COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

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

CLERK: YES, WE HAVE A QUORUM.

MADAM SPEAKER: I CALL THIS MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2026 TO ORDER. IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 11.1 OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG PROCEDURE BY-LAW NO. 50/2007, THE SPEAKER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT WE ARE IN TREATY ONE TERRITORY, THE HOME AND TRADITIONAL LANDS OF THE ANISHINAABE (OJIBWE), ININEW (CREE), AND DAKOTA PEOPLES, AND IN THE NATIONAL HOMELAND OF THE RED RIVER METIS. OUR DRINKING WATER COMES FROM SHOAL LAKE 40 FIRST NATION, IN TREATY THREE TERRITORY.

WE WILL NOW HAVE THE OPENING PRAYER. PLEASE RISE IF YOU ARE ABLE. WE WILL HEAR FROM COUNCILLOR DOBSON.

COUNCILLOR DOBSON: AS WE GATHER AS MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL. WE ARE MINDFUL OF OPPORTUNITIES TO RENDER OUR SERVICE TO FELLOW CITIZENS TO OUR COMMUNITY. KEEPING IN MIND ALWAYS ENDURING VALUES OF LIFE EXERTING OUR EFFORTS IN THOSE AREAS AND THINGS UPON WHICH FUTURE GENERATIONS BUILD WITH CONFIDENCE. WE RECOGNIZE WE ARE MEETING ON DAKOTA NATIONS TERRITORY AND HOMELAND OF THE NATION. LET US CONTINUE TO STRIVE AND MAKE A BETTER WORLD.

MADAM SPEAKER: ROLL CALL, MADAM CLERK.

CLERK: COUNCILLOR SHARMA, GILLINGHAM, ALLARD. BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN. COUNCILOR EMMA DURAND-WOOD, EADIE, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, ROLLINS, SANTOS AND WYATT.

MADAM SPEAKER: LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR COUNCILOR ORLIKOW. WOULD YOU READ IT INTO THE RECORD PLEASE.

CLERK: MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GILROY, SECOND ROLLINS. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW BE GRANTED LEAVE FROM THE MEETING DUE TO A PERSONAL MATTER.

MADAM SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE OUR PAGES. JOIN ME IN WELCOMING TO THE CHAMBER ST. MARY'S ACADEMY AND JOANNE FROM MURDOCK WHO RESIDES IN TRANSCONA WARD. THANK YOU FOR SERVING TODAY. [APPLAUSE]. WE WILL MOVE TO MORNING

ANNOUNCEMENTS. MR. MAYOR, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THIS WEEK MARKS THE FOUR YEARS SINCE THE RUSSIA INVASION OF UKRAINE. ON SUNDAY I JOINED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY APARTMENT CANADIAN MUSEUM TO STAND WITH UKRAINE AND THOUSANDS WHO CALL MANITOBA HOME. MORE THAN 30,000 FROM UKRAINE ARRIVED IN WINNIPEG. WE STAND WITH UKRAINE IN SUPPORT OF SOVEREIGNTY AND RIGHT OF PEOPLE TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE. SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING, I TRAVELED TO OTTAWA FOR MAYOR'S MEETINGS WE MET WITH FEDERAL LEADERS AND MAYORS TO ADVANCE INFRASTRUCTURE, PUBLIC SAFETY AND ECONOMIC PRIORITIES FOR WINNIPEG. FOCUS FOR ME ON BEHALF OF WINNIPEG WAS THREE KEY PRIORITY AREAS. CRITICAL GROWTH INFRASTRUCTURE, PROGRESS SECURING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR FINAL PHASE NORTH END WATER POLLUTION CENTRE, DEFENSE OPPORTUNITIES. LEADING ROLE IN THE INCREASED DEFENSE INVESTMENT IN SPENDING. ON PUBLIC SAFETY MATTERS, BAIL REFORM AND STRATEGY TO COMBAT RISE OF EXTORTION. MY ROLE AS VICE-CHAIR OF BIG CITY MAYORS I MEET REGULARLY WITH MAYORS TO DISCUSS CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT FACE OUR MUNICIPALITIES TO CALL THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON ISSUES SHARED PRIORITIES FOR ALL OF US. AS CONVERSATIONS CONTINUE ABOUT OUR NEW PRIMARY TRANSIT NET WORK, WE LISTEN AND MAKE IMPROVEMENTS ON RIDER FEEDBACK. APRIL 12 WE EXTEND BE 10 ROUTES UNTIL AFTER MID NINE AND ADDING BUSES. PUBLIC WORKS WILL CONSIDER MAJOR ADJUSTMENT SINCE LAUNCH. CHANGES SHAPED BY DOWNTOWN TO STRENGTHEN OUR CONNECTIONS AND MAKE TRANSIT MORE DEPENDABLE ARE PART OF THE PLAN. YESTERDAY I JOINED TO ANNOUNCE MANITOBA NEW ORGANIZED CRIME AND DRUG TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE. INITIATIVE BRINGS TOGETHER POLICE, SERVICE AND JUSTICE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS TO IMPROVE INFORMATION SHARING AND DISRUPT CRIMINAL NETWORKS ACROSS BORDERS. WE SEE IT ALL OF THE TIME. ILLICIT DRUGS ORGANIZED CRIME HAVE A DEVASTATING IMPACT ON FAMILIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS ACROSS WINNIPEG PUTTING INCREASED PRESSURE ON FIRST RESPONDERS. THIS TASK FORCE STRENGTHENS THE COORDINATED RESPONSE FOR SAFER WINNIPEG FOR EVERYONE. FINALLY, NEXT WEEK I WILL GIVE MY ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS, FINAL ONE THIS TERM. HOSTED BY WINNIPEG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. IT IS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECTED ON PROGRESS WE MADE TOGETHER FROM STRENGTHENING PUBLIC SAFETY, INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE TO GROWING ECONOMY, BUILDING MORE HOUSING ESTABLISHING MORE INCLUSIVE WINNIPEG. OUTLINING THE WORK THAT REMAINS ON PRIORITIES I AM FOCUSED ON IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. I LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING THAT MESSAGE WITH BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND COUNCIL AND BROADER COMMUNITY AS WE CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION ABOUT WINNIPEG'S FUTURE. THANK YOU, MADAM FUTURE.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. COUNCILLOR WYATT FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I WANT TO GIVE PERSONAL THANKS FROM MY FAMILY TO BOTH THE STAFF ST. BONIFACE HOSPITAL BUT ALSO TO MEMBERS OF THE WINNIPEG FIRE PARAMEDIC SERVICE. CHIEF SCHMIDT. I HAD A CLOSE CALL ON SUNDAY WITH REGARD TO ULCERS, INTERNAL BLEEDING. I CAN TELL YOU WHILE I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL MY SON HAD EPILEPTIC ATTACK ON THE ICE. I MET HIM AT THE HOSPITAL DOOR. EMERGENCY SERVICES WERE AMAZING. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT AND WHEN I CALLED ON SUNDAY AROUND DINNERTIME, THERE WAS NOT ONE AMBULANCE IN THE CITY AVAILABLE. THAT IS VERY COMMON, MORE THAN WE LIKE TO KNOW. OR WANT TO KNOW. I WANT TO THANK THEM, MADAM SPEAKER FOR DILIGENCE. THEY ARE TIRED, I WANT TO THANK THE FIREFIGHTERS. FIRE MEDICS WERE FIRST TO STABILIZE ME SINCE THERE WAS NO AMBULANCE. I JUST WANT TO THANK

THEM. I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE WORK THEY DO. I AM GRATEFUL TO BE HERE. FOR YOUR LOT, I AM STILL HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I WANTED TO WELCOME IN THE WEST GALLERY TODAY WE HAVE FROM THE WINNIPEG FIRE PARAMEDIC SENIOR OFFICERS TO WATCH US VOTE ON THE TENTATIVE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS. I HAVE DONE A RIDE AROUND WITH CHRIS HERE I KNOW HOW HARD THEY WORK ON PARAMEDIC SERVICES. I WELCOME OUR GUESTS AND WE WILL GET TO THAT VOTE PRESENTLY.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN WILL YOU MOVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 29.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: SO MOVED.

MADAM SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. DELEGATIONS. MR. DAVID LINTON WITH MANITOBA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION SUPPORT OF ITEM 2 OF STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2026. COUNCIL UPDATE FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN FOR TRAIL EXTENSION WEST.

GOOD MORNING, COUNCILLORS, MAYOR GILLINGHAM. I AM DAVID LINTON. MANAGER OF PALSY TRUCKING ASSOCIATION. I AM HERE TO STATE SUPPORT BY TRUCKING INDUSTRY ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE REPORT ON THIS ITEM. I COMMEND THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR UPDATING THE TRAFFIC MODELLING GROWTH PROJECTIONS RELEVANT TO THE TRAIL EXTENSION, UPDATING BASE YEAR FOR TRAFFIC DATA SHOULD BE CONDUCTED FOR ALL PROJECT ASSESSMENTS INCLUDING NOT LIMITED TO ROUTE 90 REFURBISHMENT PROJECT. MTA IS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS UPDATED TRIP GENERATION MODELS TO MEET STANDARD INDUSTRY PRACTICES. AS NOTED IN THE REPORT, THESE REVISIONS SHOW MUCH HIGHER ESTIMATE OF TRAFFIC TRAVELING TO AND FROM CENTRE PORT, FASTEST GROWING EMPLOYMENT AREA IN WINNIPEG AND IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING VICINITY. THE MTA SUPPORTS THE TRAIL EXTENSION FOR THREE IMPORTANT REASONS. THE IMMEDIATE AND DIRECT IMPROVEMENTS THE EXTENSION WILL PROVIDE TO THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC ACROSS NORTH QUADRANT OF CITY COMPLETING ARTERIAL CONNECTION BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL AREAS WITH THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS OF THE NORTH WEST WINNIPEG AND CENTREPORT. WE SUPPORT THE CHIEF PEGUIS TRAIL FOR GOODS MOVEMENT AND TRADE AND THE WINNIPEG ECONOMY. WE SUPPORT THE EXTENSION. LET ME POINT OUT THE TRAIL EXTENSION WILL PROVIDE IMPORTANT TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS TO WINNIPEG NORTHERN QUADRANT WHICH HAD BEEN BUILT TO THE EDGE OF THE CHIEF PEG WISCONSIN TRAIL EXTENSION RIGHT-OF-WAY. AS I NOTED OTHER OCCASIONS. TRANSPORTATION IS LAND USE ENABLING ALL OTHER LAND USES. FOR THIS REASON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EXTENSION TO GOODS MOVEMENT AND URBAN ECONOMY CANNOT BE OVERSTATED. IF WINNIPEG IS TO BUILD ON COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE IT MUST CONTINUE TO INVEST IN TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND SERVICE.

MADAM SPEAKER: QUESTIONS. COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPEECH TODAY AND COMMENTS AND SUPPORT. I AM MEMBER OF COUNCIL WHO WILL SUPPORT THIS STRONGLY. I WANTED TO ASK YOU, SIR, YOU

MENTIONED IT CONNECTS TO DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES. I GUESS IT IS A WINNIPEG THING WE TEND TO BUILD THINGS PIECEMEAL THAN GOING IN TO BUILD THE WHOLE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS NEEDED AT THIS TEAM. YOU MENTION IN CONNECTION TO MY COMMUNITY. AS YOU KNOW WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET RECENTLY AND I APPRECIATE THAT. THE FACT WE HAVE RUSH HOUR BOTH DIRECTIONS. HEAVY INDUSTRY A LOT OF JOBS AND MANUFACTURING ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE CITY. THE CHALLENGE WE HAVE IS THAT WITH THE CONNECTION WE ARE TALKING ABOUT BUILDING WITH THE SECTION OF CHIEF PEGUIS THERE IS A MISSING SECTION ON REGION AVENUE AND SOUTH OF THAT ON PANDORA. IT WOULDN'T TAKE MUCH TO FINISH THAT LAST LEG AS WELL. WHAT DO YOU SEE IS THE QUESTION AS THE OBSTACLES IN THE CITY WHEN IT COMES TO BUILDING NEW STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED BADLY?

MADAM SPEAKER: QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES THROUGH THE CHAIR. THANK YOU.

CHAIR CLARIFICATION.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: YOU IDENTIFY A PROBLEM. IDENTIFY THE CHALLENGES AND GET THEM OUT OF THE WAY WHAT ARE THE OBSTACLES TO MAKE IT HAPPEN TIMELY. WE ARE SO BEHIND. TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN 2011 THAT CALLED THIS TO BE BUILT YEARS AGO INCLUDING A SECTION OF TRANSCONA.

AN IMPORTANT OBSTACLE AS MUCH ADVANCE DECISION MAKING AS POSSIBLE. IT IS APPROXIMATELY SEVEN YEARS SINCE THE DESIGNS FOR THE CHIEF PEGUIS TRAIL WERE PROVIDED TO THE CITY. IT IS GOOD THAT THE EXTENSION WAS INCLUDED IN THE 2011 TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN AND IN THE CURRENT TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN. CONTINUING TO WORK ON MAKING DECISIONS IN ADVANCE, ACQUIRING RIGHTS-OF-WAYS AND PLANNING AHEAD FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE IN RECENT YEARS CITY ADOPTED FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN INSTEAD OF ONE YEAR PLAN. THIS IS IMPORTANT STEP TO ELIMINATING THE SORTS OF OBSTACLES YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT.

MADAM SPEAKER: SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU. GOOD RESPONSE. I WANTED TO ASK YOU THAT IN TERMS YOU MENTION AND I THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD POINT. HOW OFTEN LAND ASSEMBLY DOESN'T HAPPEN UNTIL THE CAPITAL PROJECT IS APPROVED. TO MY POINT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK WE TOUCHED ON WHEN WE MET AND I WILL ASK THROUGH THE CHAIR IS THAT WE ATTEMPTED AS COUNCIL TO BRING IN WHAT WAS CALLED IMPACT FEE. UP FORTUNATELY IT WAS DONE ACROSS THE BOARD. WE HAVE NEW DEVELOPMENT, A LOT OF RESIDENTIAL. WE STILL AS COUNCIL COULD BRING IN RATHER THAN I AM PACKET FEE CALL AREA CHARGE ON NEW DEVELOPMENT SPECIFIC TO REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE, NEW INFRASTRUCTURE. THEREFORE, IT IS NOT CONTRARY TO THE COURT RULING. YET WE LET THE BOAT SAIL BY AND STUFF BUILT WITHOUT COLLECTING A DIME. OTHER MUNICIPALITIES AROUND THE CITY ARE COLLECTING TEN OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THAT, SIR?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL QUESTION. I WILL SAY A COUPLE THINGS. FIRST RELATES TO EARLIER COMMENT A MOMENT AGO WHEN YOU USED THE WORD JOBS. WHAT ARE THE OBSTACLES? I THINK A KEY OBSTACLE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THE ENTIRE CITY, METROPOLITAN AREA IS A

MARKETPLACE FOR JOBS AND LABOR. PEOPLE DRIVE OR TAKE THE BUS AS CASE MAY BE TO WHERE THEY WORK AND THEY CHANGE JOBS MORE FREQUENTLY THAN THEY USED TO. RECOGNIZING THAT AND THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSPORTATION ROUTES AND FACILITATING WINNIPEG AS COMPETITIVE MARKET FOR JOBS IS REALLY IMPORTANT. TO YOUR SECOND QUESTION. THE MANITOBA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION DOES NOT HAVE A POSITION ON FINANCING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE. ALTHOUGH I HAVE A LOT OF PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE ON THIS SUBJECT MATTER, I AM NOT HERE TODAY TO REPRESENT MYSELF. I AM HERE TO REPRESENT THE MANITOBA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION. BECAUSE THE ASSOCIATION DOES NOT HAVE A POSITION, I AM SORRY I CAN'T GIVE YOU AN ANSWER TO YOUR SPECIFIC QUESTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: FINAL QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: STAFF MEMBER DIRECTOR OF POLICY COMMUNICATIONS FOR AMM BEFORE I BECAME A COUNCILLOR FROM 2002, I WAS IN A POSITION LIKE YOURSELF. I RESPECT YOUR ANSWER. IN TERMS OF MY LAST QUESTION, MAYBE IT IS MORE ARE AWARE THAT IT IS FAIR TO SAY GIVEN THE FISCAL CHALLENGES FACING THE CITY AND FACT WE LIVE IN A COUNTRY WHERE CONSTITUTION WAS 1867 WHERE THE PEOPLE LIVED ON GRAVEL ROADS AND TODAY WE LIVE IN CITIES WITH DEMANDS. OUR FINANCING PROGRAMME IS UPSIDE DOWN. THE CHALLENGES FACING THE CITY IS IT FAIR TO SAY CHALLENGES WE FACE FINANCIALLY ARE REAL AND DESERVE US TO LOOK AT OPTIONS FOR SAID FINANCING THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT?

MADAM SPEAKER: RESPONSE.

IF YOU ARE ASKING ME ANOTHER QUESTION ABOUT THE FINANCING AND FUNDING, THOSE ARE TWO DIFFERENT WORDS, URBAN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE. I WILL REVERT TO MY PREVIOUS ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION. THE ONE THING I WILL SAY, HOWEVER, IS THAT THE NEED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FOR GOODS MOVEMENT IS AS HISTORIC AS THIS ENTIRE CITY IS. RECENTLY WHEN AND I HAVE IT IN MY FOLDER AND CAN SHOW YOU IF YOU LIKE. AFTER SOMEONE DIED IN MY FAMILY WE LOOKED THROUGH A BOX OF OLD PHOTOS AND FOUND A COPY OF NORTH WESTERN A NEWSPAPER BEFORE THE "WINNIPEG FREE PRESS" AND TRIBUNE. FIRST PUBLICATION. IN THIS INTACT PIECE OF PAPER PRINTED ON BOTH SIDES. ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING THINGS WAS RIVER BREAKING UP ABILITY OF BOATS TO MOVE UP AND DOWN THE RIVER TO CARRY FREIGHT INTO THE AREA AS IT WAS BEING DEVELOPED. THE IMPORTANCE OF WINNIPEG AS HUB FOR TRADE AND COMMERCE HAS NOT CHANGED. THIS DOCUMENT CAME FROM 1865. THAT WAS BEFORE CONFEDERATION. THAT HASN'T CHANGED. THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY FOR GOODS MOVEMENT STILL REMAINS THE SAME. HUMAN NATURE DOESN'T CHANGE OUR NEEDS TO BUILD THINGS AND CONSUME THINGS DO NOT CHANGE. IMPORTANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE CANNOT BE UNDERSTATED HERE IN 2026. THAT IS MY RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTION, SIR.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: FIRST OF ALL, THANK THE DELEGATE FOR PRESENTATION, ALSO FOR THAT MOST RECENT COMMENT RELATED TO THE HISTORIC REALITY OF WINNIPEG BEING VERY MUCH DEPENDENT ON, BUILT ON TRADE. LONG BEFORE THE SETTLERS CAME, FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE SAW THIS, ESTABLISHED THIS PLACE REALLY AS A PLACE OF TRADE. WHAT IS OLD IS NEW AGAIN. THE QUESTION I HAVE IS IN HIS WORK AND BEING HERE TODAY WHICH WE APPRECIATE IS THE MANITOBA TRUCKING

ASSOCIATION ALSO HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH FEDERAL PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING IN TRADE ROUTES, SPECIFICALLY EXTENSION OF CHIEF PEGUIS AND ROUTE 790.

