE FAIRLY EXPEDIENTLY, ALTHOUGH NOT FAST ENOUGH FOR THE PUBLIC. BUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED WAS, IT WAS REPAIRED. WE'RE ALSO ABLE TO TURN OFF SOME SHUTOFF VALVES IN OTHER PLACES BECAUSE OF REDUNDANCY IN OUR WATER SYSTEM. THEY WERE ABLE TO STOP THE WATER FLOWING TO THAT FEEDER MAIN, BUT WATER WAS REDIRECTED SERVING THE PEOPLE. BUT THERE WAS FOR A SLIGHT MOMENT, OR FOR A LITTLE WHILE, THERE WAS SOME LOWER PRESSURE BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE OF THE STREAM OF WATER GOING TO THE VARIOUS BUILDINGS THAT NEED WATER. AND SO IT WAS REPAIRED. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM, BUT WATER AND WASTE DOES HAVE MONEY IN ITS PROGRAMMES TO DEAL WITH WATER MAIN BREAKS. AND THUS WAS DONE. AND FINALLY, IT SEEMS TO FIX. IT TAKES A LITTLE WHILE LONGER BECAUSE AFTER THEY FIX THE FEEDER MAIN OF WATER, YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE NO BACTERIA ACCIDENTALLY SHOWS UP IN THAT SYSTEM BEFORE THEY CAN START USING THAT PIPE. SO THEY HAD TO CLOSE OFF LANES IN ORDER TO GO AND TEST THAT WATER BEFORE THEY CAN FILL THE HOLE THAT WAS DUG. THE WATER THAT WAS TO BE SUPPLIED TO THE NEW PLANT WAS COMPLETED AS WELL. SO THERE REALLY IS NO REPORT. BUT THAT'S THE ESSENTIAL DETAILS. THE ONLY THING WE DON'T KNOW IS LIKE THE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF HOW THAT HAPPENED. A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT ACCIDENTALLY HIT THE FEEDER MAIN.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE. NEXT COMMITTEE IS THE

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES. COUNCILLOR SANTOS.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I INTRODUCED THE REPORT JANUARY 9th, 2026 AND MOVE THE ADOPTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS NUMBER 1-4.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. NO MOTIONS, NO BYLAWS. WE'RE INTO QUESTION PERIOD. ANY QUESTIONS FOR CHAIR OR COUNCILLOR SANTOS? NEXT IS STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS. COUNCILLOR LUKES?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE REPORT AND THE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 AND 2.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. NOW INTO QUESTION PERIOD. ANY QUESTIONS? COUNCILLOR MAYES FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. A QUESTION THAT COULD ALSO BE IMPOSED. I'LL CLOSE IT TO COUNCILLOR LUKES. TOMORROW, THE COMMITTEE WILL BE CONSIDERING A MOTION I'M PUTTING FORWARD ABOUT GETTING A REVIEW THE VARIOUS CITY PLAY STRUCTURES THAT ARE ON SCHOOL DIVISION LAND OR THAT ARE ADJACENT TO SCHOOL PROPERTIES, OR IN THE ODD CASE OF THE HATCHER SCHOOL, STRADDLING THE LINE BETWEEN CITY AND SCHOOL DIVISION PROPERTY. I DON'T KNOW IF -- I'M GETTING A CONDITION UPDATE ON EACH OF THOSE FACILITIES. ALL OF US GET ANNUAL UPDATE ON PLAY STRUCTURES AND THEIR CONDITIONS. SO THIS IS TRYING TO PULL TOGETHER ALL OF THAT. I KNOW COUNCILLOR LUKES SHARES MY VIEW THAT THE NEW SCHOOL SHOULD GET PLAY STRUCTURES FUNDED BY THE PROVINCE. I KNOW SHE IS, TO HER CREDIT, PUT SOME MONEY TOWARD THE OLDER SCHOOLS. BARRYMORE LEAPS TO MIND. I WANT TO GET HER TAKE ON THE FEASIBILITY OF DOING SOME REVIEW ON THE CITY PLAY STRUCTURES, EITHER ON SCHOOL PROPERTY. I KNOW DARWIN SCHOOL IS THAT. ADJACENT TO SCHOOL PROPERTY AND COUNCILLOR CHAIRMAN WARD.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: SURE. SO I CAN SPEAK TO THIS. MAYBE NOT SO MUCH FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS PERSPECTIVE, BUT FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF HAVING BEEN A FUNDRAISER FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE BEING ELECTED, RAISING FUNDING FOR PLAY STRUCTURES. PLAY STRUCTURES ARE ONE OF THE ABSOLUTE HARDEST THINGS TO RAISE FUNDING FOR. IT BASICALLY BOILS DOWN TO CITY, PROVINCE, SCHOOL. WHAT I FOUND OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS, I USED TO FIND SCHOOLS WOULD PUT FUNDING IN, BUT THEY ARE NOT PUTTING FUNDING IN ANYMORE. LIKE THE SCHOOL DIVISION WOULD PUT FUNDING IN. OR ANY INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS WOULD PUT FUNDING IN. BUT NOW, BASICALLY, IT'S UP TO THE BAKE SALES, WHICH IS RIDICULOUS. SOME OF THESE STRUCTURES ARE LICENCED TO PRINT MONEY. THEY ARE SO EXPENSIVE. YOU CAN'T GET THEM ANYWHERE ELSE BUT FROM THE STRUCTURE COMPANIES, WHICH IS FINE. I TOTALLY THINK, COUNCILLOR MAYES, YOUR TIME VIEW IS VERY TIMELY BECAUSE I THINK THE PROVINCE HAS GOT FOUR OR FIVE MORE SCHOOLS, NEW SCHOOLS IN THE QEUE. I KNOW THAT MYSELF, WE DID IT TOGETHER. THE PROVINCE PUT SOME MOORE BARRYMORE. IT'S ON CITY PROPERTY. I'VE GOT ONE ON PROVINCIAL PROPERTY, WHICH I'M WILLING TO PUT SOME IN IF THEY MATCH IT. SO IN THE BIG PICTURE OF WHAT A STRUCTURE COST TO THE COST OF THE SCHOOL, I THINK THERE'S WAYS WE COULD FIGURE THIS OUT. SO I DON'T KNOW IF THAT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTION, BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REPORT OR MOTION.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? COUNCILLOR WYATT?