MADAM SPEAKER: RESPONSE.

I COULDN'T HEAR YOUR RESPONSE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: IS THE MANITOBA TRUCKING ASSOCIATIONS HAVING CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE EXTENSION OF THE TRAIL AND ROUTE 90?

WE HAD DISCUSSIONS ON HIGHWAY AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE WITH THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA. WE DO NOT ENGAGE FREQUENTLY AS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AS YOU ARE AWARE THERE ARE MULTIPLE PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS. HIGHEST PRIORITIES WE DEAL WITH INVOLVE OTHER MATTERS AFFECTING THE INDUSTRY. WE ALL RECOGNIZE AS ASSOCIATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE ROLE IT SERVES IN OUR ECONOMY. I COULD GO AT LENGTH ON VARIOUS INFRASTRUCTURE MATTERS WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA. I COULD ALSO POINT OUT EXAMPLES FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY WHERE MORE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT IS NEEDED.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, DAVID. THAT CONCLUDES OUR TIME FOR QUESTIONS. APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENTATION TODAY. THANK YOU. WE HAVE ANOTHER DELEGATION IN SUPPORT OF THE SAME ITEM. MR. CLERK, THAT IS AMY GOYER APPEARING ON THE SAME ITEM. WELCOME.

GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. I AM AMY GOYER ON BEHALF OF CENTRE POINT CENTRE TO SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD CAN THE EXTENSION. WE HAVE A 20,000-ACRE PROJECT. STARTED AS VISION BETWEEN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTS. HAS GAINED SIGNIFICANT MOMENTUM AS GLOBAL TRADING HUB WITH 1,000 COMPANIES ON SITE. CITY OF WINNIPEG LANDS ARE SOON TO SEE SHOVELS ON THE GROUND THANKS TO INVESTMENTS IN WATER IN FROM STRUCTURE. 1200 ACRES INDUSTRIAL AND 500 ACRES RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ARE SOON TO BE UNDERWAY. IT IS A NATIONAL INTERNATIONAL TRADING HUB. GOAL IS TO ATTRACT INVESTMENT, ENABLE TRADE AND GROW ECONOMY. WE DEPEND ON RELIABLE TRADE CORRIDORS. INVESTORS FIRST QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURE. IS NETWORK RELIABLE, CAPACITY FOR GROWTH? CHIEF PEGUIS IS NOT A ROAD PROJECT IT IS INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE CITY AND PROVINCE TO COMPETE FOR NEXT GENERATION OF INVESTMENT. ONE CENTRAL LOCATION IS STRATEGIC ASSET. INFRASTRUCTURES CONVERTS THAT INTO ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE. THIS CONNECTS WINNIPEG, IMPROVES ACCESS TO HIGHWAY AND CANADA WAY REINFORCES WINNIPEG POSITION IN NATIONAL AND CONTINENTAL SUPPLY CHANGES AND STRATEGIC NETWORK AND STRENGTHENS THE ROAD SYSTEM, REDUCES CONGESTION, ENHANCES SAFETY AND RELIABLE. LARGE SCALE USERS REQUIRE CONNECTED DEVELOPMENT READY LAND. IT CREATES OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVED TRANSIT, ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND COORDINATED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. ECONOMIC GROWTH IN HOUSING GROWTH MUST MOVE TOGETHER. THIS MAKES THAT POSSIBLE. INFRASTRUCTURE PRECEDESES GROWTH DID NOT FOLLOW IT. IN CENTER PORT WE HAVE SEEN INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT THAT FOLLOWS. FIRST EIGHT YEARS OF EXISTENCE WAS SPENT LAYING FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE GROWTH. INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF I FROM STRUCTURE PROJECTS

LIKE $212 MILLION CENTREPORT CANADA WAY, EXPRESSWAY SUPPORTING 5 MILLION VEHICLES EACH YEAR. $1.5 BILLION OF PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT. WE KNOW INFRASTRUCTURE TRANSFORMS GEOGRAPHY TO OPPORTUNITY. STRENGTHENS INTRAPROVINCIAL TRADE CAPACITY WHEN SUPPLY CHANGES ARE RESHAPED. STRATEGIC LAND TRADE CORRIDORS ARE IN CANADA'S INTEREST. THIS PROJECT SENDS A SIGNAL. CITY IS SERIOUS ABOUT TRADE COMPETITIVENESS, LONG-TERM RESILIENCE AND BUILDING FOR GROWTH. IT IS TIME TO MOVE FORWARD AND POSITION WINNIPEG AS A REGION AND MANITOBA'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WANT TO THANK AMY FOR THE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU TO CENTREPORT FOR THE RECENT TOUR WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSPORT MINISTER MCKINNON WHO WAS INTERESTED IN THE WORK OF CENTREPORT AND OPPORTUNITY THAT IT AFFORDS. TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING IN THE TRAIL EXTENSION AND WE HAVE TALKED IN PAST ROUTE 90 AS WELL. THOSE TWO TRADE ROUTES ARE KEY TO REALLY CENTREPORT BEING OPTIMIZED IN THE OPPORTUNITY. VERY SOON SHOVELS WILL BE IN THE GROUND FOR COMPANIES AND BUSINESSES BECAUSE THIS COUNCIL IN PREVIOUS TERMS HAS INVESTED IN SERVICING CENTREPORT SOUTH, THE WINNIPEG PORTION OF CENTREPORT. MY QUESTION IS ARE YOU HEARING CENTRE PORT INTEREST IN UNLOCKING LANDS? HAVE YOU HEARD COMPANIES LOOKING TO COME TO BUILD AND CREATE JOBS?

INCREDIBLE INTEREST IN CENTREPORT. AS YOU KNOW DEVELOPMENT HAS HAPPENED IN ARM OF ROSSER WITH WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE. ESTIMATED THAT WATER IN FROM STRUCTURE COMPLETE Q3 THIS YEAR. SEVERAL PROJECTS IN APPLICATION STAGE TO CITY OF WINNIPEG TO MOVE FORWARD. CENTREPORT SOUTH BECAUSE OF TRANSIT ACCESS. THEY DO NOT HAVE ACCESS. WE SEE LARGE EMPLOYERS LOOKING AT CENTREPORT SOUTH AS GREAT OPTION FOR DEVELOPMENT.

MADAM SPEAKER: SECOND QUESTION.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: SIMILAR TO THE QUESTION I ASKED TO MR. CLINTON. CENTREPORT IS IN CONVERSATION WITH FEDERAL PROVINCIAL PARTNERS. ARE YOU RAISING IMPORTANCE INVESTING IN TRADE ROUTES THE TRAIL EXTENSION AND ROUTE 90 ARE YOU RAISING WITH PROVINCIAL PARTNERS TO CALL ON THEM FOR INVESTMENT?

WE ARE IN CONSTANT DIALOGUE WITH PROVINCE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. YOU JOINED US ON TOUR WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION MINISTER. THOSE RELATIONSHIPS WE ARE BUILDING. WE MEET WITH LOCAL AREA MPs TO DISCUSS INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE. HAVE A GOT WORKING GROUP WE MEET QUARTERLY TO DISCUSS LONG-TERM PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS FOR THE PROJECT.

MADAM SPEAKER: NEXT SET OF QUESTIONS. COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: WHAT I FOUND IN MY CONVERSATIONS PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT CENTREPORT IS ALL ABOUT STILL, RIGHT? THE BIG PICTURE IS SOMETIMES REALLY HARD FOR PEOPLE TO SEE HOW CENTREPORT IS CRITICAL TO OUR ECONOMY FROM OUR NATIONAL INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE. I THINK YOU SAID IT BEST AND WE KNOW THAT SUPPLY CHAINS ARE SHIFTING, MOVEMENT IS SHIFTING. FOR MANY YEARS PRIOR TO REALLY GOING INTO CENTRE POINT MY WORLD WAS SMALLER THINKING ABOUT TRANSPORTATION AND MOVEMENT. I APPRECIATE YOU COMING DOWN. I WANT TO CLARIFY WHAT AMOUNT OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT SO FAR CENTREPORT HAS

GENERATED.

WE HAVE SEEN ABOUT HALF A BILLION DOLLARS OFIN FROM STRUCTURE INVESTMENT. CANADA WAY AND INFRASTRUCTURE. AS A RESULT WE HAVE SEEN OVER A BILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT. [ROLL CALL] NOT IN CENTREPORT SOUTH YET?

YES.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I WAS DOING OTHER THINGS. CAN YOU ADDRESS WHAT IS GOING ON REGARDING YOUR RAILYARD WORK? I MOVE IT IS INVOLVING BURLINGTON NORTHERN.

CENTREPORT HAS CANADA RAIL PARK 665-ACRE RAIL PARK IN THE ARM OF ROSSER. THAT IS BUILT BY FOCUS EQUITIES.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I CAN'T HEAR YOU.

FOCUS EQUITIES IN VICTORIA BRINGING IT TO MARKET THREE PHASES. PHASE ONE IS ALL MOST SOLD OUT. PHASE TWO IS ON THE MARKET 665 ACRES MOVING QUICKLY FOR RAIL SERVED INDUSTRIAL LAND.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: BURLINGTON NORTHERN?

CPKC IS THE MAIN RAIL LINE RUNNING ACROSS THE TOP OF THAT PROJECT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: NOT BURLINGTON NORTHERN TO OPERATE?

IT IS NOT. ALL THREE RAILWAYS HAVE ACCESS. THE DIRECT ACCESS OFF CPKC MAIN LINE.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: WHAT IS GOING ON WITH PREMIER TASK INFORMATION MR. AX WORTHY IS HEADING UP WHAT IS INVOLVED TO FOCUS DISCUSSIONS IF THE PREMIER'S TASK FORCE IS TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. IT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE PART OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS. ARE THERE DISCUSSIONS PERTAINING TO THAT?

WE HAD ONE CONSERVATION AND PUT THEM IN CONNECTION WITH THE RAIL CONNECTOR FOR THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. I WILL SPEAK LATER TODAY ABOUT A ROAD PROJECT NOT DISSIMILAR TO THIS UNLOCKING NEW POTENTIAL IN THE SOUTHEAST PART OF THE CITY. I HAVE SUPPORTED THIS PROJECT IN THE PAST. DO WE HAVE ANY SENSE. A LOT OF NUMBERS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NUMBERS. ANY SENSE OF SOME OF THIS BUSINESS MOVED FROM THE CITY TO ROSSER. IT IS ON THE BORDER TO CENTRE PORT. HOW MUCH IS NEW AND HOW MUCH MIGHT BE PEOPLE MOVING AROUND WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA OR ARE ALL NUMBERS NEW? IT IS

NOT CLEAR TO ME.

WE ARE SEEING COMPANIES LOCATED IN WINNIPEG LOOKING FOR NEW INVENTORY TO MOVE TO CENTRE PORT. WE HAVE SEEN COMPANIES MOVE FROM OUTSIDE OF MANITOBA. GROUP. [INAUDIBLE] IS THE LARGEST. THEY WERE NEW TO MANITOBA COMPANY.

MADAM SPEAKER: THAT CONCLUDES QUESTIONS. THANK YOU. NO FURTHER DELEGATIONS TODAY, MR. CLERK? NO ONE AVAILABLE ONLINE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUSPEND THE RULES? THERE IS NO FURTHER REQUEST. IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO BRING FORWARD WE WILL HEAR IT. NOT AT THIS TIME. OKAY. WE WILL MOVE TO REPORTS. REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE. GIVE ME A MOMENT HERE. REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED FEBRUARY 17. MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I INTRODUCE THE REPORT AND MOVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1-15. I WOULD LIKE -- SORRY. PULL ITEM 12, MADAM SPEAKER. 1-11. 13-15, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: 12 IS CHIEF CONSTRUCTION OFFICER, ROLE, MANDATE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. 11 AMENDMENT TO 2025 STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING. COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD.

COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD: FIVE AND 8 PLEASE.

MADAM SPEAKER: REMAINING WENDY BAXTER PARK. COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: 1, 2, 9,.

MADAM SPEAKER: UNDERREPORT UNDER TAX INCREMENT TAX POLICY.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: WAS 10 STEPPED DOWN?

MADAM SPEAKER: NO.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: STEP DOWN 10. NEGOTIATIONS SENIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE QUESTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: IN ITEM 3, 4, 6, 7, 13-15. 3 AND 4, 6 AND 7, 13, 14, 15. ALL IN FAVOR. AYE. CONTRARY. CARRIED. MADAM CLERK. ITEM 1.

CLERK: MEGA CAPITAL PROJECTS SUMMARY REPORT. NEWPCC UPGRADE HEAD WORKS FACILITIES.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: ITEMS ONE AND TWO ARE REFLECTION OF CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF CONSULTANT WHO HAS DONE AUDIT TO REVIEW WHETHER THE GOVERNANCE OF WHAT IS THE LARGEST CAPITAL PROJECT, MOST COMPLICATED IN THE CITY MAKES HISTORY NORTH END WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTRE. ITEM 1 IS SPECIFIC TO HEAD WORKS REPORTING. I WANT TO THANK OUR PUBLIC SERVICE AND WATER WASTE WHO HAVE DEVELOPED A DASHBOARD FOR BOTH ITEMS 1 AND 2 TO BE REPORTED ON REGULARLY. THESE REPORTS COME TO

E.P.C. AND THEN TO COUNCIL FOR DISCUSSION. THEY HAVE BEEN PULLED FOR US TO DISCUSS TODAY. I WILL NOTE WHEN IT COMES TO ITEM 1. MEG ABOUT CAPITAL PROJECT SPECIFIC TO HEAD WORKS FACILITIES, FIRST PART OF THREE PHASE PROJECT NORTH END PLANT RENEWAL. THE COSTS ARE TRACKING CLOSE TO PLANNED. SCHEDULE CONTINUES TO BE AGGRESSIVE. WE WILL RECEIVE THESE MONTHLY. THERE WILL BE A REGULAR REPORTING. WE CAN SEE HOW THINGS CHANGE IN THE DEGREE TO WHICH PROJECTS PROGRESS AS WELL. OTHER THAN THAT, I WILL LEAVE IT TO COUNCILLORS TO HAVE DISCUSSION, DEBATE ON THIS MATTER. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: I DIDN'T STAND IT DOWN.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. WHICH ITEM? ITEM 1. I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR COMMENTS. I WANT TO ADD COMMENTS I SAID FOR THE RECORD BEFORE AND I WILL SAY AGAIN THAT I TRULY BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO DO ALMOST INDEPENDENT FORENSIC AUDIT OF ENGINEERS AND WHAT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BETWEEN THE CITY AND PROVINCE. THE BACK AND FORTH IN TERMS OF E-MAILS AND WHAT PEOPLE AGREED TO WHAT REGULATING CITY OF WINNIPEG. I REMIND COUNCIL THE CITY CONTRIBUTES ONLY 4 TO 6% NUTRIENTS IN LAKE WINNIPEG THE MAJORITY OF NUTRIENTS ARE UNADDRESSED. NOBODY WANTS TO MENTION ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM. FARMING COMMUNITY WHICH DOES NOT -- IT SEEMS PUT AS MANY HOGS ON THE LAND, ADD 9 MILLION HOGS. ONE HOG FULL-SIZE PRODUCES ENOUGH WASTE OF 30 HUMAN BEINGS. I HAD TO LEARN THAT. THAT IS EQUIVALENT OF YOU WANTED BE 300 MILLION PEOPLE IN SOUTHERN MANITOBA. WASTE TO LAGOONS, NOT TREATMENT PLANS AND RELEASED INTO OUR WATER SYSTEM. ALL OF A SUDDEN WINNIPEG TAXPAYERS ARE HAMMERED WITH RATE INCREASES ALL RELATED TO MY GOODNESS. WE HAD A BOLT BREAK IN A PLANT IN 2002 AND 2001. IT IS GOING ON EVERY DAY OUT THERE. NO DRAMA. NO FREE PRESS ARTICLES, NO BIG BULK BREAKING IN THE PLANT. RELEASE TO THE LAGOON. EVERYBODY JUMPS TO THE PUMP TO COME DOWN WITH LEGISLATION ON US. WHERE THE EDUCATION ON THE FARMERS? I ASK YOU. RURAL MANITOBA, LEGISLATION ON AMERICANS DUMPING INTO THE SAME WATERSHED AND SAME WASTE? THEY ARE DOING A BETTER JOB BY THE WAY THAN US FROM WHAT I GATHER. MADAM SPEAKER, WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO HERE. WHY WE ARE DOING THIS TO CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG NOW WHEN THEY FACE OUT THERE A FOOD CRISIS, PROPORTIONS OF AFFORDABILITY. REAL WAGES IN TERMS OF INFLATION AND WORKERS HAVE NOT KEPT UP, TAXES ARE GOING UP ACROSS THE BOARD. MADAM SPEAKER, PEOPLE FEEL THE PUNCH. WATER WASTE RATES UP 300% IN THE LAST YEAR ALONE. THOSE AREN'T MY NUMBERS. I FEEL STRONGLY. I KNOW WE ARE FULL STEAM AHEAD. I WILL ALSO ADD THIS. LET'S BE CLEAR. WE HAVE A COUPLE OPTIONS. ONE, WE CAN CANCEL CONTRACTS THAT WE HAVE WITH WEST ST. PAUL, ST. ANDREWS AND ROSSSER WITH A DEAL TO SUPPLY THEM WITH SEWER SERVICES. GIVE THEM NOTICE IN ADVANCE. GETTING YOUR EGGS IN A ROW. THAT WOULD CREATE CAPACITY. NUMBER TWO. TELL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY WE ARE NOT PAYING FOR YOUR INTERCEPTORS. YOUR SEWER PIPE BREAKS DOWN. WE PAY FOR THE INTERCEPTOR TO THE DEVELOPMENTS. MASSIVE SUBSIDIES. 10s OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. IN ELECTION YEAR I CHALLENGE ANYBODY ELSE TO DO THE SAME. WE HAVE TO STOP THAT. WE HAVE GOT TO STOP THAT AND SAY THAT THEY HAVE TO CONTRIBUTE. WE TALKED ABOUT ROADS. THEY SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO TREATMENT PLANT. I FEEL GOOD. MY ULCERS ARE CURED. MY HOME GLOW BEEN IS GREAT. I HAVEN'T