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. THROUGH YOU TO THE CHAIR OF PUBLIC WORKS. MY QUESTION IS, COUNCILLOR EADIE HAS, IS SPOKEN TO THE ISSUES THAT ARE FACING THE CITY AND OUR WATER AND WASTE CHALLENGES VERY FRANKLY AND OPENLY. I'M VERY PROUD OF HIS LEADERSHIP ON THAT FILE, AS DIFFICULT AS IT MAY BE. MY QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR, IS THAT THE NORTH END CHALLENGES TODAY, SPECIFICALLY ARLINGTON BRIDGE. I GUESS I ASK THE QUESTION ALONG THESE LINES. BACK IN 2008 WHEN WE HAD THE MASSIVE ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN, THERE WAS AN INITIATIVE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS FRANKLY BRILLIANT. WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE PRIME MINISTER HARPER THERE AT THE TIME, WHO UNDERSTOOD THE GRAVITY OF THE 2008 SLOWDOWN GLOBALLY, AND THE IMPLICATION MONEY WAS NOT PRIMED TO THE ECONOMY IMMEDIATELY, THAT WE WERE FACING A SCENARIO OF A DEPRESSION, POSSIBLY ECONOMICALLY A SLOWDOWN. ONE OF THE THINGS HE INSISTED ON, THEY WANTED SHOVEL-READY PROJECTS IF YOU'LL RECALL. WHAT WE FOUND IN WINNIPEG WAS A UNIQUE SITUATION WHERE WE DIDN'T HAVE SHOVEL-READY PRODUCTS. I HAD DRAWINGS ON THE SHELF LITERALLY TAKE OFF, AND GO OUT TO TINDER TO BUILD THESE PROJECTS. I WOULD ARGUE FROM THIS DAY, WE STILL DO NOT SPEND THE MONEY IN ADVANCE OF A CAPITAL PROJECT, WHICH MAY BE YEARS DOWN THE ROAD, JUST TO GET A DRAWING READY SO WE'RE READY TO GO IN THE EVENT WE HAVE ANOTHER SITUATION LIKE THIS, WHICH COULD POSSIBLY HAPPEN. WE WENT SOUTH OF THE BORDER AND EVERYTHING ELSE. I SAY THIS IN LIGHT OF THE ARLINGTON BRIDGE. HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET THE PROJECT MOVING. WE DON'T HAVE MONEY TO BUILD THE ARLINGTON BRIDGE. BUT AT LEAST CAN WE NOT GET THE DRAWINGS READY TO GET THAT PROJECT SO IT IS SHOVEL READY. NOT TO MENTION OTHER PROJECTS OF THE CITY. THIS IS VERY MUCH OF HIGH VALUE, AND I RECOGNIZE WHY. I'M FROM A COMMUNITY, TOO, THAT SOMETIMES FEELS DISCONNECTED FROM THE REST OF THE CITY. THIS IS NOT JUST A DISCONNECTED MINDS AND HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE AT THE NORTH END, BUT IT'S ALSO A PHYSICAL ONE, WHICH IS VERY SYMBOLIC AND VERY REAL. ANYWAYS, THOSE ARE MY THOUGHTS. I WANT TO HEAR YOURS.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: INTERESTING YOU'RE THINKING OF SHOVEL-READY PROJECTS BECAUSE I WAS THINKING OF THAT IN RELATION TO CHIEF PEGUIS. SURE, WE DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING, BUT WE WANT IT TO BE READY LIKE IN 2008 WHEN WE HAD THE SHOVEL-READY BIG DRAMA ACROSS THE COUNTRY, RIGHT? SO KENASTON IS SHOVEL READY. DRAWINGS FOR THAT. PEGUIS IS SHOVEL READY. ALMOST READY FOR THAT. ARLINGTON, WE'RE WORKING ON THAT. WE HAVE FUNDING TO TAKE BUT WE HAVE SET FUNDING ASIDE, AND THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE WORKING ON TO DO DRAWINGS FOR THAT. SO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WERE ON THE COMMITTEE AT THAT TIME, BUT WE DID PASS THAT. IT'S HAPPENING.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THIS IS THE FOLLOWUP. THE CHAIR MENTIONED, MADAM SPEAKER, KENASTON IS SHOVEL READY. I WOULD IMAGINE WE WOULD HAVE THE PROPERTIES IN PLACE. IF I UNDERSTAND IT, THE CITY IS BEING APPROACHED AS A PROPERTY OWNER IN TERMS OF BUILDING A BRIDGE. IF IT'S SHOVEL READY, WHY ARE WE STILL DOING THIS?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: DRAWINGS ARE I BELIEVE, ARE AT A CLASS TWO, BUT IT'S AS CLOSE AS WE CAN GET. WE DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING TO DO IT. THESE DRAWINGS THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE ARE REALLY AS CLOSE AS WE CAN GET. WE'RE RIGHT NOW DOING PROPERTY ACQUISITION. NOT ALL OF IT, BUT SOME OF IT. THING TO DO PROPERTY ACQUISITION. AGAIN, IT'S FUNDING DEPENDENT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: YOU WOULD AGREE THE DEFINITION OF SHOVEL READY SHOULD INCLUDE THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY, BECAUSE YOU CAN'T PUT THE SHOVEL IN THE GROUND IF IT AIN'T

YOUR PROPERTY.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: OK, DEFINITIONS. WHAT, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S DEFINITION OF SHOVEL READY? WHAT IS THE CITY'S DEFINITION OF SHOVEL READY? SHOVEL READY SOUNDS LIKE IT'S READY. I REMEMBER IN SOME OF THOSE CASES BECAUSE I WAS WRITING GRANTS AT THE TIME. I SCORED 800,000 FOR PLACE -- IF YOU CAN BELIEVE IT. THEY WEREN'T SHOVEL READY. THERE WERE SOME. AT THAT TIME, THEY GRANTED A THREE-WAY EXTENSION. IT WASN'T SHOVEL READY, BUT WE HAD FUNDING FOR THAT. THERE'S NUANCES THERE TO SHOVEL-READY DEFINITION.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. SEEING NO FURTHER QUESTIONS. OH, COUNCILLOR EADIE. GO AHEAD.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: YES, THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WYATT FOR BRINGING THE ATTENTION OF THE ARLINGTON BRIDGE TO COUNCIL TODAY. WE'RE IN A CIRCUMSTANCE RIGHT NOW, GIVEN THE TRADE ISSUES WE'RE TRYING TO DEAL WITH IN NORTH AMERICA RIGHT NOW. AND FEDERALLY, IT'S BEEN DISCUSSED, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT, YOU KNOW, WE SHOULD BE BUYING CANADIAN, MADAM SPEAKER. WHEN I THINK ABOUT BUYING CANADIAN, I THINK THAT THE ARLINGTON BRIDGE COULD BE SUPPORTING THE BUY-CANADIAN. I WAS TOLD, BUT THEN FOUND OUT LATER ON -- I WAS FIRST TOLD THERE IS NO CANADIAN STEEL COMPANY THAT CAN PRODUCE THE KIND OF BRIDGE STEEL THAT'S REQUIRED FOR THE ARLINGTON BRIDGE. THEN I FOUND OUT SUBSEQUENTLY, THERE IS IN QUEBEC. WHEN THEY ARE BUILDING FOR THE ARLINGTON BRIDGE, THEY ARE GOING TO BE BUILDING CONCRETE PIERS. WHEN YOU'RE BUILDING CONCRETE PIERS WITH CEMENT, WE DO HAVE A STEEL COMPANY RIGHT HERE IN MANITOBA THAT PRODUCES REBAR AND THAT KIND OF THING THAT HELPS TO STRENGTHEN THE -- HELPS STRENGTHEN THE CONCRETE, SO IT CAN HOLD UP A SIZABLE WEIGHT. AND I WILL POINT OUT THAT THERE IS APPROXIMATELY $17 MILLION, I BELIEVE, GOING TO THE REMOVAL OF THE ARLINGTON BRIDGE. THERE IS $11 MILLION IN CONTINUED DESIGN. AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE STATUS IS OF THE DESIGN, AND FURTHER COSTING, WHAT THE NEW BRIDGE WOULD COST. THERE WAS AN ESTIMATE THAT THE NEW BRIDGE ITSELF WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 15. 61 TO $165 MILLION, WHICH IS NOT A LOT OF MONEY, IF YOU LOOK AT CHIEF PEGUIS. BUT THAT DESIGN CONTINUES. BUT MY QUESTION IS THIS. IT'S FOR ALL TO HEAR. THERE IS A RAIL, A MINISTER IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR RAIL CROSSINGS I ALSO HEARD IN SPEAKING TO PEOPLE, THERE WAS ANOTHER CITY WHERE THE RAIL CROSSINGS DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAME UP WITH ALL THE MONEY TO MAKE A CROSSING SAFE BY BUILDING A BRIDGE. SO MY QUESTION REALLY IS, HAVE WE LOOKED AT AND HAD A DISCUSSION WITH THE MINISTER, THE FEDERAL MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR RAIL CROSSINGS ABOUT HELPING NORTH ENDERS AND WESTENDERS? BECAUSE IT'S BOTH SIDES OF THE BRIDGE. WE ALL USE IT. WE USED TO ALL USE IT. IT COULD BE USED BY MORE. DO YOU KNOW IF ANY OF THAT DISCUSSION IS OR REACH OUT TO THE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT? I AS A CITY COUNCILLOR, DO NOT DO INTERGOVERNMENTAL.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR EADIE. THAT'S A REALLY GOOD QUESTION. I WOULD LIKE TO THINK -- NOW, WE DON'T GET INVOLVED IN THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THEY HAVE BECAUSE OF THE ARLINGTON BRIDGE AND THE DETAILS THEY ARE HAVING TO DEAL WITH THE RAIL LINES ON IN TAKING APART THE BRIDGE. BUT WE DO HAVE THE CAO IN THE ROOM. I'M SURE HE'S HEARING THIS. HE'LL MAKE THE OF IT. HOPEFULLY, HE'LL GET BACK TO YOU AND UPDATE YOU ON THAT. IT'S MORE OF OPERATIONS. I HAVEN'T SPECIFICALLY ASKED THEM. WHEN I DEAL WITH RAIL LINES AND PUBLIC WORKS, I DEAL WITH MORE OF THE RAIL CROSSINGS AND WHAT'S HAPPENING AND LEVELING THEM OUT. THAT'S MORE OF WHAT I DEAL WITH PUBLIC WORKS