FELT LIKE THIS FOR 60 DAYS. I CAN SAY THIS. WHEN IT COMES TO THE CHALLENGE WE ARE FACING TODAY, WE HAVE TO AND I WILL COME BACK TO IT. I SAY THIS AND I APPRECIATE THE WORK THE MAYOR HAS DONE WITH THIS. I KNOW YOU FOUGHT HARD FOR THE PROVINCE TO GET MONEY FROM THE FEDS AND YOU HAVE DONE ADMIRABLE JOB, SIR. THERE IS STUFF YOU CAN'T CUT A RIBBON ON. I GUESS THE CHALLENGE WHAT I FIND FRUSTRATING IS THAT WHEN I WAS IN AND I KNOW IT'S ANECDOTAL. WE DON'T ALWAYS RECORD MEETINGS. I AM NOT GOING TO RECORD PEOPLE IN SEMINAR DOWNSTAIRS. THAT IS NOT WHAT I DO. WHEN WE HAD IT BACK IN THE DAY WHEN THEY WERE LOOKING AT DOING ENVIRONMENTAL STUFF. WHAT WAS IT CALLED? GREEN PLANT OR ORGANICS. I SAID, WAIT A MINUTE. THE COST $110 A HOUSEHOLD MORE OR SOMETHING TO BUILD THIS PROGRAMME IN A YEAR NOW IT IS MUCH MORE, I'M SURE. AN ADMINISTRATOR SAYS FROM WATER AND WASTE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROBLEM IS REGULATING ON US ON THIS. THEN I SAW RED. WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU UNDERSTAND? YOU ARE TALKING TO THEM, YOU ARE PUTTING A BUG IN THE EAR TO LEGISLATE US. WE KNOW OUR ENGINEERS PLAN B IS AT THE PROVINCE AND THEIRS IS AT THE CITY. THEY HAVE DONE THE SAME ON THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT I CAN GUARANTEE YOU. GET INDEPENDENT ENGINEERS OUTSIDE OF THE JURISDICTION, PROBABLY OUTSIDE OF THIS COUNTRY BECAUSE THEY ALL KNOW EACH OTHER AND IT IS A SMALL COMMUNITY. SEE EXACTLY AND GET E-MAILS. SEE WHAT THEY SAID TO EACH OTHER. I THINK WE WILL FIND SOMETHING THERE. I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD. IF WE GET OURSELVES MORE TIME WE CAN AMORTIZE. WHY ARE WE RUSHING FOR GREEN LINE DEVELOPMENT? THAT IS THE STRATEGY OF THE CITY. PUBLIC POLICY OF THE DEPARTMENT THAT THEY SUPPRESS INFILL DEVELOPMENT TO ALLOW GREEN FILL DEVELOPMENT. IT IS IN WRITING WITH THE PROVINCE. I HAVE SEEN IT WHEN I WAS BACK IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR BEFORE THE LAST ELECTION. WHY ARE WE DOING THAT? DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: YES, MADAM SPEAKER. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THESE REPORTS. MADAM SPEAKER, I UNDERSTAND THE FRUSTRATION THAT IS EXPRESSED BY MY COLLEAGUE ACROSS THE TABLE OVER THERE, MADAM SPEAKER. I JUST WANTED TO FIRST SPEAK TO THESE REPORTS IN GENERAL. THIS IS REGARDING GOVERNANCE LEVEL REPORTING HERE SO I JUST WANT BE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THERE IS A WHOLE BUNCH OF SMALLER RISKS AND DIFFERENT ISSUES GOING THROUGH THE VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION OF THE THREE PROJECTS. WHAT WE ARE SEEING HERE IS THE MEASUREMENT OF HIGHER LEVEL RISKS RELATED TO THESE PROJECTS FOR THE GOVERNANCE PURPOSE. I NOTED SOME PEOPLE WERE CONCERNED THAT CERTAIN RISKS WERE NOT EXPRESSED, MADAM SPEAKER. FOR EXAMPLE ONE OF THE DELEGATIONS WAS TALKING ABOUT RISK WITH CONCRETE. THAT IS THE SORT OF THING WHICH IS A VERY SPECIFIC DETAIL PROCESS IN CONSTRUCTION, AND I AM ASSURED BY AND I AM CONFIDENT THE ENGINEERS WHO WORK FOR THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, WATER, WASTE, CONSULTANTS WHO MIGHT BE BROUGHT IN, WE HEARD ABOUT HOW THE CITY OF WINNIPEG DEMANDED HIGHER SPECS USING CONCRETE STYLE PIPING TO MOVE WATER THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. THOSE HIGHER SPECS LED TO LESS RISK THAT WE DON'T END UP WITH WHAT HAPPENED NECESSARILY IN CALGARY. THOSE KIND OF RISKS ARE CONSIDERED THE CITY OF WINNIPEG DOES HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE IN BUILDING BIG PROJECTS. SOME HAVE BEEN THERE HAVE BEEN ISSUES THAT AROSE. THERE IS NO ENGINEER CONSPIRACY, MADAM SPEAKER, REGARDING THE NEW PLANT THAT IS BEING BUILT IN THE REGULATIONS AND RULES THAT ARE RELATED TO IT. IT TALKS ABOUT BUILDING STATE-OF-THE-ART, STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES TO DEAL WITH SPECIFICALLY AT THE NORTH END WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTRE. WE HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE WITH THE SOUTH END PLANT ALREADY WHERE IT KIND OF WENT SIDE WAYS IN TERMS OF DESIGN AND BEING ABLE TO CONSTRUCT, MADAM

SPEAKER. THE CITY IS QUITE AWARE. WATER AND WASTE AND PEOPLE WORKING UNDER THERE ARE WORKING TOWARDS ENSURING THAT SOME OF THOSE DISASTERS NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN. THESE REPORTS ARE THE GENERAL LEVEL PROJECT THREE IS NOT ON THE TABLE THIS MONTH. IT TOOK AWHILE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE ARE REPORTING ON IT, AND THE DASHBOARD AND THE REPORTING HOW IT IS GOING ABOUT WAS JUST DEVELOPED. NEXT MONTH WE WILL GET A REPORT ON PROJECT 3, WHICH IS WHAT COUNCILLOR WYATT IS REFERRING TO. WHILE THERE IS NO REGULATIONS NECESSARILY ON AGRICULTURE, I KNOW THAT THROUGH THE RED RIVER BASIN COMMISSION AND THOSE THINGS, I KNOW THAT FARMERS ARE WORKING ON ACTUALLY ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE FORMER CHAIRPERSON OF WATER WASTE ENVIRONMENT USED TO PROMOTE WAS LAGOONS. PLANTING LAGOONS WHICH ARE -- LEGUMES WHICH BRING NUTRIENTS INTO THE GROUND FROM THE AIR. NO NEED TO USE FERTILIZERS WITH PHOSPHATE AMMONIA AND THAT STUFF BECAUSE THOSE PLANTS ARE DOING IT. THE EARTH THAT IS THERE IF THEY ROTATE CROPS THEY CAN DO THAT. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS HAPPENING IN AGRICULTURE THROUGH THAT COMMISSION AND STUDIES WHERE THEY ARE PLANTING THINGS LIKE CRIMSON CLOVER OR RED CLOVER. WHAT THEY DO IS THEY PULL NUTRIENTS INTO THE GROUND FROM THE AIR. TILL THEM OVER THE NEXT YEAR AND PLANT A CROP IN THERE. NO NEED TO USE NEW FERTILIZER. IT IS THERE ARE, MADAM SPEAKER. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES IN THE PROVINCE THEY ARE DEALING WITH FOR LAKE WINNIPEG. ALTHOUGH I AGREE WITH THE COUNCILLOR IT COULD BE A LOT MORE. BY THE WAY, MADAM SPEAKER, WEST ST. PAUL WHO RECEIVES SEWER SERVICES, THEIR RATES WENT UP JUST AS MUCH AS WINNIPEGGERS RATES WENT UP TO PAY FOR THAT SEWAGE. THEY ARE PAYING HIGHER PRICES IN ROSSER AND I AM NOT SURE THE FEES WE CHARGE EAST ST. PAUL. THE EAST ST. PAUL SLUDGE COMES TO NORTH END WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AS DOES THE WEST END SLUDGE AND THE SOUTH END SLUDGE. I WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT. THIS REPORT IS QUITE INFORMATIVE. I APPRECIATE IT AS WELL AS THE NEXT REPORT. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: MADAM SPEAKER, I AM SO ATTEMPTED TO READ FROM THE SAVE WINNIPEG ACT AGAIN. ANYONE BE WHO WANTS TO KNOW WHY WE ARE BUILDING THE PLANT WE ARE BUILDING NOT JUST ABOUT REPLACING 90-YEAR-OLD PLANT. IT IS CERTAINLY ABOUT CAPACITY BUT IT IS ALSO WE ARE BUILDING THE PLANT WE ARE BUILDING SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE SAVE WINNIPEG ACT ENACTED IN 2011 TELLS US WHAT PLANT WE HAVE TO BUILD, HOW TO TREAT BIOSOLIDS AND NUTRIENTS AND REUSE THE SLUDGE. COUNCILLOR WYATT IS CORRECT AND REMINDS US AGAIN. THE NUTRIENT LOADED INTO LAKE WINNIPEG IS A PROBLEM. CITY OF WINNIPEG IS ONLY SOURCE OF LESS THAN 4% NOW, I BELIEVE OR LESS THAN 5% OF NUTRIENTS LOADING. IT COMES FROM SO FAMILIAR SOURCES. WATERSHED OF LAKE WINNIPEG STARTS IN THE WEST AT THE FOOTHILLS OF ROCKY MOUNTAINS AND GOES SOUTH TO SOUTH DAKOTA, EAST TO ONTARIO. THERE IS A PERCENTAGE OF NUTRIENTS LOADING INTO LAKE WINNIPEG THAT COMES OUT OF THE ATMOSPHERE WHICH WE CAN'T CONTROL. CITY OF WINNIPEG IS DOING OUR PART. I HAVE SAID THIS BEFORE AND WILL SAY THIS TODAY. WE WILL BUILD THE $3 BILLION STATE OF ART TREATMENT PLANT. THERE WILL BE GREEN ALGAE IN LAKE WINNIPEG WHEN WE ARE DONE. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND. I HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH WINNIPEGGERS WHO BLAME THE CITY OF WINNIPEG FOR ALGAE BLOOMS IN THE LAKE. WE ARE NOT. AFTER THIS CRITICAL PROJECT IS DONE, LAKE WILL STILL BE SUBJECT TO GREEN ALGAE BLOOMS AS WELL. WE ARE DOING OUR PART AND CALLING ON OTHERS TO PARTICIPATE IN DOING THEIR PART TO SAVE LAKE WINNIPEG. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: I WILL CALL THE QUESTION ON ITEM 1. ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RISE.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: COUNCILLOR WYATT. 14-1.

MADAM SPEAKER: ITEM 1 CARRIED. ITEM 2.

CLERK: MEGA CAPITAL PROJECTS SUMMARY REPORT. UPGRADE BIOSOLIDS FACILITIES.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THIS IS THE EARLY DAYS OF PROJECT 2. REPORT INDICATES WE HAVE SPENT A TOTAL OF $54 MILLION OUT OF $1.35 BILLION RELATED TO THIS PROJECT. OBVIOUSLY, A LOT MORE INFORMATION TO COME IN THE COMING MONTHS. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: STOOD DOWN BY COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I WANT TO REITERATE. I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR. HE WORKED VERY HARD ON THIS FILE TO GET GOVERNMENT FUNDING. I WANT TO SAY THAT FOR THE RECORD UPFRONT AGAIN. HIS EFFORTS ARE DEFINITELY SINCERE. AS POINTED OUT BY THE MAYOR, WHEN SAID AND DONE WHEN THIS WHOLE THING IS UPGRADED $3 BILLION OR WHATEVER IT IS AT THE END OF THE DAY IS SPENT, WE ARE STILL GOING TO HAVE COMBINED SEWERS DISCHARGING RAW SEWAGE INTO THE RIVERS. THAT IS A FACT. WINNIPEGGERS SAY WHY? WE ARE STILL GOING TO HAVE THAT. FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS STILL, FASTER THAN BEFORE, THANKS TO COUNCILLOR MAYES. BEFORE IT WAS 75 YEARS. NOW IT IS 25 YEARS. I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR MAYES FOR THAT. THE FACT OF THE MATTER WE HAVE RAW SEWAGE POURING IN THE RIVERS FROM THE CITY. I WILL SAY THAT. I APPRECIATE COUNCILLOR EADIE'S AGRICULTURAL LESSON ABOUT THE GARDENING. REALITY IS, YOU KNOW, FARMERS WHATEVER YOU SAY WITH ALL DUE RESPECT. THE FARMERS ARE GETTING OFF SCOT-FREE. SAY THEY ARE WORKING, TALKING ABOUT IT. I WISH WE COULD DO THAT. WE CAN'T. WE HAVE LEGISLATION. THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE TO DO. BOOM. I DON'T SEE THAT ON THE FARMING COMMUNITY. IT IS ON US. I COME BACK TO IT. I HEAR WHAT COUNCILLOR EADIE IS SAYING. I DON'T WANT TO THINK THERE IS NOT ENOUGH AREAS BUT THE FACT THAT COLLEAGUES PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUES AT STAFF LEVEL, PROVINCIAL AND CITY LEVEL CAN SAY WE COULD REGULATE THAT. I CAN SEE THAT HAPPENING. THAT IS WHAT PROFESSIONALS DO IS TALK AT THAT LEVEL. BEYOND US. IT IS LIKE CAR MECHANIC. YOUR CAR NEEDS A THINGAMAJIG. IR DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS. YOU HAVE TO HAVE THIS. WELL, THAT IS WHAT THEY SAID. NOBODY IN THE PROVINCE IS DOING DUE DILIGENCE ON IT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE NOT, YOU KNOW, GOING BEYOND IT. I CAN SAY THIS. TWO THINGS. THE PUBLIC INQUIRY. MAYOR IS ON THE STAND. I HAVE A BIT OF SKEPTICISM WHAT GOES ON AT STAFF LEVELS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT. HEALTHY SKEPTICISM WOULD BE GOOD.

THAT IS OUT OF LINE. I WANT HIM TO WITHDRAW THAT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: NOT OUT OF LINE AT ALL. COMMENT ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE

PROVINCE. WITH PUBLIC INQUIRY. I AM SORRY SHE IS OUT OF LINE.

MADAM SPEAKER: I MISSED YOUR COMMENT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: WHY DO YOU COME AFTER ME? SHE BULLIES EVERYBODY IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. I AM TIRED OF IT.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT. I AM NOT FINISHED TALKING. PLEASE SPEAK TO THE REPORT IN FRONT OF US. I DIDN'T HEAR WHAT YOU SAID. I ACKNOWLEDGE COUNCILLOR ROLLINS. STOP TEXTING ME DURING THE MEETING. CARRY ON AND SPEAK TO THE ITEM.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: FAIR ENOUGH, MADAM SPEAKER. THANK YOU FOR THAT.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: WILL HE WITHDRAW HIS COMMENTS?

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I SAID NOTHING WRONG. I GIVE AN OPINION WHICH IS FREE IN THIS COUNTRY LAST TIME I CHECKED. MAYBE SOME PEOPLE WANT TO TAKE THAT AWAY. ANYWAY, MADAM SPEAKER, WE ALSO HAVE AIR UTILITY, I WILL ADD, NOT SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARDS WHEN IT COMES TO OUR RATES. EVERYONE ELSE IS. I KNOW WHEN I WAS CHAIR OF FINANCE THEY SAID I DON'T WANT THAT. MIKE RUDA WAS A GREAT GUY, FANTASTIC GUY. WE ARGUED AND DEBATED STUFF AS YOU DO AT THE STAFF LEVEL AND POLITICAL LEVEL BEHIND THE SCENES. YOU HAVE THAT MAY BEING OF THE DIAMOND. THAT FRICTION. IT IS A HEALTHY THING. TENSION IS HEALTHY. THEY STAND UP FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE IN AND WE ARE COMING IN WHAT THE COMMUNITY IS ADDRESSING TRYING TO GET THINGS DONE. MIKE AND I WOULD DEBATE ABOUT FINANCING. WE MISSED THE LOWEST INTEREST RATES IN CANADA. MADAM SPEAKER, I AM TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW THAT WHEN IT COMES TO THE PUB, ONE OF THE THINGS HE SAID WE DON'T WANT THAT. THAT WILL COST A HALF-MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR TO DEFEND OUR RATES. I AM LOOKING AT IT FROM ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW. WE ARE A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET. BIGGEST UTILITY IN THE WHOLE PROVINCE UP WITH HYDRO. A MONOPOLY NOT SUBJECT TO PUB. HYDRO IS OPPORTUNITY TO IT, RIGHT? ALL MONOPOLIES ARE SUBJECT TO IT. NOT US FOR SOME REASON. IF IT MADE US DO OUR DUE DILIGENCE A BIT MORE. I AM SORRY. I HAVE SAT ON THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP, CHAIR OF FINANCE. I CAN TELL YOU THAT AND I AM PAYING NO DISRESPECT TO ANY MEMBER OF COUNCIL. OFTEN UTILITY IS NOT OVERLOOKED BUT RATHER WE GET FOCUSED ON THE STUFF REGARDING OPERATING, BUDGETS THAT ARE RELATED TO SERVICES NOT TIED TO THE WATER AND WASTE RATES. WE FOCUS ON THAT AND HOW DO WE BALANCE THAT AND HOW DO WE FUND CERTAIN SERVICES WE HEAR ABOUT ALL OF THE TIME. RECREATION, POLICE, FIRE, NOT RELATED WATER RATES. IN THE PUSH ON BUDGET A TON OF WORK IS BEHIND-THE-SCENES. I FELT THAT WAS MY RECOLLECTION AND MY FEELING. I DON'T THINK ANYTHING HAS CHANGED. I REALLY THINK THAT LENS OF THE PUB. MADAM SPEAKER I WAS INTERRUPTED CLOCK DID NOT STOP. I WOULD LIKE MY 45 SECONDS BACK WHEN I WAS RUDELY INTERRUPTED. CLOCK WAS NOT STOPPED.

MADAM SPEAKER: THERE ARE TWO MINUTES LEFT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I WANT MY 45 SECONDS BACK.