AND RAIL LINES. ONE WOULD THINK THEY ARE TALKING BIGGER PICTURES, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF THE ARLINGTON BRIDGE. I'M HOPING MR. CAO CAN GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: A FOLLOWUP QUESTION. I'M WONDERING. I'M WONDERING. I HEAR THAT THE LOCAL ROAD PROGRAMME DOLLARS CAN'T ALL BE SPENT EVERY YEAR, AND THAT THERE MAY BE CASH AVAILABLE. WE HAVE THAT IN LOCAL BRIDGES TO THE LOCAL ROAD PROGRAMME. I'M WONDERING IF THE PUBLIC SERVICE HAS BEEN LOOKING AT THE AVAILABILITY OF THAT CASH BECAUSE THEY CAN'T DO ALL THE ROAD RENEWALS, BUT DIFFERENT COMPANIES BUILD BRIDGES. IF THAT'S BEEN LOOKED AT AS A POTENTIAL SOURCE TO BUILD A LOCAL BRIDGE FOR THE WEST END AND NORTH END.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: YEAH, SO IN RELATION TO HAVING ALL THE PROJECTS TENDERED, AND THE ONES THAT ARE TENDERED AND HAVING THEM GET DONE IS REALLY WEATHER DEPENDENT. I THINK LAST YEAR, AND I DON'T HAVE THEM IN FRONT OF ME. I THINK LAST YEAR IT WAS MAYBE 96% OF THE PROJECTS THAT GOT TENDERED WERE COMPLETED. I KNOW PORTAGE AVENUE WAS ONE THAT WASN'T BECAUSE IT WAS TENDERED SO LATE. I ALSO THINK IN THE BUDGET FINANCE COMMITTEE REVIEW, THEY HAVE BEEN VERY DILIGENT IN MAKING SURE THAT ANY EXCESS FUNDING INROADS IS PROPERLY ALLOCATED. I'D LIKE TO THINK THERE'S AN EXTRA 40 TO $50 MILLION SITTING AROUND THAT WE COULD PUT INTO A BRIDGE, BUT I REALLY THINK THERE'S NOT. SO, YOU KNOW, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO CALL THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND ASK HIM.

MADAME SPEAKER: THAT CONCLUDES QUESTION PERIOD. COUNCILLOR WYATT?