MADAM SPEAKER: THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EXTENSIONS.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I AM PUTTING YOU ON NOTICE I WANT MY 45 SECONDS. AS I WAS SAYING, MADAM SPEAKER, WHAT I FIND MOST FRUSTRATING ABOUT BIOSOLIDS PLANT IS THAT. WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS I HAVE RESPECT FOR COUNCILLOR EADIE AND THE HEAVYWEIGHT HE IS LIFTING ON THIS FILE AND THE LAST YEAR AND LEADERSHIP ON IT. I WILL SAY THIS, MADAM SPEAKER. BIOSOLIDS PLANT HASN'T CHANGED COUNCILLOR EADIE TELLS ME IN VANCOUVER THEY ARE BUILDING SAME ONE. JUST BECAUSE AS MY MOTHER WOULD SAY, I WANT A NEW BIKE. MY MOTHER SAID, JOHN JUMPED OFF THE BUILDING, WHY DON'T YOU JUMP OFF. THAT IS WHAT I HEARD GROWING UP. LISTEN, WE DON'T NEED TO BUILD THE LAMBORGHINI PLANT THAT ONLY EXISTED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR BIOSOLIDS. WE CAN BRING DOWN THE PRICE ON THAT AND WE SHOULD DO THAT. IT IS NOT TOO LATE. FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THE RATES AS HIGH AS US THAT IS NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF. SAY HE TRIPPED AND FELL AND HIT HIS HEAD. I HOPE I DID TOO. THAT MAKES NO SENSE. FINALLY, YOU KNOW, I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR SOMEBODY SAY WHY CAN'T WE CANCEL WEST ST. PAUL WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR CONTRACT WITH US AND ST. ANDREWS AND ROSSER? ROSSER, BY THE WAY I SAW RECENT AREA CHARGE. THEY ARE CHARGING $53,000 AN ACRE. 3,000 GOING BACK TO THE CITY. JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA THAT HOW WE ARE MISSING THE BOAT ON THAT ONE. HOW THEY CAN, THEREFORE, COVER.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN MOVES ONE MINUTE. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU. I WANT TO SAY AND I WILL NOT USE IT ALL. I WILL SAY THIS, MADAM SPEAKER. AND I HAVE LOTS OF RESPECT FOR WEST ST. PAUL, ROSSER. THEY ARE HARDWORKING. THERE IS A STORM IN WEST ST. PAUL. IT TAKES A LOT LESS FOR STORM THAN DOWN HERE. IT IS BREWING HERE. SAME SENTIMENT, RIGHT, THAT PEOPLE ARE FEELING UNDER THE GUN PRICE WISE, DOLLAR WISE IN FAMILY BUDGETS. WE JUST HAVE GOT TO PUSH BACK HARDER ON THE NUMBERS. WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE ENGINEERS AND SAY, SORRY, YOU KNOW WHAT? WE THINK THERE MAY BE SOMETHING HERE. HOW HARD WOULD IT BE TO SEND IT OFF TO INTERNATIONAL TO GET E-MAILS BACK AND FORTH FROM PROVINCE AND CITY OVER LAST DECADE AND A HALF OR MORE AND LOOK AT THIS. IT WOULD TAKE TIME AND MONEY. WE MAY FIND SOMETHING SHOCKING. WHY ARE WE REGULATING OURSELVES? WE MAY GIVE OURSELVES TIME TO BREATHE. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MAYES FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: IT IS A GOOD DAY IN WINNIPEG. WHY? WE ARE DEBATING PROGRESS ON PROJECT TWO NORTH END PLANT. COUNCILLOR SCHREYER AND I ARE BOTH MOODY BLUES FANS NEVER COMES THE DAY IS A GREAT SONG. I THOUGHT WE WOULD NEVER GET TO THIS STAGE DEBATING PROGRESS RATHER THAN IF WE SHOULD DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE PLANT OR SIMPLY KEEP BLAMING OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT OR TRYING TO DELAY IT. HERE WE ARE UNDERWAY. WE CAN DEBATE THE COST, DEBATE METHODOLOGY. GOOD DAY. WE ARE DEBATING PROGRESS ON THE BIOSOLIDS PROJECT. THANKS TO THIS MAYOR FOR MAKING IT A PRIORITY. THANKS TO FORMER MAYOR BOWMAN AND PREMIER STEFAN SON IN 2022 A QUOTE THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG TOP INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITY FOR SEVERAL YEARS. DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE IT WHILE MAYOR BOWMAN IS IN OFFICE AS WE WORKED FOR YEARS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. THAT WAS MY QUOTE. THANKS TO BOTH FORMER MAYOR AND PREMIER. WE ARE MOVING FORWARD AND CURRENT PREMIER WILL ANNOUNCE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THIS. PROJECT TWO IS WELL UNDERWAY. IT WAS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IDENTIFIED IN OTHER END OF DECADE PLAN THAT WE PASSED IN DECEMBER OF 2019, INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN THEN BIOSOLIDS. A NUMBER OF REASONS WHY WE NEED

TO DO IT. STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC AND MAYOR HAS TOUCHED ON ALL OF THOSE. IT IS TO THE CREDIT OF OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND TO THE LEADERSHIP OF FORMER MAYOR BOWMAN AND THIS MAYOR WE ARE UNDERWAY WORKING FORWARD ON THIS. I WANT TO THANK OUR NEW CAO FOR SCHEDULING COUNCIL SEMINAR YESTERDAY. MIND NUMBING DETAIL AND NUMBERS AND CHARTS ON THESE PROJECTS. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE NEED 14 STAFF IN THE FUTURE AS WE HAVE 12 FROM THE CITY STAFF AND TWO FROM MAYOR'S OFFICE. BETTER TOO MANY THAN TOO FEW I SUPPOSE. A GREAT DEAL OF INFORMATION BEING SHARED FROM THE PROGRESS ON THIS. DEBATE AS YOU WISH. AT LEAST WE ARE MOVING FORWARD ON IT. THAT IS GOOD NEWS PART OF THIS. PROJECT 3 WAS TOUCHED ON IN THE COUNCIL SEMINAR AS WELL. I DID NOT THINK I WOULD BE HERE WHEN WE WOULD SET ASIDE $500 MILLION IN THE BUDGET CONTINUING TO BLAME THE PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS. WE SET ASIDE $500 MILLION. I HOPE THE PROVINCE AND FEDS COME TO THE TABLE. WE NEED THAT AGAIN FOR STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL. WE WILL BE PUTTING DILUTED SEWAGE TO RIVERS DUE TO THE OTHER ISSUE. COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM OVERFLOWS. THAT IS SEPARATE BILLION DOLLAR INITIATIVE. WE HAVE SAVED AT LEAST 50 YEARS OFF THE ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE TO BE HOME BY 2045, 2048 IN THERE. THAT IS UNDER TAKEN IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT PARTS OF CITY. ST. BONIFACE, ST. JAMES. A NUMBER OF PROJECTS WITH MORE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE. WE ARE DEBATES HOW RATHER THAN WHETHER WE ARE DOING THESE THINGS. COST? ON UTILITY BILL? YES. THAT IS OUR MOTEL -- THAT IS OUR MODEL. WE HAVE TO DO THESE PROJECTS. I AM PLEASED WE ARE DEBATING THEM IF YOU LIKE THE STATE OF PROGRESS. WE ARE MOVING FORWARD FIRST TIME IN LONG TIME ON THESE PROJECTS. I HOPE TO BE HERE WHEN WE GET PROJECT 3 UPDATES. THEN WE KNOW WE ARE MAKING A COMMITMENT BOTH ECONOMICALLY AND TO CONTINUED HEALTH OF LAKE WINNIPEG. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS REPORT TODAY. THANKS TO CAO FOR THE SEMINAR. LOOK FORWARD TO MORE OF THEM.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I WILL BE SHORT. IN THE REPORT THE SECOND REPORT ON THE BIOSOLID DIGESTER. IT IS A PROCESS OF MAKING THOSE BIOSOLIDS MORE USABLE AT THE END RATHER THAN SPENDING IT OVER STRAIGHT AGRICULTURAL LAND AS HAS BEEN THE PRACTICE, MADAM SPEAKER. ONE THING YOU WILL NOTE, MADAM SPEAKER. I BELIEVE IT IS IN THIS REPORT BECAUSE THEY ARE CONTINUING MORE DESIGNED WORK ON THE BIOSOLIDS PROJECT 2. PLEASE NOTE THEY USE THE TERM VALUE ENGINEERING, MADAM SPEAKER. VALUE ENGINEERS IS ABOUT LOOKING AT DO WE REALLY NEED TO SPEND BE THAT MUCH MONEY FOR THE OUTCOMING BENEFIT OF CERTAIN COMPONENTS OR PIECES OF A PROJECT, MADAM SPEAKER? THERE IS A CONSTANT LOOK AT HOW WE CAN REDUCE THE COST. I AM HOPING TO HEAR WHEN IT IS ALL SAID AND DONE ON PROJECT 2, IT COST US SLIGHTLY UNDER $1 BILLION. THERE ROB WOULD BE A SURPLUS. THROUGH VALUE ENGINEERING CONTINUING DESIGN THIS IS PROGRESSIVE DESIGN BUILD ON PROJECT 2. DESIGN BUILD. AS THEY ARE MOVING ALONG, THEY ARE ANALYZING THINGS AS THEY GET CLOSER TO FINAL DESIGN WHEN THE CONSTRUCTION CREWS GET IN THERE TO START ACTUALLY BUILDING, MADAM SPEAKER. I WANT TO POINT THAT OUT. ONE LAST THING. YOU KNOW, I AM URBAN CITY COUNCILLOR. MYSELF AND ACTUALLY MAYOR GILLINGHAM, MADAM SPEAKER, ARE FIRST GENERATION OFF THE FARM. ONE THING WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, YES, WE CAN AND THIS AFFECTS URBAN POPULATION, MADAM SPEAKER. THEY DO NEED TO DO MORE TO HELP LAKE WINNIPEG. HOWEVER, LOOK AT THE COSTS WE HAVE HAD TO DO IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR SLEDGE AND STUFF IS THERE. THE COST TO THE FARMER WILL BE PASSED ON. THE FOOD PRICES IN THIS CITY ARE ALREADY GOING UP

CRAZY, MADAM SPEAKER. WHEN THE PROVINCE WILL LOOK AT THESE THINGS. YOU SAY DOES THE FARMER JUST TRYING TO MAKE A LIVING, TRYING TO MAKE A LIVING, MADAM SPEAKER, YOU KNOW, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE TAKING CARE OF IT. WE ALSO DON'T WANT TO SEE A SITUATION WHERE THERE IS A SKYROCKETING PRICE IN THE FOOD THAT WE EAT. ACTUALLY I THINK MORE AGRICULTURAL GOODS PRODUCED IN MANITOBA SHOULD BE SOLD IN WINNIPEG. IT IS ABOUT FOOD SECURITY, TOO. IF ANY DISASTER EVER HAPPENS WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THAT FOOD SUPPLY IS AVAILABLE TO WINNIPEGGERS, ALL IN MANITOBA, MADAM SPEAKER. EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED. ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT SYSTEMS HAVE AN EFFECT, AND WE NEED TO BE CONSCIOUS OF THAT. ON PROJECT 2 HERE, I AM CONFIDENT WE HAVE A GOOD REPORT, AND THEY ARE LOOKING AT THE BEST COST BENEFIT OR WHATEVER YOU WANT, VALUE ENGINEERING, MADAM SPEAKER, TO ENSURE THAT OUR WATER BILL PAYERS WHO PAY BOTH WATER AND SEWAGE RATES GET THE BEST FOR THE DOLLARS THAT THEY ARE SPENDING. THIS IS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF WINNIPEG AND EVEN THOSE MUNICIPALITIES AROUND US. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WINNIPEG CONTINUE TO BE GOOD TO THE ENVIRONMENT AS WELL AS TRY TO DO OUR BEST TO KEEP THE COST DOWN. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: SEEING NO FURTHER SPEAKERS. MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: TWO COMMENTS THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR EADIE FOR HIGHLIGHTING IN THIS AND ALL PROJECTS RELATING TO NORTH END PLANT, STAFF IS DOING VALUE ENGINEERING WORK TO CONTROL COSTS TO DELIVER THE PROJECT NEEDED IN A WAY THAT IS THE MOST COST-EFFICIENT FOR RATEPAYERERS. SECOND COMMENT I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR MAYES FOR ASKING THIS. TO EXPRESS SINCERE THANKS TO THE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS FOR FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS ON PHASES 1 AND 2. WE WORK TOGETHER TO CALL ON THEM TO INVEST IN PHASE 3 AS WELL. WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THEM FOR PARTNERSHIP IN THE FIRST TWO PHASES OF THIS PROJECT. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND MAYOR BOWMAN. AND THIS COUNCIL AS WELL ESPECIALLY THIS COUNCIL FOR HAVING THE COURAGE TO STAND BEHIND DECISIONS, BUDGET DECISIONS TO INVEST IN THE THIRD PHASE OF THE NORTH END PLANT. OUR $500 MILLION COMMITMENT TO THE CAPITAL OF PHASE 3 IS MONUMENTAL, WAS MONUMENTAL. THAT WAS PASSED IN THE LAST BUDGET. THAT WAS COURAGEOUS I WANT TO THANK THEM ONCE AGAIN. CALL THE QUESTION, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. THAT WAS CALLED ALREADY. CARRIED. ITEM 5, MADAM CLERK.

CLERK: ITEM 5. WELCOMING WINNIPEG POLICY REVIEW.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR TO INTRODUCE THE ITEM.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THIS CAME AS REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF 60 DAYS. I AM NOT PLEASED WITH THAT. I WANT THIS REPORT. THIS REPORT SHOULD BE TO US BY NOW. IF HEAD OF IRD THE INDIGENOUS RELATIONS DIVISION DID INDICATE THERE IS STAFF TURNOVER IN HIS DEPARTMENT WHICH HAS SLOWED PROGRESS OF THIS REPORT. LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING THIS AS SOON AS WE CAN GET IT. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD.

COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD: A FEW COMMENTS ABOUT THE WELCOMING WINNIPEG POLICY HOW IMPORTANT TO GET THINGS BACK ON TRACK. I TOOK TIME TO WATCH THE DELEGATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS AT COUNCIL IN MARCH OF LAST YEAR WHEN THE DECISION WAS BEING MADE TO PUT THINGS ON PAUSE. I WATCHED THE DISCUSSION AT E.P.C. THIS MONTH. IT UNDERLINES HOW ESSENTIAL TO WORK TOWARDS THE SYSTEM THAT SUPPORTS INTENTION BEHIND WELCOMING WINNIPEG POLICY WHILE RESPECTING THE TIME AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. WE HAVE LONG HISTORY OF ERASING CONTRIBUTIONS AND LANGUAGES WE NEED TO MAKE THEM MORE VISIBLE. FOLKS TALKED HOW IMPORTANT TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS THEY TAKE TIME, CARE AND INTENTION. ALTHOUGH THIS POLICY REVIEW HAS TAKEN LONGER THAN ANYONE WANTED, IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO RUSH RECOGNIZING THE CHALLENGES IRD IS HAVING. I SUPPORT REQUEST FOR EXTENSION AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT. BECAUSE WE HAVE TWO ITEMS REQUEST FOR RENAMINGS WAIVE THE WELCOMING POLICY. I WILL SHARE MY INTENTION TO BE RECORDED IN OPPOSITION TO THEM NOT BECAUSE THE PERSONS ARE NOT WORTHY. BECAUSE I BELIEVE THE WELCOMING WINNIPEG POLICY IS ESSENTIAL PART OF RECONCILIATION, WE NEED CLARITY PATH FORWARDER BEFORE WE PROCEED WITH RENAMINGS.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MAYES FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD IS CONSISTENT. I DON'T AGREE WITH SOME OF IT BUT IN TERMS OF STILL NAMING THINGS FOR INDIVIDUALS. I ADMIRE THE CONSISTENCY. THE CURRENT SYSTEM HAS SLOWED TO A HALT AT THIS STAGE. WE CAN'T BE WAITING THREE OR FOUR YEARS. THREE YEARS IN SOME CASES RECENTLY TO MOVE APPLICATIONS FORWARD. NOT FAIR TO THE PEOPLE. THEN TO HAVE SOMEBODY JUMP IN AND WAIVE FOR THIS PERSON AND THE OTHER PERSON IS WAITING THREE YEARS. WE NEED TO REVISE THE SYSTEM. THERE ARE CLAIMS NOTHING WAS EVER ACCOMPLISHED. AT LEAST TWO EXAMPLES THAT ISN'T THE CASE. COUNCILLOR ALLARD SHEPARDED THROUGH RENAMING PAPOOSE PARK IN HIS WARD. COMING SOON AT THE END OF MARCH WE WILL DEDICATE T UN GA PARK. TO WELCOME THAT WAS PUT FORWARD MADE IT THROUGH THE SCREENING PROCESS, GOT APPROVED. TRIUMPH OF THE POLICY. LOOK FORWARD TO DEDICATING THAT PARK IN A MONTH'S TIME HOPEFULLY WITH COUNCILLOR ALLARD. THERE ARE FLAWS. WE NEED TO REVAMP. POLICY WAS NEVER FOR INDIGENOUS. I KNOW COUNCILLOR LUKES PUT FORWARD NAMES OF NIGERIA COMMUNITY. IT IS NOT THAT NOTHING GOT ACCOMPLISHED. THE SYSTEM IS STALLED OUT NOW AND WE NEED TO CHANGE IT. THERE ARE A COUPLE SUCCESSES UNDER THIS POLICY. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I WANT TO ADD SIMILAR COMMENTS TO COUNCILLOR MAYES TO SAY THAT AS COUNCILLOR OF TRANSCONA DID NOT GO THROUGH WELCOMING WINNIPEG. INTENT WAS CLEAR IF YOU LOOK AT THE MOTION BY THE COMMITTEE AND WHAT WAS SUPPORTED BY E.P.C. INCLUDED SUPPORT OF CITY OF WINNIPEG WE NAMED MOTHER EARTH NATURE PARK WITH INDIGENOUS THEME WHEREBY WALKING SYSTEM AND TRAIL IS IN THE SHAPE OF AN INDIGENOUS TURTLE WITH PLANTING WITH THAT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN COMING UP JUNIOR HIGHS IN THE COMMUNITY. AS A MATTER OF FACT THE TWO FRONT FLIPPERS ARE HEADS OF TWO WOLFS. BOTH DOG PARKS ONE SMALL AND ONE BIG DOGS. TO UNDERSTAND EDUCATION RECONCILIATION TO BUILD INTO OUR COMMUNITY. THAT IS SOMETHING I AM PROUD OF THAT WAS IN THIS TERM. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ADD WE AS CITY TO FURTHER WHAT COUNCILLOR MAYES SAID. WE DID MAKE THE STEP OF RE-NAMING BISHOP GRAND

AVENUE WHICH WAS MASSIVE. THE INTENT OF THE COUNCIL IS VERY GOOD. I WANT TO SAY THAT I AM ACTIVELY AWAITING THE REPORT. I HAVE BEEN HOLDING BACK. I HAVE THREE OR FOUR PARKS TO REFER TO THEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF GETTING INDIGENOUS NAMES. I PURPOSELY HAVE NOT ASSIGNED NEW NAMES. ONE INDIVIDUAL THERE ARE FIVE, ONE IS A METIS. SHE SERVED AS SCHOOL DIVISION TRUSTEE. MARILYNLAM BRUTE SERVED ON THE SCHOOL DIVISION. WE LOST HER WAY TOO SOON. I AM WORKING WITH THAT FAMILY. FOUR OTHER PARKS LOOKING AT FOR INDIGENOUS NAMES IF YOU DON'T CONSIDER MARILYN INDIGENOUS. SOME WOULD ARGUE. I WANT TO SAY IN TERMS OF I REALIZE AND APPRECIATE THE COUNCILLOR MENTIONING THE REPORT COMING UP THAT SHE STEPPED OFF AGENDA. I WANT TO SAY WENDY SOMEBODY WE LOST A YEAR AGO CHRISTMAS DAY. 40 YEARS GIVING HER LIFE TO SCOUT MOVEMENT. PARK IS ALREADY NAMED SCOUT PARK. THEY WANT IT WENDY MEMORIAL SCOUT PARK THAT IS A REQUEST IF THE COMMUNITY. AMAZING WOMAN. LAID DOWN ON THE COUCH AND DIDN'T WAKE UP. WE LOST HER WAY TOO SOON. THANK YOU, E.P.C., FOR SUPPORTING THE REQUEST. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: CALL THE QUESTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: ITEM 5. IN FAVOR, CONTRARY. CARRIED. ITEM 8.

CLERK: PARK RENAMING. WENDY BAXTER MEMORIAL COURTS PARK.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WILL WAIT TO HEAR FROM OTHERS.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD.

COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD: MY OPPOSITION IS NOT ABOUT WENDY, NOT ABOUT THE PERSON, NOT ABOUT THE PRO PRO SAL, IT IS WHEN THE PROCESS.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: CALL THE QUESTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: ITEM 8 IN FAVOR PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: GILLINGHAM, ALLARD, BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, EADIE, LUKES, MAYES, SANTOS. WYATT AND COUNCILLAR SHARMA.

MADAM SPEAKER: OPPOSED.

CLERK: DURAND-WOOD GILROY AND ROLLINS.

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MADAM SPEAKER: ITEM 8 PASSES. NEXT ITEM.

CLERK: ITEM 9. ANNUAL REPORT UNDER THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING POLICY.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WANT TO THANK THE PUBLIC SERVICE DEPUTY C.E.O. MATT DRIVER FOR THIS REPORT. IT IS A GOOD REPORT. I WANT TO REMIND US OF CONTEXT OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING. WE KNOW AT CITY OF WINNIPEG PRIMARY SOURCE OF REVENUE IS PROPERTY TAXES. ANTIQUATED SYSTEM ESTABLISHED WELL OVER 100 YEARS AGO. WE RELY UPON PROPERTY TAXES TO DELIVER SERVICES CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG EXPECT US TO DELIVER AND WE ARE OBLIGATED UNDER LEGISLATION TO DELIVER. WHEN WE MAKE AN INTENTIONAL CAREFUL THOUGHTFUL DECISION TO IN ESSENCE GIVE UP FOR A TIME, SOME OF THOSE PROPERTY TAXES, IT IS NOT A SMALL THING. IT IS A DECISION WE MAKE THOUGHTFULLY, CAREFULLY, AND ONE OF THE WAYS THAT WE DON'T GET GROWTH REVENUE, WE DON'T GET DIRECT REVENUE FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF THE ECONOMY. IT IS ONE OF THE WAYS WE PARTICIPATE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. ONE OF OUR COSTS TO SEE THE ECONOMY GROW. THAT IS BORNE OUT IN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. 2022-25, 37 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING GRANTSES APPROVED. GRANTS TOTALED $79.7 MILLION. ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO HOUSING-RELATED PROJECTS. WHAT THEY HAVE DONE THAT $80 MILLION THOSE 37TIFF GRANTS LEVERAGED $2 MILLION MOST FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. 3100 NEW HOUSING INCLUDING 1550 AFFORDABLE. THAT IS NOT JUST ANOTHER REPORT, TAX INCREMENT FINANCING IS NOT A TOOL WE USE AT EVERY WHIM. WE HAVE TO BE THOUGHTFUL AND STRATEGIC. WE HAVE RULES WHERE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING CAN BE APPLIED. I WILL REMIND US THAT WE DO IT THOUGHTFULLY AND TO LEVERAGE PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT AMONG OTHER THINGS TO SEE HOUSING BUILT AT THE TIME WE NEED HOUSING BUILT. I AM GLAD TO SEE THIS REPORT, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. COUNCILLOR WYATT YOU STOOD DOWN ITEM 9.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: IT IS ALL 100% CORRECT. I AM STRONG ADVOCATE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING. WE RULED OUT THE HOUSING DIVISION WORKING MIXED USE GRANT PROGRAMME TARGETS DOWNTOWN AND ONE TARGETED IN STRATEGIC PARTS AROUND THE CITY USING THE BOUNDARIES. THE CONCEPT WAS STEALING A PAGE OUT OF JOE CLARK'S LINE. CANADA IS A COMMUNITY OF COMMUNITIES. WINNIPEG IS A CITY OF CITIES. COMMUNITIES WE HAVE 13 DOWNTOWNS. YOU CAN SAY AROUND THE CITY. CLUSTERS. DOWNTOWN TRANSCONA, ST. JAMES, ST. VITAL, DENSITIES TAX INCREMENT FINANCING. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO BRING IT BACK. IT IS WRITTEN, MR. MAYOR. IN TERMS OF NEW NUMBERS THAT IS GOING BACK SOME YEARS NOW. I WOULD SAY THE ONLY THING I WOULD SAY THAT RAISES A CONCERN IN THE REPORT AND WHY I STEPPED IT DOWN IS REGARDING THE HUDSON'S BAY BUILDING AND PROJECT THERE. THAT IS A PROJECT THAT PRE-DATES MY TIME ON COUNCIL. COUNCIL VOTED BACK IN I WANT TO SAY BASED ON MY RESEARCH 2022 PRIOR TO THE ELECTION TO ENDORSE THIS PROJECT UP TO $10 MILLION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING GRANTS COMBINED WITH FUTURE TAXES BASED ON INCREMENTAL INCREASE. ANY KIND OF FEES OR CHARGES RELATED TO PERMITS, RIGHT, BEING GRANTED BACK TO THE SOUTHERN CHIEF'S ORGANIZATION WHO ARE LEADING THIS PROJECT. VERY WORTHY PROJECT. VERY SUPPORTIVE. COUNCIL AT THE TIME HAD STRONG SUPPORT BEHIND IT. IF YOU RECALL NOT LONG AGO WE HAD CHIEF DANIELS SPEAKING TO IT. THE DATE IS NOW MOVED FOR ROLLING OUT. LATEST WE READ, THE ORGANIZATION THAT IS LEADING THE PROJECT RECENTLY LOST THEIR C.E.O. IN LAST 30 MONTHS. NOT MUCH DETAIL ABOUT THAT. PROJECT IN THE LAST YEAR FROM $130 MILLION TO $310 MILLION. $92 MILLION FEDERAL MONEY CASH, FEDERAL TO GO TO IT. $40 MILLION IN PROVINCIAL LOANS, $10 MILLION FROM US. NOW, PUT THAT IN COMPARISON TO WINNIPEG POLICE HEAD QUARTERS, RIGHT?

WENT FROM 105 TO 255. SIMILAR. VERY SIMILAR. NOBODY IS CALLING FOR FORENSIC AUDIT, NO AUDITS, YET ALL OF THESE NUMBERS STARTED TO MOVE LAST SPRING BEFORE REALLY SHOVELS WERE IN THE GROUND EVEN. THE OTHER CONCERN I PUT RED FLAG UP WHAT I HEAR ON THE STREET THE NUMBERS ARE MOVING AGAIN. WE HAVEN'T HEARD THE LATEST. THAT IS HEAR SAY. I REALIZE THAT. I AM POINTING OUT A DOUBLE STANDARD HERE THAT WE GOT PUBLIC MONEY ON THE LINE. WE SHOULDN'T ISSUE ONE DOLLAR UNTIL WE KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE PROJECT. THE PROVINCE AND FEDS SHOULD BE STEPPING UP, RIGHT? DOING DUE DILIGENCE. THEY WANTED TO BUILD HOUSING. I BELIEVE IT IS A GREAT PROJECT, BUT THERE HAS TO BE SAME ACCOUNTABILITY. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: CALL THE QUESTION, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. NEXT ITEM, MADAM CLERK.

CLERK: ITEM 10. NEGOTIATIONS CITY OF WINNIPEG AND THE WINNIPEG FIRE PARAMEDIC SENIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WILL THANK THE SENIOR OFFICERS. THE GROUP DOES JUST A REMARKABLE JOB AT A TIME WHEN THE CALLS TO FRONT LINE EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTINUE TO RISE. WE HAVE OUR FOLKS ON THE FRONT LINE DOING OUTSTANDING WORK, BUT IT TAKES SENIOR OFFICERS WITHIN THE FIRE PARAMEDIC SERVICE TO CONTINUE TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE FRONT LINE WORKERS ARE RESOURCED, SUPPORTED, STRATEGICALLY ALLOCATED. I WANT TO THANK THE MEN AND WOMEN OF OUR SENIOR FIRE PARAMEDIC OFFICERS WHO DO GREAT WORK. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS ITEM 10? COUNCILLOR WYATT. ITEM 10. NO FURTHER SPEAKERS. MR. MAYOR DO YOU WISH TO CLOSE?

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: CALL THE QUESTION. THERE WAS CALM FOR RECORDED VOTE.

MADAM SPEAKER: IN FAVOR PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: GILLINGHAM, ALLARD, BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, DURAND-WOOD, EADIE, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, ROLLINS, SANTOS, WYATT AND SHARMA. 15-0.

MADAM SPEAKER: VOTE UNANIMOUS. NEXT ITEM, MADAM CLERK.

CLERK: ITEM 12. CHIEF CONSTRUCTION OFFICER ROLE, MANDATE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT. 111 AMENDMENT TO THE TO 25 STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE BASKET FUNDING ALLOCATION.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WILL HEAR FROM COLLEAGUES ON THIS MATTER AS WELL. I WILL REITERATE

OUR PUBLIC SERVANTS HAVE ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA. SPECIFIC TO 2025 BUDGET THE CAPITAL BUDGET AND ALLOCATION OF STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE BASKET OUR STAFF BEGUN CONVERSATIONS BY LATE 2024 FOR SURE. IT IS SAID BEFORE ALL AROUND THE TABLE ARE CONCERNED SOMEWHAT FRUSTRATED THAT THE PROVINCE MADE AN ALLOCATION CHANGE LATE IN 2025. PRETTY MUCH AT THE END OF THE YEAR. I CAN TELL YOU THAT POLITICALLY WE HAD CONVERSATIONS MAKING SURE. I HAD A GOOD CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH MINISTER ABOUT THE MOVE TUT COMMITMENT THE COMMITMENTS FOR THE STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE BASKET ARE CLEAR AND HAPPEN EARLY IN THE YEAR SO WE ALL CAN BE ON THE SAME PAGE. I WANT TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR WORK OF OUR STAFF. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT IF THE PROVINCE HAS INTENTIONS AND DESIGNS ON CITY ALLOCATION OF STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE BASKET WE KNOW THAT EARLY. I CAN TELL YOU ALSO BECAUSE I HAVE DONE IT MYSELF. THE PROVINCE HAS OUR BUDGET BOOKS AND CERTAINLY COPIES OF OUR ADOPTED BUDGET BOOKS. I KNOW THAT BECAUSE PREVIOUS YEARS I HAND DELIVERED TO MINISTER MYSELF SO THEY KNOW NOT ONLY CURRENT CAPITAL YEAR. AS WE PASS THE CAPITAL YEAR PLUS FIVE YEARS FORECAST. THAT IS ALL WITHIN THE BOOK. WITHIN THAT BOOK IS EMOTIONAL INTENTIONAL ALLOCATIONS CITY'S INTENTION HOW TO ALLOCATE STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE BASKET IN FUTURE YEARS AS WELL. DOUBLING DOWN ON COMMUNICATION WITH PROVINCE TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 2025 CAPITAL BUDGET REDUCING THE ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME BY $2.5 MILLION AND THE SPRAY PAD INVESTMENT PROGRAM BY $2.5 MILLION AND MORE, TO RECONCILE REVISED STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE BASKET ALLOCATION RAISES SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS ABOUT BOTH PROCESS AND PRIORITIES OF THE COUNCIL. THE CONFIDENCE THE LEGISLATURE HAS IN OUR ABILITY TO ALLOCATE FUNDS. AT ISSUE IS NOT ONLY DOLLAR AMOUNT. IT IS HOW AND WHY THE DECISIONS WERE MADE AND WHAT ADMINISTRATION OWES WHEN WE GO BACK INTO A BUDGET THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN PASSED NEGOTIATED. WHAT IS OLD TO COUNCIL IN TERMS OF PRO ACTIVE DISCLOSURE INFORMATION? WHAT WAS BEING DETERMINED AND LOOKED AT AS OPTIONS? WHY? THE REALLOCATIONS WERE INTRODUCED, MADAM SPEAKER, AS YOU KNOW, TO THE MEDIA ON THE AGENDA WITHOUT CONSULT WITH COUNCIL, WITHOUT DIFFICULT OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE EFFECTIVE COMMUNITIES OR ADVISORY BODIES OR DAYCARES OR MORE TO BE PROPERLY ENGAGED. MADAM SPEAKER, I AM CONCERNED AS YOU KNOW WITH THAT LACK OF COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT IN BUDGET GENERALLY. THE POSITION THAT CAPITAL BUDGET DECISIONS OF THIS SCALE, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT IMPACT NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY, RECREATIONS DON'T REQUIRE FURTHER ENGAGEMENT WITH COUNCIL IS REALLY PROBLEMATIC. INSTEAD THEY ARE PRESENTED AS ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENTS DESPITE HAVING REAL MATERIAL IMPACTS THAT AREN'T KNOWN. THE QUESTION FOR THE MOVER IN THIS CASE, MADAM SPEAKER, AS YOU KNOW IS MR. MAYOR, WHETHER OR NOT HE IS PREPARED TO DIRECT THE CAO AND CFO TO ADVISE LOCAL COUNCILLORS WHO VOTED AND SECURED THESE FUNDS THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS TO ADVISE THEM PROPERLY ON THE IMPACTS IN THEIR WARDS. AND TO ADVISE THEM FOR INSTANCE OPPOSITE ROAD SAFETY WHAT PROJECTS WERE JUST SCRAPPED. NOT THROUGH THE MEDIA, NOT THROUGH PRESS RELEASE, BUT IN AN E-MAIL AND PROPER TELEPHONE CALL. THAT'S WHY, MADAM SPEAKER. THE OTHER QUESTION FOR THE MOVER. DESPITE WHAT LIKELY WAS DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER SIMARD WAS WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ANY INDICATION THAT THE MOVER SEES THIS AS A PATTERN, THE PROVINCE IS GOING TO HAVE TO INTERVENE IF, ONE, WE DON'T

HARMONIZE BUDGET CYCLES WITH PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT. NUMBER TWO, WHETHER THINGS LIKE TRANSIT AND EQUITY DESERVING GROUPS ARE BEING TOLD RIGHT NOW THEY SHOULD JUST GO TO THE PRIMARY TRANSIT NETWORK BECAUSE IT IS SO GREAT ARE TOLD THEY MAY LOSE TRANSIT PLUS. WHETHER OR NOT HE SEES IN NEXT PROVINCE WILL WANT TO INTERVENE WHETHER OR NOT EQUITY DESERVING GROUPS WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS ANY TRANSIT IN THIS CITY. BUDGETS REQUIRE THE STATEMENT. REACTIVE REBALANCING WITHOUT ENGAGEMENT TO THIS COUNCIL IS FAIR TO SAY CALLS INTO QUESTION THE LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT PROVINCIALLY. IT UNDER MINES THE CONFIDENCE IN EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE'S ABILITY FOR LONG-TERM CAPITAL PLANNING. WHEN YOU MOVE TO REDUCE COMMUNITY SAFETY, MOVE TO REDUCE RECREATION PROJECTS AND WHEN YOU MOVE TO NOT PROVIDE INFORMATION ON WHAT OTHER CAPITAL DEFERRALS COULD HAVE BEEN MADE, WHAT FAILED TO BE TRANSPARENT ON REPRIORTIZATION THROUGH PUBLIC REPORTING FOR INSTANCE AS ONE OPTION, THEN BUDGET CONFIDENCE WANES, MADAM SPEAKER. I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS FOR THE MOVER. WHETHER OR NOT HE ANSWERS THEM. INVESTMENTS THAT DIRECTLY AFFECT PUBLIC SAFETY, DIRECTLY AFFECTS NEIGHBORHOODS SHOULD BE ANSWERED. ONE CAN UNDERSTAND HOW THIS CAME TO BE. I THINK THERE IS GOING TO BE MORE, GIVEN THE STATE OF MANAGEMENT AROUND HERE.

MADAM SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER. COUNCILLOR LUKES FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: THANK YOU. I DID HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS SENT TO ME REGARDING THE CUT IN THE ROAD SAFETY BUDGET. I AM GOING TO SPEAK TO THIS AS A WHOLE AND THIS IS AN E-MAIL I AM SENDING TO PEOPLE. BUDGET REPRESENTS COUNCIL PRIORITIES. I THINK WE ARE AWARE PROVINCE PROVIDES CITY BASKET FUNDING TO ALLOCATE AS COUNCIL SEES FIT SO WE ARE TOLD. I ALSO THINK EVERY ONE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE PROVINCE BASICALLY THROUGH LEGISLATION OVERSEES CITY ACTIVITIES. DECEMBER 2024, COUNCIL PASSED 2025 BUDGET. IN DECEMBER 2025, 13 MONTHS AFTER WE PASSED THE 2025 BUDGET, THE CITY OF WINNIPEG RECEIVES NOTICE FROM PROVINCE OF MANITOBA OF PROJECTS THEY WANT TO FUND FOR 2026. THE PROVINCE DIRECTED CITY TO REALLOCATE FUNDING FROM COUNCIL-APPROVED 2025 PRIORITIES. $2.5 MILLION FROM THE SPRAY PAD REINVESTMENT PROGRAMME. IN THE REPORT YOU WILL SEE THAT $2.5 MILLION CLEARLY YOU WILL SEE IT IN THE REPORT THAT THE SPRAY PAD POST FOR RIVERVIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PROGRAMME ENTIRELY AS FUNDING FORECASTED IN 2031 IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO DELIVER TWO SPRAY PAD. IT CAN BE CONSIDERED IN FUTURE FOUR YEAR BUDGET PROCESS. FROM ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME AND I WANT TO JUST CLARIFY THE ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME IS A PROGRAMME THAT DOESN'T SPECIFICALLY LAY OUT PROJECTS IN THE BUDGET BOOK. THE DEPARTMENT WORKS AROUND WHAT OTHER THINGS ARE HAPPENING. $2.5 MILLION WAS FUNDED FOR THE ENTIRE 2025 PROGRAMME. THAT IS WHERE THE PROVINCE WANTED TO NOT FUND THE BASKET FUNDING. THIS 2.5 REMOVAL WILL IN EFFECT CANCEL ENTIRE 2025 PROGRAMME AND EXPENDITURES INCURRED ON 2025 RAIL WORKS WILL BE CHARGED TO 2026 PROGRAMME. RAIL LINES HAVE HIGHER PRIORITY OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MATCHES MONEY CITY PUTS IN. PROJECTS CANCELLED WILL BE REVIEWED AND PERHAPS REPRIORITIZED. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING NEXT WEEK I ASKED DEPARTMENT TO COME GIVE VERBAL UPDATE. BECAUSE IT IS A PROGRAM THEY ARE STILL WORKING FIGURING OUT WHAT WILL BE CANCELED AND PRIORITIZED. WAVERLY WEST THEY WILL RECEIVE REALLOCATION FROM ST. BONIFACE AND WINDSOR PARK AND CANADA COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND RESERVE. NOW PROVINCE HAS TO REALLOCATE FUNDING TO THEIR PRIORITIES ASSINIBOINE AND HEALTHCARE AND ROOF RESTORATION. THESE WEREN'T PRIORITIES IN 24, 25, 26. THEY ARE PROVINCE PRIORITIES WE ARE FUNDING. I WANT TO NOTE THE PROVINCE REQUESTS FOR

THIS OCCURRED 13 MONTHS AFTER. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING. VERY BUSY. 13 MONTHS AFTER WE APPROVED THE 2025 BUDGET. NOW, I DID HAVE PEOPLE SAY TO ME CAN'T YOU JUSTIFIED MONEY FOR THIS? WELL, IF ANYONE FOLLOWS CITY BUDGET PROVES WE DON'T HAVE $5.5 MILLION SITTING IN A FUND AVAILABLE TO USE. REPORT STATES CITY DID LOOK AT EXTERNAL DEBT FUNDING TO COVER IT. THAT WOULD TRIGGER ANNUAL DEBT AND FINANCING CHARGES ESTIMATED THREE-QUARTERS MILLION DOLLARS. I FOUGHT TO HAVE THE ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME PUT IN, TO HAVE STAFF PUT IN. BUDGET FUNDING FOR THE FUTURE. THIS IS THE NATURE OF THE BEAST OF THE PROVINCE OVERSEEING MUNICIPALITIES. ULTIMATELY, THEY HAVE ABILITY TO DO THIS. FOR PEOPLE WANTING TO MAKE LITTLE VIDEO CLIPS AND SCREAM AND YELL ABOUT THIS WHICH I SEE A LOT OUT THERE, FINE. UNDERSTAND THE FACTS AND IF YOU REALLY WANT TO MAKE VIDEO CLIPS MAKE VIDEO CLIPS OF THE DIRECTIVE THAT CAME DOWN FROM THE PROVINCE BECAUSE OUR BUDGET WAS ALREADY BAKED. CAKE WAS IN THE OVEN. WE CAN'T TAKE INGREDIENTS OUT. IT IS VERY SAD.