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I JUST WANTED TO SAY FOR THE RECORD, THANK YOU TO THE CHAIR, AS YOU'RE AWARE. THANK YOU TO THE CHAIR FOR FACILITATING THAT MEETING YESTERDAY REGARDING THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. I APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. JUST ON THE NOTE, ARE YOU ENCOURAGED IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM THAT LAWS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR AND I'VE BEEN CALLING FOR SOMETIME, THAT THROUGH DESIGN, AND WHEN WE DO BILLS THAT WE MOVE AWAY FROM TWO THINGS. WE MOVE AWAY FROM CONCRETE, AND OTHER THAN CONCRETE. AND WE ALSO MOVE TOWARD HAVING BUILT WITHIN THEM, A STANDARD WHICH ALLOWS FOR SLOWER DRYING SPEEDS, AS IS DONE IN EUROPE, AS IT'S DONE IN SCANDINAVIA. DO YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF THAT PROGRESS?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: SOME OF THE ROADS AND DESIGN AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS. I'LL CITE BISON RUN AS BEING ONE OF THEM. OUR ROADS ARE NARROWER. THEY ARE ACTUALLY BEING DESIGNED, NOT LIKE THEY WERE MANY YEARS AGO. SO WE ARE DEFINITELY MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT IS THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE NO REPORTS, MOTIONS OR BYLAWS TODAY. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN, YOU'RE TAKING QUESTION PERIOD, ARE YOU? MAYOR? MR. MAYOR, YOU'LL TAKE QUESTION PERIOD? OK. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM SPEAKER. SITTING IN FOR COUNCILLOR BROWATY. WHEN THEY OPENED UP THEIR MAIL AND RECEIVED THEIR PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT, PROPERTY ASSESSMENT, SOME OBVIOUSLY SURPRISED BY THE NEW NUMBERS THEY SEE. THE MAYOR PROVIDE ANY DETAILS ON THAT PROCESS.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. COUNCILLOR'S QUESTION. NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY COUNCILLOR BROWATY IS NOT HERE. IN ALL SERIOUSNESS, I DO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE KNOW COUNCIL EVERY TWO YEARS, AND PER LEGISLATION WE ARE REQUIRED TO DO AN ASSESSMENT AND REASSESSMENT. I WILL POINT OUT A COUPLE OF THINGS, EITHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OR PROPERTY OWNERS ARE GETTING THEIR ASSESSMENT NOTICES IN THE MAIL. THIS IS A REASSESSMENT. IT'S A PROCESS OF UPDATING THE REAS VALUE OF PROPERTIES WITH MARKET VALUES -- REASSESSMENT. A COUPLE OF THINGS. I GOT MINE THE OTHER DAY. INSIDE THE ENVELOPE, YOU WILL SEE THERE ARE DETAILS EXPLAINING WHAT THE ASSESSMENT, REASSESSMENT IS. WHY IT'S NECESSARY, WHAT IS THE RESIDENTIAL REVIEW PROGRAMME, HOW AND WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WANT TO REALLY -- EMPLOYMENT PERIOD TO CHALLENGE THE NEW ASSESSMENT THAT IS THERE. THIS IS NOT THE FINAL ASSESSMENT. THIS IS THE FIRST PART OF THE PROCESS. ALSO ON FRIDAY, OUR CITY ASSESSOR TIM AUSTIN SENT TO EVERY COUNCILLOR AN EMAIL. IF YOU DIDN'T GET IT OR YOU MISSED IT, GO BACK TO YOUR EMAILS FROM FRIDAY. YOU WILL SEE IT THERE, THAT TALKS ABOUT AGAIN, BASICALLY OUTLINING WHAT THIS PROCESS IS ALL ABOUT. ALSO, THE IMPACT OF PROPERTY TAXES. JUST TO REMIND EVERYBODY. I'LL READ TIM'S WORDS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT AN INCREASE IN THE MARKET VALUE OF A SPECIFIC PROPERTY DOES NOT NECESSARILY RESULT IN A PROPORTIONATE INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF PROPERTY TAXES. THAT IS A LOT MORE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THAT EMAIL AS WELL. I FIND IT VERY HELPFUL. I DO APPRECIATE, FIRST OF ALL, I HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR CAO, WHO IS HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH COMMUNICATIONS. THEY ARE DEVELOPING -- CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS IS DEVELOPING, BASICALLY, A COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION THAT COUNCILLORS CAN HAVE, AND COUNCILLORS' ASSISTANTS CAN USE THAT INFORMATION AS WE SEE FIT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY HAVE. I WOULD JUST SAY IT AGAIN. IF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OR PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE QUESTIONS, CON, OR YOU CAN GO TO WINNIPEG.CA/DISCUSSMYASSESSMENT. AND SO INFORMATION IS THERE. I KNOW OUR CITY ASSESSOR, HIS STAFF ARE READY AND WANTING, LOOKING FORWARD TO ANSWERING QUESTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

MADAME SPEAKER: MAYOR, ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? COUNCILLOR WYATT?