MADAM SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. THANKS TO MY OTHER TWO COLLEAGUES WHO GOT INTO A LOT OF THE DETAIL. THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR LUKES. I WILL FOCUS IN ON REPERCUSSIONS. I MEAN WE PRESENT THIS STUFF QUITE EARLY TO THE PROVINCE. THE PROVINCE SEEMS TO GET OUT TENDERING FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS SOONER THAN THE STEEP OF WINNIPEG DOES. WHEN IT COME TO EVALUATING OUR CITY COUNCIL, I WOULD CALL THEM MORE RECOMMENDED CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER THIS PROGRAMME THERE IS A LOT OF ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT. THE EFFECT. THANK GOODNESS AT FIRST I THOUGHT THAT THE FUNDING WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST. FUNDING WAS FOUND FOR THE PARK/NORTH WAY COMMUNITY CENTRE RENOVATION OF EXISTING SPRAY PAD IN HIGH POVERTY AREA. IT IS A REQUIRED RENOVATION. THAT WORK WILL CONTINUE, THANK GOODNESS. I DON'T THINK MY COLLEAGUE IN POINT DOUGLAS WOULD APPRECIATE THE OUTCOME OF WHAT WE HAVE HAPPENED HAD THAT RENOVATION NOT BEEN GOING FORWARD IN THE TIMELY FASHION THAT IT IS BEING PROPOSED, MADAM SPEAKER. WE ALL KNOW THAT WE IN THE BUDGET PROCESS, SOME WILL SAY UNFAIR OR WHATEVER. THROUGH IF BUDGET, FOUR YEAR BUDGET AND PROCESS WE HAVE, MADAM SPEAKER. WE WORK UP PLANS, WE WORK OUT HOW WE CAN PAY FOR THINGS IN THE SPRAY PAD AND THERE IS A LOT OF BACK AND FORTH INTERNALLY TO COME UP WITH A PLAN. I DON'T THINK THAT THE PROVINCE DECISION HERE ACKNOWLEDGES. I DON'T THINK THEY REALIZE, MADAM SPEAKER, HOW DIFFICULT THE CITY BUDGET PROCESSING IS WHEN YOU HAVE 15 SEPARATE MEMBERS. THIS IS NOT ONE POLITICAL PARTY'S BUDGET ASPECT VERSUS ANOTHER POLITICAL PARTY, MADAM SPEAKER. WE HAVE 16 POLITICAL PARTIES AT THIS TABLE. WE ARE ALL TRYING TO REPRESENT OUR RESIDENTS. THEY ARE TRYING TO REPRESENT ALL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. ALSO DOES THE INTER GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS. I AM NOT OVERLY CRITICAL. THIS PROGRAMME IS ESSENTIAL TO THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. I UNDERSTAND IT IS PROVINCIAL MONEY PUT OUT. THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE THE FINAL SAY ON WHAT PROJECTS GET FUNDED OR DON'T. THAT DOES NOT APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT WE DO TO TRY TO SERVE OUR CITIZENS. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT BARREL WATTS SPRAY PARK TO PROVIDE SERVICE FOR YOUTH AT VINCE LEE COMMUNITY CENTRE WHICH HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO MAKE. THAT DOESN'T COME UNDER GENERAL BUDGET. USUALLY THAT PROJECT IS GOING TOWARDS COUNCILLOR ASSOCIATED DECISIONS. THE BEAR WATTS THERE IS MONEY IN THE PROGRAM. DELAYED FOR ONE YEAR. I WANT TO EXPLAIN. THIS IS HOW THE PEOPLE OF MY WARD ARE BEING AFFECTED. WE HAD A BUNCH OF GREAT THREE OR FOUR STUDENTS WHO WENT OUT MADAM SPEAKER IN YOUR WARD TEMPLETON SINCLAIR NEIGHBORHOOD AND IN THE MARGARET PARK

NEIGHBORHOOD WITH A PETITION TO GET A SPRAY PAD. THESE KIDS, THEY ARE KIDS, THEY THOUGHT IT IS THERE, IT SHOULD BE BUILT AND DONE NEXT YEAR. NOW THOSE KIDS WHO DID THAT PETITION WHICH WAS HAPPENING DURING THE 2022 ELECTION OR SUPPLIED JUST BEFORE THE ELECTION TO THE COUNCILLOR. I WAS WORKING TOWARDS THE SPRAY PAD TO SERVE BOTH NEIGHBORHOODS BECAUSE THEY ARE ATTACHED THROUGH TEMPLETON COMING THROUGH. THEY ARE GRADUATING THIS YEAR. NOW THE ACTUAL FINAL DESIGN AND EVERYTHING WAS TO BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR AND THE BUILDING AND RENEWAL OF THE PARK FOLLOWING YEAR. NOW DELAYED ANOTHER YEAR. KIDS ARE GRADUATING GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL OR ANOTHER MIDDLE SCHOOL THAT IS NOT AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS IS THE EFFECT. THOSE KIDS ARE DISAPPOINTED, VERY DISAPPOINTED. HARD TO ARRANGE MONEY, PUBLIC NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND THAT TO SERVE COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS, AND I JUST THOUGHT THAT I WOULD SPEAK OUT TO THAT AND THE PROVINCIAL MLAs ACTUALLY REPRESENT THE SAME AREAS, MADAM SPEAKER, SAME AREAS. NOW, I DO UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROVINCE HAS A HUGE FINANCIAL PROBLEM, HUGE DEFICIT. WE CAN'T RUN DEFICITS. WE ARE NOT SPENDING ANY MONEY THAT WE DON'T HAVE. BORING AS COUNCILLOR LUKES REFERRED TO IS NOT TENABLE FOR THESE PROJECTS. I DO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY HAD TO UTILIZE THEIR HALF BECAUSE WE FOUND ELSEWHERE IN THE BUDGET TO SUPPLY FOR THE LACK OF BETTER WORD VETERINARIANS HOSPITAL OR WHATEVER INVESTMENTS TO MAKE SURE THE ANIMALS AT THE ZOO WE ALL APPRECIATE ARE YOUNG ONES AND EVERYBODY DOES APPRECIATE THAT. THAT THEY HAD TO UTILIZE THE STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS TO THE CITY. WE DID FIND A PORTION ELSEWHERE TO PUT INTO THAT PROJECT. IT IS SAD THAT THINGS GOT MOVED AROUND, AND I JUST WANT TO PUBLICLY SEE WHAT EFFECT THAT WILL HAVE ON THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE, THE KIDS WHO LIVE IN THE MARGARET PARK AND TEMPLETON SINCLAIR NEIGHBORHOODS.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I UNDERSTAND THE NEED. IT IS LATE IN THE GAME FROM THE PROVINCE. SOME CHANGES HAD TO BE MADE. THERE IS A SPLASH PAD SLATED FOR MY WORD. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN CAME UP WITH THIS SPRAY PAD IN MULTIYEAR BUDGET. IT WAS AN ACHIEVEMENT TO GET THERE THROUGH THE BUDGET. THE ONE IN MY WARD IS DELAYED A YEAR. I CAN'T ARGUE WITH THAT. PLEASED TO GET ONE IN HIGH NEEDS AREA. THERE AREN'T ANY DECOMMISSIONED BECAUSE THERE AREN'T ANY IN MY WARD. ONE WADING PARK IN MY AREA. SOME STUFF IS DELAYED, SOME STUFF IS NOT DELAYED, ELIMINATE THE ONE IN RIVERVIEW ALTOGETHER. IS THAT BECAUSE BEN CARMAN AGED TO GET THE MILLION DOLLARS FOR FEDERAL STUFF? THAT IS NOT PRESENTED HERE. I WOULD BE FRUSTRATED IF THIS MAJOR PROJECT WAS BEING CANCELED IN MY WARD AND NOT DELAYED. I APPRECIATE TIMEFRAME ON THE BUDGET. THIS SEEMS UNILATERAL. I HAVE ISSUES WITH THAT. I AM PLEASED TO GIVE SUPPORT TO ST. BONIFACE MUSEUM. I DON'T KNOW IF IS THE COUNTERPART SHELLY GLOVER OR DAN VANDELL. THAT IS AN IMPORTANT PROJECT. I DON'T BEGRUDGE FUNDING SOME OF THAT. BALANCING ACT. IF THE PROVINCE AFTER ALL OF THESE MONTHS MADE THIS DECISION SOMETHING HAD TO GIVE HERE. I DON'T HAVE ISSUES WITH E.P.C. CHOICES. I THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE A BETTER EXPLANATION WHY RIVERVIEW IS GETTING CANCELED AND SOME OF THE OTHER ONES ARE DELAYED. I AM OKAY DELAYING THE ONE IN MY WARD BY A YEAR. SOME OF THE OTHER ONES ARE DELAYED. THIS ISN'T HIGH NEEDS IDENTIFIED PART OF MY WARD. I UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES FACING E.P.C. ON THIS. I WILL WAIT TO SEE HOW COUNCILLOR ROLL LENS IS VOTING. I WROTE SINGLE OUT IF THE ONE IN MY WARD WAS THE ONLY ONE BEING CANCELED.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. IF WE WERE IN THE LAST COUNCIL THAT HAD MAYOR BOWMAN, WE WOULD HAVE HEARD COUNCILLORS SAYING STUFF ABOUT STRONG MAYOR MODEL, TRANSPARENCY AND WE ARE NOT HEARING THIS NOW, SPEAKER. I THINK IS THE ISSUE IS THERE ARE COUNCILLORS AROUND THE TABLE THAT AREN'T PART OF THESE DISCUSSIONS. THERE WAS NO CONSOLE NAR. THEY WERE PART OF IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WAS A DECISION MADE FROM THE PROVINCE THAT IMPACTS US. DECISIONS HAVE TO BE MADE. PLEASE AT LEAST INCLUDE ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. I THINK THAT IS THE CONCERN. WE ARE SEEING MORE AND MORE REPORTS THAT ARE GOING TO EPC, THAT AREN'T GOING THROUGH COMMITTEES. IT DOES NOT ALLOW ABILITY TO ASK THE QUESTIONS AT COMMITTEES, AT THE COUNCIL SEMINARS. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON THE DOCKET TO BE IMPACTED OTHER THAN I HAVE A LOT OF ROAD SAFETY ISSUE. THE CONCERN IS LACK OF DISCUSSION. ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WEREN'T THERE TO BE PART OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS. THAT IS WHAT I WANT TO REPORT, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT, FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THIS IS INSIDE THE BALLPARK. I AGREE WITH COUNCILLOR LUKES. FRANKLY, I AM GRATEFUL THE PROVINCE IS FUNDING CERTAIN THINGS. I GUESS THE OTHER THING I WOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT ANYTHING ON THIS TO REPORT WHICH THERE ISN'T. IF THERE IS ANYTHING TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT IT WOULD BE THE FACT APC IS MENTIONED HERE. IF I RECALL RIGHT, MADAM SPEAKER, INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE, THAT WHEN THEY BROUGHT FORWARD THE REPORT TO CREATE THE CONSERVANCY. THE REPORT RECOMMENDED THEY WERE TO BE FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT, BALANCED BUDGET LIKE US OPERATING. THEY WOULD NOT BE CONSTANTLY COMING TO US ON OPERATING GRANT. THERE WAS A DEADLINE AND TIMEFRAME TIED TO MASS INVESTMENTS IN THE TRUCK AND NEW INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH WE UPHELD AS COUNCIL. WE ARE STILL SUBSIDIZING THEIR OPERATIONS. NOT TO MENTION THE CAPITAL AS WELL. IT IS UP THERE, TOO. $4.6 MILLION OPERATING, CAPITAL AROUND 5. MAYBE I AM A LITTLE OFF. I HAD THE HONOR OF SITTING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. COUNCILLOR FIELDING HAD ENOUGH. THEY SAID YOU GO ON IT. I WENT ON THE COMMITTEE AND GOT TO KNOW MR. RICHARDSON. GREAT GUY. NOT WELL. I GIVE ALL OF THE BEST TO THE FAMILY. MADAM SPEAKER, HE WOULD CHALLENGE ME IN THE MEETING WHAT IS THE CITY DOING ABOUT THIS? WITH ALL DUE RESPECT YOU HAVE THE MAYOR'S CELL PHONE, YOU CAN CALL NOW. WE BECAME FRIENDS THROUGH THAT. IT WAS KIND OF NEAT. I WOULD SAY, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT WOULD BE THE ONLY CONCERN I WOULD HAVE. THE SUBSIDY OF THE PARK WHEN THEY SAID THEY WERE LOOKING AFTER IT. THAT IS A CAPITAL ITEM, OF COURSE. THE PROVINCE SAYS IT IS PRIORITY. WHEN I BRING GUESTS FROM OUT OF TOWN OR WHEN FRIENDS COME FROM OUT OF TOWN ONE OF THE PLACES WE GO TO IS TO SEE THE BEARS FIRST THING IN THE MORNING AT THE ZOO. AMAZING. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD, FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I UNDERSTAND THIS WAS ANENCEFLUENCE OF STRINGS FROM THE PROVINCE REVEALED AFTER STAFF TIME SPENT FOR THE WADING POOL CLOSURE AND SPLASH PAD CLOSING. DISAPPOINTING PROVINCE WOULD CUT THE SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY TO MAKE OUR CITY MORE LIVABLE. I TAKE EXCEPTION TO RATIONALE WE COULDN'T BORROW $5.52 MILLION BECAUSE WE ARE OUT OF DEBT CAPACITY. ONE HAND WE HAVE A

WINNIPEG ROAD SAFETY STRATEGIC INVESTMENT STRATEGY WITH SMALL AMOUNT OF FUNDING TO DELIVER OUTCOMES IMPROVE STATE OF EXISTING RECREATION STRUCTURE. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ARE SPENDING RESERVES TO SUPPORT ROUTE 90 THAT WE CAN ONLY ACHIEVE BY BORROWING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WITH THE SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT RESULTING IN DECADES OF DEBT SERVICES WITHOUT QUESTION HAS IMPACT ON WHAT SERVICES WE DELIVER AND TAXES TO COLLECT. THAT IS FAIR TO ASK. IF WE THINK DEBT SERVICES $5 MILLION IS UNTENABLE, WAIT FOR THE DEATH SERVICES ON HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS FOR ROUTE 90. IT IS HARD FOR ME TO SUPPORT THIS PLAN. WE CAN'T WAIT FOR A YEAR TO WORK ON ROAD SAFETY. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CAN COUNCIL COLLEAGUES TO FIND OTHER WAYS TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY. I STARTING IT IS SUPPORT FROM COUNCIL COLLEAGUES WORKING TOWARDS REDUCED RESIDENTIAL SPEED LIMIT. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: I WILL SAY THANK YOU TO THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA FOR PROVIDING BASKET FUNDING. NICE TO BE INDEXED BUT NOT. LAST YEAR THE TIMING OF GETTING SIGN OFF WAS UTTERLY FRUSTRATING. WE TABLED BUDGET IN DECEMBER 2024. PASSED BUDGET JANUARY 2025. DIDN'T HEAR FROM THEM UNTIL DECEMBER ABOUT CHANGES. WHY THEY COULDN'T HAVE MADE CHANGES TO THE 2026 ALLOCATION, IT IS WHAT IT IS. AGAIN, IN TERMS OF PROCESS. IT IS WORTH POINTING OUT THAT THE CHARTER WHICH COMES FROM THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA SPECIFIES E.P.C. HAVE A BUDGET. THIS IS COUNCIL THAT HAS TO APPROVE THAT. THAT IS WHAT IS BEFORE US TODAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. IT IS NOT IDEAL. THIS IS WHAT IS BEFORE US.

MADAM SPEAKER: NO FURTHER SPEAKERS, MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WANT TO REITERATE WHAT COUNCILLOR BROWATY JUST SAID. IT IS GOOD. WE HAVE BEEN DEBATING THIS HALF HOUR OR LONGER WHICH IS GOOD. EVERY COUNCILLOR HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO WHAT IS PROPOSED. EVERY COUNCILLOR WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY YEAH OR NAY. CALL THE QUESTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR. PLEASE RISE.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: DURAND-WOOD, GILROY, MAYES, ROLLINS.

MADAM SPEAKER: 11-4.

MADAM SPEAKER: ITEM 12 PASSES. ITEM 11. PARDON ME.

CLERK: ITEM 12. CHIEF CONSTRUCTION OFFICER ROLE MANDATE AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. GLAD TO HAVE THIS REPORT BEFORE US AND GET COUNCIL'S UNANIMOUS REPORT. THIS IS A NEW POSITION. WE ARE FIRST MUNICIPALITY IN ALL OF CANADA TO IMPLEMENT SUCH A POSITION. GLAD TO SEE MR. TOM SPARROW IN PLACE. I WANT TO THANK MANY MONTHS AGO I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR MAYES AND OTHERS WHO WERE -- COUNCILLOR DOBSON AND COUNCILLOR SCHREYER WAS ON THIS AND WHO WAS THE OTHER ONE? THANK YOU TO THOSE THREE. IT SECURED MR. TOM SPARROW AND BROUGHT HIM TO US. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE REPORT INDICATES ROLE, MANDATE, OF THE CONSTRUCTION OFFICER ASSURANCE OF ALL ASPECTS OF DELIVERY OF CAPITAL PROJECTS INVOLVING CONSTRUCTION. ANY COUNCILLOR CAN INFORMALLY ASK CCO FOR FEEDBACK TO PROJECTS AT ANY TIME BY CONTACTING CCO DIRECTLY. ROLE OF THIS INDEPENDENT CHIEF CONSTRUCTION OFFICER IS TO PROVIDE TO US GOOD ADVICE ON CAPITAL PROJECTS. I DO KNOW THAT IN THE TIME MR. SPARROW HAS BEEN WITH US HE HAS BEEN AN ASSET AND VERY MUCH PARTNER IN ASSISTING OUR DEPARTMENTS WITH THEIR CAPITAL PROJECTS AND LOOKING AT CAPITAL PROJECTS AS WELL. GLAD TO HAVE HIM IN THE ROLE LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTRIBUTIONS. AT THE END OF THE DAY, GOAL IS TO PROVIDE VALUE FOR MONEY FOR RATE AND TAXPAYERS OF WINNIPEG. WE HAVE A LOT OF CAPITAL NEEDS, VERY AGGRESSIVE BUT IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME THAT WE HAVE ADOPTED IN THE LAST BUDGET FOR ALL OF THAT WORK TO GET DONE ON TIME AND ON BUDGET, IT NECESSITATES GOOD DECISIONS. HAVING GOOD OFFICER HERE WILL ASSIST US TO WORK ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF WINNIPEG. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER. COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I SUPPORT THIS AS LONG AS WE VOTE AT THE VERY END OF TODAY'S AGENDA MOTION FROM THE MAYOR AND MYSELF COUNCILLORS REQUEST PRESENCE OF CCO AT COUNCIL MEETINGS ON 24 HOURS NOTICE TO ASK QUESTIONS OF THE PURPOSE OF THIS POSITION AND MAYOR'S PLATFORM WHEN I WON'T REPEAT DIRECT AND PUBLIC ACCESS FOR COUNCILLORS TO THIS POSITION. DIRECT AND PUBLIC. I HAVE LISTENED TO VARIOUS PEOPLE FROM PUBLIC SERVICE HE COMES TO THE MEETINGS THAT IS NOT PUBLIC. IT IS OKAY HE COMES TO E.P.C. REPORT BRIEFING. THAT IS NOT DIRECT. NOW WE ARE TOLD HE IS COMING TO E.P.C. I AM NOT ON E.P.C. ASK CHAIR OF COMMITTEE. THERE HAS TO BE AWAY FOR COUNCILLORS NOT ON E.P.C. TO DIRECTLY AND PUBLICLY ASK QUESTION TO CCO. I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR SUPPORTING THE MOTION THAT IS INVOLVED BY THE MOTION AT THE END OF THE AGENDA TODAY. WE LAID IT OVER LAST MONTH TO DEBATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS. I AM GOING TO SUPPORT THIS BUT I WOULD ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION AT THE END OF THE DAY THAT WOULD ALLOW NONE.P.C. OFFICERS TO HAVE CCO COME INDEPENDENT VOICE NOT PART OF PUBLIC SERVICE HIERARCHY, INDEPENDENT VOICE WITH DIRECT AND PUBLIC ROLE WITH ELECTED COUNCILLORS. THE MOTION IS FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF TODAY'S AGENDA. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I WILL LOOK AT THE MOTION. I HAVEN'T LOOKED AT IT YET FROM COUNCILLOR MAYES. I SUPPORT WHAT THE MAYOR IS WORKING ON AND I KNOW HE CAMPAIGNED ON THIS. HAPPY TO SUPPORT HIM ON THAT. MADAM SPEAKER I AM EXCITED. I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT MR. SPARROW LOOKS LIKE. THAT MIGHT BE ON ME AS MUCH AS ON HIM. THAT IS THE WORLD WE LIVE IN. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING HIM AND WORKING WITH HIM. I HAVE A BIT OF EXPERIENCE INVOLVED WITH SOME CATTLE PROJECTS OVER THE YEARS. I WOULD ADD THAT I THINK THERE IS DEFINITELY AN

OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT DIFFERENT DELIVERY MODELS, CHALLENGES WE ARE FACING. WE HAVE DEFINITELY UNIQUE CHALLENGES IN MANITOBA AND WINNIPEG. WE HAVE A MARKET WHICH IS RELATIVELY ISOLATED FROM OTHER MAJOR MARKETS. WE HAVE A RELATIVELY SMALLER CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY RELATED TO ROADS COMPARED TO OTHER MARKETS. FAIRLY INTEGRATED INDUSTRY NOW WHEREBY COMPANIES CONTROL NOT JUST THE CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS BUT THE AGGREGATES AND RECYCLED. WE LOST OUR GRAVEL PIT. PROVINCE DOES. MAY BE OPPORTUNITIES THERE TO BRING PRICING DOWN. WE HAVE POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES WITH LOOKING AT SOUTH OF THE BORDER. WHAT THE AMERICAN SUPPLY ESPECIALLY AGGREGATE TO BRING COSTS DOWN IS AN OPTION USED IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. WE HAVE HOPEFULLY OPPORTUNITY WITH GROWING COMMUNITY HERE OF VARIOUS BACKGROUNDS WHO ARE INDUSTRIAL, ENTREPRENEURIAL STARTING NEW BUSINESSES IN THE HOME BUILDING TRADE TO HOPEFULLY CREATE NEW ACTIVITY IN THE CONSTRUCTION TRADE. THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR COMPETITION. WE HAVE SEEN A LOT OF INTEGRATION AND A LOT OF ACQUISITIONS WITH CONSTRUCTION FIRMS AND ONE CASE ENTIRE FIRM SHUT RIGHT DOWN WHICH IS VERY RARE. THEY CLOSED OPERATIONS. IT SENDS THE SIGNAL WHAT THE INDUSTRY IS LIKE. IT IS IMPORTANT. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT POSITION. IT NEEDS TO BE DYNAMIC. I WOULD ENCOURAGE MR. SPARROW NOT TO HOLD BACK IN THAT REGARD. I WISH HIM THE BEST OF LUCK. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ROLLINS. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN MOVES MOTION TO WORK PAST 12:00 NOON. IN FAVOR, CARRIED. WE WILL BREAK SHORTLY. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: THANK YOU. I HAVE HAD A CHANGE OF HEART. I SUPPORTED THIS POSITION BUT TODAY I HAVE NOT NECESSARILY REAPED BENEFITS OF COUNCIL IN THE MANNER MANIFESTING. NO FAULT TO MR. SPARROW. I DON'T BELIEVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SIT IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION AT THIS TIME. I FEEL LIKE WE NEED TO HEED THE WARDSES THAT ACHIEVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER IS NEEDED. IT SHOULD REST IN ADMINISTRATION EQUIVALENT OF STATUTORY OFFICER LIKE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER DOES. WITH CLEAR AUTHORITY FROM THIS COUNCIL. POTENTIALLY DESIGNATED POLICY COMMISSION. THAT IS WHAT I AM INTERESTED IN. TIMING MATTERS. WHEN WE HAVE AGENDA THAT LOOKS LIKE SOMETIMES WE ARE RUNNING CONTRARY TO JOB IN THE ECONOMY, CERTAINLY WHEN WE HAVE EXTERNAL PARTIES DOWNTOWN BIZ HAVING TO DO THEIR OWN REPORTS FOR THE ABILITY FOR ANY WINNIPEGGER TO GET DOWNTOWN TO A WORKPLACE, WE ARE RUNNING CONTRARY TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. FORGET THE ONE THAT NO MEMBER OF COUNCIL SAVE FOR ME ATTENDED, MADAM SPEAKER, WHEN RELEASED THIS YEAR. IT IS JUST THAT WE SHOULDN'T BE IF WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO SHOW UP IN MOMENTS LIKE THOSE, THEN OF WHAT UTILITY IS THIS POSITION? I DON'T THINK WE CAN AFFORD ANY LONGER TO BE THIS KIND OF PASSIVE. IT IS ASTONISHING TO ME THAT WE NEED A MOTION LIKE THIS. I THINK THAT GOES TO GOVERNANCE OR ACCOUNTABILITY OR AUTHORITY. I ALSO THINK THAT FOLKS FORGOT THAT COUNCIL ACTUALLY MOTIONED THIS INSIDE THE PUBLIC SERVICE WHEN WE DID IT. A FORMALIZED COUNCIL OVER SIGHT MECHANISM. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, BUDGETS ALIGNED WITH THEM AND PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS ARE WHAT I AM INTERESTED IN. A CHIEF ECONOMIC OFFICER IS WHERE IT IS AT. WHILE I RESPECT THE INTENT BEHIND THE CURRENT MOTION SOMEWHAT, I DON'T BELIEVE IT ADDRESSES THE STRUCTURAL GAP. I AM NOT ALONE IN THAT. I THINK COUNCIL SHOULD MOVE DECISIVELY TOWARDS ESTABLISHING THE STATUTORY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP MODEL SUGGESTED BY CHRIS LAWRENCE AND OTHERS. I THINK THAT REFLECTS MORE SERIOUSLY FISCAL CHALLENGES OF THE CITY. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER. MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: YOU CAN CALL THE QUESTION. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. THAT IS CARRIED. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS IN OPPOSITION. WE WILL TAKE A RECESS AND RECONVENE AT 1:30 P.M. SHARP.

MADAM SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. I WOULD LIKE TO RECONVENE OUR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2026. WE ARE ON MOTION SECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE.

IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION AFTER LUNCH. A GENTLEMEN REGISTERED USES THE SYSTEM ONLINE. UNFORTUNATELY, HE IS A SENIOR AND HE MISUNDERSTOOD WHEN HE WAS CLICKING ON THE BUTTONS TO REGISTER FOR COUNCIL VERSUS PUBLIC WORKS. HE WANTED TO SPEAK TO THE TRAIL. HE WANTED TO SPEAK HERE. HE MISUNDERSTOOD.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT, YOU ARE ASKING SUSPENSION OF THE RULES FOR THE ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS TODAY. THAT IS FIRST THING YOU ARE ASKING FOR, CORRECT? SUBSEQUENTLY, YOU WILL ASK FOR SOMEONE TO SPEAK IN DELEGATION?

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I WOULD MOVE AS ONE MOTION, SUSPEND PROCEEDINGS TO ALLOW SPEAKING TO THE ITEM. HE WRONGLY USED ONLINE SYSTEM THINKING HE WAS AT COUNCIL.

MADAM SPEAKER: I WILL SPEAK TO THAT. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL REGISTERED BUT FOR PUBLIC WORKS. INDIVIDUAL HAS SPOKEN HERE BEFORE. DELEGATIONS HAVE LONG PASSED. IT IS A REQUEST TO SUSPENDED THE RULES.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: HE DID SHOW ME HIS FLIP PHONE AS PROOF HE IS NOT FAMILIAR WITH TECHNOLOGY. I DID SYMPATHIZE WITH HIM.

MADAM SPEAKER: I THINK IT IS LONG PAST. I WILL PUT THE VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. OKAY. MR. WACHNIAK. WE HAVE THE NAME OF THE DELEGATE. READ IT INTO THE RECORD. I DO NOT HAVE THAT. IF YOU COULD STATE YOUR NAME.

THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR WYATT, MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. MY APOLOGIES FOR MISUNDERSTANDING THAT I HAD SIGNED UP GOT CONFIRMATION FOR ANOTHER MEETING. YOU MAY SEE ME AT PUBLIC WORKS LATER ON.

MADAM SPEAKER: DELEGATE IS SPEAKING TO THE EXTENSION REPORT UNDER PUBLIC WORKS IN OPPOSITION. FIVE MINUTES. NO QUESTIONS.

YES, ISSUE IS CHIEF PEGUIS TRAIL. I SPEAK IN OPPOSITION WITH THE HISTORY OF REPRESENTING THAT AREA WHEN THE TRAIL WAS DEVELOPED. APPROVED BY THIS COUNCIL. AT THAT TIME I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT EVERYONE ON THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE, THE LORD SELKIRK LEVEL WERE UNANIMOUS IN BEING IN OPPOSITION TO AN EXTENSION. WE SUPPORTED A BRIDGE CROSSING THE RIVER BUT WE DID NOT SUPPORT A FREEWAY CUTTING THROUGH THE NORTHERN PART OF OUR COMMUNITY.

COUNCILLOR LAWRENCE IS STILL WITH US. HE WAS QUITE ARTICULATE ABOUT HIS REASONS SO THERE IS A HISTORY THAT I BRING FORWARD TO YOU TO SAY THERE ARE VERY GOOD REASONS FOR NOT DOING IT. THE ISSUE OF TRAFFIC TO CENTRE VENTURE IS AN ISSUE THAT IS COVERED IN BOTH ROUTE 90 AND THIS CHIEF PEGIUS TRAIL. THE SOLUTION LIES IN THE SAME LOGIC. THAT IS THAT HEAVY TRAFFIC BE MOVED TO PERIMETER. IT IS NOT ALL THAT FAR ONCE YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE MAP OF WINNIPEG TO SEE WHERE THE INDUSTRIAL ZONES ARE THAT WOULD BE MOVING TO CENTRE VENTURE AND WHERE THE LINES WOULD BE REDIRECTED OF TRAFFIC TO PRIORITIZE HEAVY TRAFFIC TO THE PERIMETER. AS SOMEBODY THAT DROVE WINNIPEG FOR MANY YEARS, SOMETIMES TWO OR THREE TANKS OF GAS IN A WEEK, I KNOW THAT SOMETIMES IF YOU ARE IN CHARLESWOOD AND HAVE TO GET BACK DOWNTOWN, FASTEST WAY IS NOT CUTTING THROUGH THE CITY. IT IS TO TAKE THE PERIMETER. THEN COME BACK UP FROM THE NORTH OR THE EAST SIDE INTO DOWNTOWN. THAT IS A PARTICULAR THING. THE COST OF THIS PROJECT JUST IN THE LAST FIVE OR SIX YEARS HAS DOUBLED. IT WENT FROM BEING $400 MILLION PROJECT TO $900 MILLION PROJECT. I KNOW THIS CITY IS STILL RECOVERING ARE THE PANDEMIC. YOU HAVE NOT REPLENISHED YOUR RESERVE OF EMERGENCY FUNDS YET. THERE ARE SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS USED AT THAT TIME NOT THERE TO BE AVAILABLE IN YOUR NEXT EMERGENCY. THERE ARE MANY GOOD REASONS NOT TO BE PROCEEDING WITH MEGA PROJECTS OF THIS SCALE AT THIS TIME. THE REAL SOLUTION IS TO DIRECT HEAVY TRAFFIC AWAY FROM ROUTE 90 ESPECIALLY AT RUSH-HOUR TRAFFIC AND ENCOURAGE THE TRUCKING ASSOCIATION TO MOVE THEIR TRAFFIC WHERE IT'S REASONABLE TO THE PERIMETER AND GET TO YOUR CENTRE VENTURE TRAIN AND TRANSPORT CENTRE THAT WAY. THAT'S THE GENERAL MESSAGE THAT I HAVE THERE THAT MAY BE ROUTE 90 AND THE CHIEF PEGIUS TRAIL HAVE SAME SOLUTION IN MOVING GOODS, SERVICES, TRAFFIC. THE HEAVY STUFF THAT REALLY COUNTS FOR BUSINESS. MOVE THAT TO THE PERIMETER AND FINE TUNE YOUR ENTRANCES AND EXITS FROM THE PERIMETER FOR HEAVY TRAFFIC TO CENTRE VENTURE. THAT IS THE EXTENT OF WHAT I WANTED TO MESSAGE THAT THE COUNCILLORS THAT REPRESENT THE AREA NOW WHEN I WAS A CITY COUNCILLOR WE WERE UNANIMOUS IN OPPOSITION. I SHARE THAT WITH YOU AND HOPEFULLY THE TRADITION SAYING THAT IS NOT THE RIGHT WAY FOR THAT PART OF THE CITY TO BE DEVELOPED. ONCE YOU PUT A BARRIER IN LIKE THAT YOU END UP WITH A SPECIAL NEED FOR FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICES BEYOND BARRIER BECAUSE GENERAL TRAFFIC CAN'T GET PAST IT.

THAT IS YOUR TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. NO QUESTIONS. NOT UNDER SUSPENDING RULES. WE WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT ITEM OF BUSINESS WHICH IS A MOTION ONE MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MAYES, SECOND BY COUNCILLOR LUKES REFERRAL TO EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE OVERHEAD CHARGES ON GRANTS. FOLLOWING THAT WE HAVE MOTION 3. NOTICE OF MOTION MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WYATT SECOND BY MAYES. AUTOMATIC REFERRAL TO EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE. NOTICE OF MOTION. WE WILL MOVE TO BY-LAWS. MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE FOLLOWING BY-LAWS READ FIRST TIGHT 16-2026, 18-2026, 24-2026.

MADAM SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CARRIED. MR. MAYOR.

CLERK: 16 OF 2026 AND 18 AND THIS OF TO 26.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE THEY BE READ SECOND TIME. 104 OF 2025 AND 1 OF 2026.

MADAM SPEAKER: CARRIED.

CLERK: BY-LAW 104 OF 2025 AND 1 OF 2026.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE 04 OF 2025 AND 1 OF 2026 BE READ THIRD TIME AND SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAM SPEAKER: MOVED AND CARRIED.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: 12 OF 2026. 15 OF 2026, 29 OF 2026, BY-LAW 30 OF 2026.

MADAM SPEAKER: CARRIED.

CLERK: BY-LAW 12, 15, 29, 30 ALL OF 2026.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: MOVE BY-LAWS 12, 15, 29 AND 30 OF 2026 BE READ SECOND TIME.

MADAM SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

MADAM SPEAKER: 12, 15, 29 AND 29 AND 30 OF 2026.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE RULE 52 OF 50 OF 2027 BE SUSPENDED. BY-LAWS 12, 15, 29 AND 30 OF 2026 BE READ THIRD TIME AND PASS AND SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAM SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. WE HAVE QUESTION PERIOD NOW. COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: I WAS WONDERING IF THE MAYOR WOULD JOIN THE COUNCILLORS THAT ARE REQUIRING COUNCILLOR SEMINARS. CAO SETS SEMINARS. IF THE MAYOR WOULD JOIN IN ASKING FOR ONE IN TERMS OF TRANSIT. THERE HAS BEEN MASSIVE CHANGE THIS YEAR. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL THE YEAR END IS COMING TO DATE. WE HAVE SUMMER SCHEDULE SET, VERY HELPFUL FOR US TO HAVE A COUNCIL. SEMINAR. WEIGHT OF MAYOR WOULD MEAN A LOT.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: IT IS CAO THAT DETERMINES COUNCIL SEMINARS. THERE ARE OPEN MEETINGS COUNCIL IS INVITED TO TRANSIT IS OFFERING RIGHT NOW THAT IS OPEN. IT IS ANY TOPIC THANKS IT RELATED CAN BE DISCUSSED. NEW PRIMARY TRANSIT NETWORK. I THINK SINCE TRANSIT MADE PRIMARY CHANGE TO THE NETWORK I BELIEVE THERE ARE SEVEN SESSIONS THAT TRANSIT HAS OFFERED TO COUNCIL MYSELF AND COUNCIL TO ATTEND TO BE PART OF TO GET QUESTIONED ANSWERED AND INFORMATION SHARED AS WELL. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES EACH COUNCILLOR HAS AVAILED THEMSELVES OF THE SESSIONS. THERE ARE SEVERAL OF THEM SO FAR. I THINK THAT I AM NOT OPPOSE TO SEMINAR. THE FRESH WORK IS ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIP IS THERE WITH TRANSIT. THEY ARE PROVIDING UPDATES WE CAN REACH OUT IF THERE ARE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. THERE IS AN ESTABLISHED SET OF SESSIONS TRANSIT IS PROVIDING ON A REGULAR BASIS TO COUNCIL ALREADY.

MADAM SPEAKER: SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: THANK YOU FOR THE MAYOR. I DO ATTEND THOSE. I APPRECIATE THEM. WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR IS MORE IN COUNCIL SEMINAR. THIS IS THE COMMUNITY REPORT THAT WAS PUT OUT DOWNTOWN BIZ. COMMUNITY IS READY FOR THE YEAR END. I THINK AS COUNCILLORS WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO HAVE THOSE DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE IN A FORMAL SETTING WHICH WE ARE ALL ACCUSTOMED TO IN TERMS OF BIG DECISION AND BIG THINKING STUFF RATHER THAN OFF SIDE TRANSIT MEETINGS. THEY ARE STILL GOOD BUT THIS REQUIRES BIG LEVEL THINKING ABOUT BIG POLICY CHANGE COMING TO THE YEAR END THAT I THINK THE COMMUNITY IS GOING TO BE EXPECTING ALL OF US TO HAVE ANSWERS ON.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: THROUGH YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. UP TO THE C.E.O. REGARDING CONSOLE NAR. I DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD BE DIFFERENT ABOUT THE SESSIONS TRANSIT IS PROVIDING REGULARLY NOW ON MONTHLY BASIS WHAT WOULD BE DIFFERENT BETWEEN THAT AND COUNCIL SEMINAR. MAYBE I AM NOT UNDERSTANDING THE QUESTION OR WHAT SPECIFIC DIFFERENCES THE COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR. AGAIN, IT IS ON THE C.E.O. IF HE WANTS TO CALL ONE THEN I WOULD SUPPORT THAT.