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU. THROUGH YOU TO THE MAYOR. MADAM SPEAKER, PERTAINING TO THE SOUTHERN CHIEFS ORGANIZATION, THE CAO RECENTLY. COULD THE MAYOR -- IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THE CITY HAS COMMITTED $10 MILLION IN SUBSIDIZATION TO MY UNDERSTANDING TO THE SCO. AND THE FACT THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ON -- IS AT THE TABLE FOR $29 MILLION. GIVEN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THOSE PUBLIC MONEY, PLUS THE PROVINCIAL MONEY UPWARDS OF $40S OF LOANS, WOULD THE MAYOR CONTACT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ASK THEM TO LOOK INTO THIS PROJECT, PERTAINING THAT IT WENT FROM $130 MILLION TO OVER $300 MILLION NOW. IT WAS ON AN AGENDA JUST THE OTHER DAY AT FINANCE COMMITTEE, WHICH IS WHY I'M RAISING IT, PERTAINING TO THE $350,000. I HAVE A QUESTION RELATED TO THAT. MY FIRST QUESTION IS WITHOUT MAYOR WRITE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ASK THEM TO LOOK INTO THIS PROJECT? BECAUSE IF THIS PROJECT WAS BEING DONE AND THAT WOULD HAPPEN ON A CITY PROJECT FROM 130 TO $310 MILLION, THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF QUESTIONS BEING ASKED, TO SAY THE LEAST. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. Mr. MAYOR?

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I THINK THE FIRST CONVERSATION. WE STAYED IN

TOUCH REGARDING THE PROJECT, IS TO THE CHIEF ORGANIZATION, AND THEN WHEN AND IF THERE'S ANY FURTHER REQUEST FOR FUNDING, THAT WE'LL COME TO THE CITY OF WINNIPEGS ILL WILL VOTE ON THAT AS A DECISION. THAT -- WINNIPEG AS A COUNCIL WILL VOTE ON THAT AS A DECISION. IT HASN'T HAPPENED AT THIS POINT.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. SECOND QUESTION?

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I WOULD HOPE THE MAYOR -- [INDISCERNIBLE] I WOULD ASK THE SECOND QUESTION. IN LIGHT OF THE FACT WE HAVE COMMITTED THESE FUNDS, THE FUNDING IS NOT CLEAR ON THE PROTOCOL AND HOW THE FUNDING FLOATS. THEREFORE, WE DO HAVE A BIT OF A HAMMER. WOULD IT BE SOMETHING THE MAYOR CONSIDER THAT WE DO NOT ISSUE ANY REFUND FOR PERMITS? THAT WE DO NOT REISSUE ANY REFUND ON TAXES UNTIL CLARIFICATION HAS BEEN MADE ON THE STATUS OF THIS PROJECT TO PROTECT THE INTEREST OF ALL THE RATE PAYERS WHETHER HE BE PROVINCIAL, FEDERAL OR MUNICIPAL?

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: WE WANT THIS PROJECT TO PROCEED. RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE APPROVED OUR PORTION OF THE FUNDING. COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THAT. WE WANT THE PROJECT TO BE SUCCESSFUL THE CONTINUES ON, AND WE'LL SUPPORT THE PROJECT. IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE REQUESTED BY SCO TO THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, WE CAN DEAL WITH THE MATTER AT THAT TIME.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: AGAIN, I WOULD JUST ASK THE QUESTION IN A DIFFERENT WAY. I UNDERSTAND THE CHAIR OF FINANCE OR COMMITTEE OF FINANCE HAS DELEGATED AUTHORITY, OR POSSIBLY THE CAO HAS DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ISSUE THE REFUNDS AND REBATES BASED ON WHAT COUNCIL APPROVED. IN LIGHT OF NOT KNOWING THE STATUS OF THE OVERALL PROJECT AT THIS POINT THAT'S WELL UNDER WAY, BUT IS STILL UNDER WAY, AND COSTS MAY BE RISING FURTHER. JUST TO PROTECT OUR INTEREST, IS IT SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN TERMS OF PUTTING IN SOME SAFETY MEASURES SUCH AS THE ISSUING THAT UNTIL WE FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THAT MAJOR PROJECT?

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: SPEAKER. AT THIS POINT, THERE IS NOTHING THAT CONTRAVENES. THE ARRANGEMENT WE HAVE WITH SOUTHERN CHIEFS ON THIS PROJECT. SO IT'S UP TO US AT THIS POINT TO CONTINUE TO FULFIL OUR OBLIGATIONS.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES. COUNCILLOR MAYES? YES. THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THANK YOU. TWO QUESTIONS AT LEAST, WHICH COUNCILLOR ASKED THE MAYOR, WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ANSWER. FIRST QUESTION IS, AS PART OF THE BUDGET, THERE WAS A LARGE DELEGATIONAL AUTHORITY TO CITY STAFF TO DETERMINE A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE GRANTS THAT ARE GIVEN OUT SOME SORT OF COMMITTEE STRUCTURE WAS STRUCK. VARIOUS APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN PUT IN. I WAS TOLD THEY WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY. THAT'S STILL TECHNICALLY POSSIBLE. THERE WILL BE POLITICAL CONTROVERSY APLENTY, I WOULD PREDICT, WHEN THIS IS RELEASED. CAN THE MAYOR UPDATE ON WHEN -- I'M HEARING IT'S 2026. WE NEED TO KNOW FROM OUR 2026 GRANT. CAN THE MAYOR UPDATE US WHEN THAT LIST OF GRANT RECIPIENTS WILL BE RELEASED?

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, Mr. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I DON'T HAVE A DATE AT THIS POINT. PERHAPS, THE CAO.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT QUESTION. COUNCILLOR MAYES?

COUNCILLOR MAYES: SIMILARLY, THE COMMUNITY CENTRE RENOVATION GRANT PROGRAMME, WHICH WAS STARTED BY FORMER MAYOR AND IN LARGE BY MAYOR BOWMAN. IT'S STILL UNDER $2 MILLION A YEAR BY THE CURRENT MAYOR. I FEEL WE'RE DUE TO GET THAT ANNOUNCEMENT RELATIVELY SOON. DOES THE MAYOR HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHEN WE MIGHT GET THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE GRANT PROGRAMME WINNERS?

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR?

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I'LL TAKE THAT UNDER ADVISEMENT AND GET BACK TO THE COUNCILLOR.

MADAME SPEAKER: NEXT COMMITTEE IS THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL. COUNCILLOR ALLARD, YOU'LL MOVE THE REPORT ON MY BEHALF.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: YES. I'D LIKE TO MAKE A FEW COMMENTS.

MADAME SPEAKER: THAT WILL BE STRUCK DOWN.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: OK. [SPEAKING IN FRENCH]

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ALLARD. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. OK. THE NOTICE OF MOTION, MR. CLERK. I SEE SOMETHING ON THE AGENDA HERE. I THINK THE DESIRE IS COUNCILLOR MAYES, YOU LAY IT OVER.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: ALWAYS GOOD TO SPEAK TO THE LAST ITEM ON THE AGENDA. ALWAYS GOOD TO LAY OVER THE LAST ITEM ON THE AGENDA. I WILL MOVE TO LAY THAT OVER TO OUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY? CARRIED. OK. WE'LL NOW HAVE -- YES. COUNCILLOR EADIE WILL MOVE ADJOURNMENT. ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY? CARRIED. STAY FOR ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

MADAME CLERK: MADAM SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR SHARMA. HIS WORSHIP, GILLINGHAM. COUNCILLORS ALLARD, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, DURAND-WOOD, EADIE, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, ROLLINS, SANTOS, AND WYATT.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MEETING ADJOURNED.