MADAM SPEAKER: FINAL QUESTION COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: WOULD THE MAYOR SUPPORT US IN ASKING FOR IT. IT HAS A DIFFERENT WEIGHT. I WISH IT DIDN'T BUT IT DOES. IF THE MAYOR IS ASKING AS WELL. WE TEND TO SEE COUNCIL SEMINARS.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: NOT OPPOSED FOR SURE. I CAN'T ASK THE QUESTIONS. RHETORICAL QUESTION, MADAM SPEAKER, HOW MANY OF THE SEVEN SEMINARS PROVIDED ALREADY HAVE THEY ATTENDED?

COUNCILLOR MAYES: EARLIER THIS WEEK THE MAYOR'S OFFICE PET OUT RELEASE CITY LIBRARY VISITS UP 28% SINCE 2022. IT MADE ME MOTIVATED TO ASK A QUESTION TO THE MAYOR TO GET SOMEONE FROM HIS OFFICE TO MEET WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES AND MYSELF. SOUTHEAST LIBRARY WAS IDENTIFIED AS PRIORITY PROJECT IN 2020 INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN. IRONICALLY THE PRIORITY WAS 29 CHEF PEGGIS EXTENSION. 33 WAS ST. JAMES CIVIC CENTRE EXPANSION AND SOUTHEAST LIBRARY WE ARE MOVING TOWARD PEGUIS AND ST. JAMES EXPANSION. NEITHER OF THE TWO IN SOUTHEAST. 40% OF WAVERLY WEST SIGNIFICANT LIKE YOUR WARD. I AM WONDERING IF MAYOR COULD GET SOMEBODY TO MEET WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES AND MYSELF. WE HAVE $5 MILLION ALLOCATED TO REC CENTER. NOT ENOUGH. COULD WE DO LIBRARY INSTEAD? SOME DEVELOPMENT FOR SOUTHEAST. BOTH OF THESE WERE IDENTIFIED YEARS AGO AS PRIORITIES. WE HAVE DONE NEITHER. TRYING TO FIND AWAY HOME TO DO ONE OR THE OTHER. WITH MOUNTING POPULARITY OF LIBRARIES COULD HE GET SOMEONE TO MEET WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES AND ME?

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. YES, OPEN TO ALWAYS HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNCILLORS AND MYSELF OR MY STAFF REGARDING A MATTER LIKE THIS. IN ANSWERING YES, NOT MY COMMITMENT TO MOVE ANY PROJECT UP ON PRIORITY LIST. AS FAR AS MEETING, YES, VERY OPEN TO THAT.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MAYS.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: LIBRARY SERVING MY WARD AND COUNCILLOR ALLARD AND COUNCILLOR WYATT'S WARD. IS THE MAYOR AWARE ORIGINALLY THIS WAS DESIGNATED AS PRIORITY BY COMMUNITY SERVICES STAFF 10 YEARS AGO. MONEY FOR THE STUDY WAS IN THE BUDGET. WE HAVE STUDIED THE LIBRARY. A LOT OF MOVING PIECES IN BONAVISTA NEIGHBORHOOD. I WANT TO BE SURE THIS IS NOT A NEW IDEA NOT JUMPING THE QUEUE. TRYING TO DO SOME RECCENTER OR LIBRARY IN THE SOUTHEAST.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU FOR REITERATING THAT POINT. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I RISE BECAUSE I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEK TO HAVE AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH CHIEF CHRISTIAN SMITH. WE DISCUSSED THE SITUATION FACING OUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. NAMELY WHAT IS TAKING PLACE IN THE CITY WHEREBY THE CALLS HAVE GONE UP SIGNIFICANTLY. EVEN IN THE LAST YEAR. THIS IS INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CHIEF. I APOLOGIZED TO THE MAYOR. I JUST RECEIVED IT. I WILL SHARE E-MAIL. FIRST QUARTER OF 2025 WINNIPEG 70 TO 87% AMBULANCES. EMS CALLS AIM FOR 35 TO 45% BALANCE TO BALANCE EFFICIENCY AVAILABILITY. SIMPLY PUT, WINNIPEG AMBULANCES ARE TWICE CONSIDERED BY THE INDUSTRY STANDARD. I UNDERSTAND WE HAVE A AGREEMENT WITH THE PROVINCE. IN THE PAST WE PUT MONEY IN THE BUDGET. THEY DIDN'T LIKE IT BECAUSE IT BOXED THEM IN TERMS OF GOING FORWARD. WE BACKED OFF ON THAT. WE ARE NOT GOING TO BOX THEM INPUTTING IT IN ADVANCE. WE ARE GOING TO THEM AND THEY SAY NO, NO, NO.

MADAM SPEAKER: QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: IN THE CONVERSATION WITH THE CHIEF WE JUST GOT TO PUT THEM IN. EIGHT ADDITIONAL 24/7 PLANS, FOUR ADDITIONAL PARAMEDICS. 120FTAs. IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE CHIEF IS HERE. I SAW ON THE FACE OF THE PEOPLE HELPING ME AND MY SON HOW TIRED THEY LOOKED. HE IS A STRONG MAN, BUT A MAN NEVERTHELESS. WOULD YOU BE OPEN TO CONSIDERING SUCH A THING?

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU TO THE COUNCILLOR FOR ASKING THE QUESTION. SHARING THIS INFORMATION MUCH OF WHICH HAS BEEN PUBLIC BEFORE. I THINK COUNCILLOR SANTOS IN HER ROLE AS CHAIR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES HEARD THIS INFORMATION AS HAVE I. WE HAVE A PROBLEM IN WINNIPEG. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH AMBULANCES OR PARAMEDICS. WE HAVE BEEN PUBLIC ABOUT THAT. GOOD DISCUSSIONS WITH PREMIER. ON MY AGENDA WITH THE PREMIER. I SAID THAT BEFORE TO SET AGENDA FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS. I REQUESTED FROM THE PREMIER MORE AMBULANCES AND MORE PARAMEDICS. WE HAD THAT DISCUSSION BASED ON THE INFORMATION THE CHIEF PROVIDED TO US. I AM NOT IN ANY WAY MAKING EXCUSES FOR PROVINCE OF MANITOBA. THEY HAVE A PROBLEM. THEY CAN'T GET ENOUGH PARAMEDICS OR AMBULANCES IN RURAL MANITOBA. THE PROBLEM OF SHORTAGE IS A PROVINCIAL PROBLEM, CITY OF WINNIPEG PROBLEM. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO COLLEAGUES AND MAYORS AND FOR US COUNCIL OUR PRIORITY IS CITY OF WINNIPEG AND

PEOPLE OF WINNIPEG GETTING EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE. PARAMEDICS TO THEM WHEN THE CALL COMES IN. STATS YOU SHARED TODAY, COUNCILLOR WYATT, THAT CAME FROM THE CHIEF ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF PLANS BEING SO LOW -- OF AMBULANCES SO LOW THEY ARE IN USE 70% OF THE TIME SHOWS MAGNITUDE CALL VOLUME EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL RESPOND TO. WE ARE SOMETIMES DOUBLE WHAT IS STANDARD. OUR AMBULANCES ARE BUSY 70% OF THE TIME. SHOULD BE ONLY 35 TO 40% OF THE TIME. IT IS WEAR AND TEAR ON THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE PARAMEDICS. ALSO WE HAVE AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM IT INCREASES CALL VOLUME FOR FIREFIGHTERS. WHY DO FIRE TRUCKS SHOW UP FOR MEDICAL CALLS? THAT IS THE INTEGRATED SYSTEM. THERE ARE NOT AMBULANCES AVAILABLE. PARAMEDIC OS FIRE TRUCKS GET TO THE CALL FIRST. WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT IT THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS WHEN WE HAD MEMBERS OF THE FIREFIGHTERS COME FORWARD TO TALK ABOUT CALL VOLUME AND PRESSURES. COUPLE ACTIONS. CHIEF IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH THE PROVINCE TO TRY TO FIND WAYS TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN MORE PARAMEDICS. JUST STEALING FROM SWAN RIVER AND THOMPSON DOESN'T HELP THE OVERALL MATTER. THE CHIEF IS VERY CLEARLY WORKING WITH THE PROVINCE TO TRY TO SOLVE THE PARAMEDIC RETENTION, ATTRACTION, RETENTION AND TRAINING PORTION OF GETTING MORE PARAMEDICS TO WORK FOR THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. I WILL CONTINUE TO ASK ON OUR BEHALF THE PREMIER FOR MORE AMBULANCES AND MORE PARAMEDIC FTEs. THAT IS WHY WE ALSO PUT IN PLACE IN THIS BUDGET AN INCREASE AND PART OF THE INCREASE TO GO TOWARDS THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE 99 TO 100 PARAMEDICS OFF WORK TO GET THEM HEALTHY AND BACK TO WORK. THAT IS KEY AS WELL. ANOTHER REASON THAT WE ARE WORKING VERY HARD. WE HAVE CONTRACTED DR. MARIA TO ESTABLISH FOURTH EMERGENCY SERVICE TO GET PEOPLE WHO CALL 911 WITH A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE WHERE INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT A THREAT TO THEMSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE. INSTEAD OF SENDING POLICE OFFICER OR PARAMEDIC OR FIREFIGHTER, WE CAN SEND MENTAL HEALTH WORKER OR SOMEONE TRAIN IN MENTAL HEALTH. A COUPLE YEARS AGO 21,000 WELL-BEING CHECKS. IF WE COULD TAKE A PORTION REDIRECT TO MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE THAT MEANS AMBULANCES WOULD HAVE TO GO TO FEWER OF THOSE CALLS. WE HAVE A BIG DRUG PROBLEM IN THIS TOWN. PARAMEDICS TOLD ME DIRECTLY THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES WHERE THEY RESPONDED TO THE SAME INDIVIDUAL THE OVERDOSE THREE TIMES IN ONE SHIFT. THE WAY IT WORKS IF THE INDIVIDUAL RECEIVES MEDICAL CARE IN LOCK ZONE OR NARCAN AND GET UP AND WALK AWAY, THEN THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL. WE HAVE GOT PARAMEDICS NOW RESPONDING TO THE SAME INDIVIDUAL TWICE OR THREE TIMES IN A SHIFT. THE SYSTEM CAN'T KEEP GOING THE WAY IT IS GOING. SOMETHING HAS TO GIVE. SO MUCH OF THIS IS HEALTHCARE UNDER THE PURVIEW OF PROVINCE OF MANITOBA. WE KEEP WORKING WITH THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA AS A CITY TO REDUCE SOME OF THESE CALL VOLUMES TO GET PEOPLE THE HELP THEY NEED. TO SAY LONG ANSWER TO SAY WE ARE MAKING SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO ADDRESS THE CALL VOLUME PARAMEDICS ARE FACING, ADDING MORE PARAMEDICS, CALL FOR MORE AMBULANCES, CALL FOR FOURTH MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE. WE PUT OUT A CALL RECENTLY. THE CHIEF RESPONDED TO THIS, COUNCILLOR SANTOS' COMMITTEE. WE TRIED TO HIRE 20 PARAMEDICS. WE GOT SIX OR NINE APPLICATIONS OR PEOPLE THAT MADE IT THROUGH. IT IS A PRESSURE POINT WE ARE WORKING ON TO TRY TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE HAVE RESPONSE THEY NEED AND WE CAN BEGIN TO DIAL BACK THE PRESSURE PARAMEDICS AND FIRE PARAMEDICS ARE FACING. THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU FOR THAT DETAILED RESPONSE. I WOULD ASK AS MORE OF A FOLLOW UP. I SAY THERE IS A DRUG PROBLEM. I AGREE. IT IS A TRAUMA PROBLEM. ISSUE IS NOT THE SUBSTANCES BUT TRAUMA PEOPLE ARE DEALING WITHOUT THERE. DRAW YOUR ATTENTION, SIR, TO A MOTION THAT WAS REFERRED OR NOTICE OF MOTION COMING BACK TO THE COUNCIL IN ONE MONTH CALLING SUMMIT ON URBAN HEALTH CRISIS. IT IS AT OUR DOORSTEP. THE PROVINCE IS STRUGGLING

SAFE INJECTION SITE TO GET THAT OFF THE GROUND AND OPPOSITION AND EVERYTHING ELSE. WE HAVE SEEN PROVINCE OF ALBERTA NIGHT AND DAY. DON'T HAVE TO REINVENT WHEEL. WRAPAROUND PROGRAMME, BUILDING RECOVERY CENTRES, DETOXES, THEY HAVE SAFE INJECTION SITES IN HOSPITALS. SAFE, REGULATED. LEGISLATION FOR PEOPLE WHO WOULD HARM THEMSELVES. THEY HAVE TO GO TO REHAB OR OTHERS. SO MANY THINGS TO DO. FRUSTRATING. WE HAD THE ILLICIT DRUG TASK FORCE. KNOW WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHY?

MADAM SPEAKER: QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: COMING FULL CIRCLE WITH REGARDS TO WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE STREET. NOW HITTING PEOPLE CALLING AMBULANCE FOR REGULAR CALL NOT RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH ADDICTION CRISIS. IN LIGHT OF THAT FACT, IS IT FAIR TO SAY WE COULD CONSIDER AMENDING OR LOOK AT THE COST OF AMENDING THE CAPITAL BUDGET. CHIEF IS THEMED IN AND ASKING FOR MORE STAFF. 120 STAFF TO GET ON THE STREET. THEY CAN'T DO THAT BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T GIVEN THEM POLITICAL DIRECTION.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WANT TO BE CLEAR. I HAVE MADE THAT REQUEST TO THE PREMIER AS INTERGOVERNMENTAL LEAD. WE ARE SHORT IN OUR DEPARTMENT RIGHT NOW. IT HAS TO BE A POLITICAL DECISION. THE CHIEF COULD ASK. IT HAS TO BE A POLITICAL DECISION THE PROVINCE WOULD HAVE TO FUND AND AGREE TO IN THE CONTRACT WITH SHARED HEALTH. I HAVE MADE THAT REQUEST FOR MORE AMBULANCES AND PARAMEDICS. WE NEED THAT AT THIS TIME. COUNCIL BRINGS UP A GOOD POINT. YOU TALK TO FIRE PARAMEDIC STAFF AND PARAMEDICS. THEY WILL TELL YOU THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT CALL 911 AND IT IS AND WAIT AND INSIST THEY GO TO HOSPITAL BY AMBULANCE WHEN THEY DON'T NEED TO GO TO HOSPITAL BY AMBULANCE. PROVINCE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT MADE BIG CHANGES. THIS GOVERNMENT IS MAKING CHANGES WHEN IT COMES TO INFORMING PEOPLE WHERE TO GO AND WHO TO CALL. SOME CALLS DON'T PROBABLY NEED TO BE THE 911 CALLS. CHIEF SMITH WITH HIS TEAM ARE LOOKING AT OTHER OPTIONS. IF KEY WANT DEBT MORE PARAMEDICS IS THERE ANOTHER WAY THAT WE COULD GET HEALTHCARE RESPONSE, EMERGENCY RESPONSE THROUGH SOME SORT OF OTHER METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT WITH THE TRAINED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS. STAY TUNED. THE CHIEF IS LOOKING AT INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO ALLEVIATE PRESSURE ON AMBULANCE STAFF.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I APPRECIATE THAT. THE EMERGENCY WARDS NO JUMPING OF THE QUEUE. YOU ARRIVE AND WAIT. LAST PLACE TO GO IS EMERGENCY ROOM IN WINNIPEG. I WOULD SAY THIS IN LIGHT OF THAT FACT AND IN LIGHT OF THE FACT I AM NOT PRIVY TO THOSE CONVERSATIONS NOR SHOULD I BE. YOU HAVE SHARED THE FACT YOU HAVE RAISED THIS WITH THE PREMIER. WOULD YOU BE OPEN TO THE CONCEPT. ARE YOU AWARE THIS COUNCIL HERE IS GOING TO TABLE A MOTION CALLING FOR US TO FORMALLY MAKE A COUNCIL POLICY AND THEREFORE MAYBE STRENGTHEN YOUR HAND AND MAKE IT CLEAR YOU HAVE NOT ASKED ME TO DO THIS. THIS IS MY OWN INITIATIVE IN TERMS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS. ARE YOU AWARE?

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WILL LOOK AT THE MOTION AND GO FROM THERE.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: 84% OF DOWNTOWN BIZ SURVEY AND RESEARCH SURVEY WRITERS REPORTED DISSATISFACTION COMMUTE TIMES INCREASED 22 MINUTES. WHAT MEASURABLE TARGETS WILL THE MAYOR COMMIT TO AND BY WHEN TO RESTORE RIDER TRUST ESPECIALLY GIVEN COUNCILLOR GILROY'S QUESTIONS AND MINE AND THOSE OF COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD AT PUBLIC WORKS READING NIL. WITH RESPECT TO THE PUBLIC RECORD. I AM WONDERING IF THE MAYOR WILL COMMIT BY WHEN A PLAN TO RESTORE PUBLIC TRUST IN TRANSIT AND A PLAN IN LIGHT OF COUNCILLOR GILROY'S QUESTION, A COUNCIL SEMINAR, NOT MEETINGS BUT THE STANDARD OF CONSOLE NAR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: WE SEE CHANGE TO IMPROVE TRANSIT SERVICE TO DOWNTOWN. I HOPE ALL COUNCILLORS WILL SUPPORT CHANGE BEING MADE. IT IS WHY THOSE THAT VOTED FOR BUDGET VOTED FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE IN NEW TRANSIT NETWORK. SOME DID NOT SUPPORT THAT BUDGET OR CHANGES MADE PROPOSED TO BE MADE TO TRANSIT TO IMPROVE SERVICE. I WOULD ASK HOW MANY TIMES COUNCILLOR HAS PROVIDED THE SESSIONS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: 70% OF THOSE SURVEYED IN THE DOWNTOWN.

MADAM SPEAKER: TO THE QUESTION PLEASE.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: 70% OF CUSTOMERS ARE VISITING LESS FREQUENTLY TO DOWNTOWN. WILL THE MAYOR COMMIT TO MAKING THE PLAN PUBLIC. INVESTMENT STRATEGY PUBLIC OR WILL IT, MADAM SPEAKER BE LIKE INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR DOWNTOWN. MOVED TO 2027. SOME OF US DIDN'T VOTE FOR BUDGET BECAUSE THAT INDEED WAS OUR FEAR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: IT IS CLEAR AS FAR AS BUDGET. THE BUDGET PROVIDES INVESTMENT THAT TRANSIT NEEDS TO DO THE WORK THEY DO. I AM A BELIEVER IN THE INVESTMENT. YOU BELIEVE OR YOU DON'T. THE BUDGET VOTE REFLECTS LACK OF WILLINGNESS TO GIVE TRANSIT THE RESOURCES TO PROVIDE IMPROVEMENT TO THE TRANSIT SYSTEM. WHAT IS BEFORE THE PUBLIC WORKS AGENDA THAT DID PUBLISH BEFORE THE MEETING OF MARCH 4, ARE PROPOSED ROUTE CHANGES. MAPS ARE THERE TO REPRESENT INVESTMENT IN ENHANCING TRANSIT SERVICE IN THE DOWNTOWN.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS. FINAL QUESTIONS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: BUDGET DIDN'T PROVIDE IT. THEY FEEL PUSHED TO THIS SYSTEM THAT EVIDENCE SHOWS ISN'T SUPPORTING THEM. HOW DOES THE MAYOR JUSTIFY THE SYSTEM REDESIGNED THAT APPEARS TO INCREASE BARRIERS FOR THOSE THAT RELY ON TRANSIT MOST. WHAT IS HE PREPARED TO DO ABOUT IT, MADAM SPEAKER?

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: OVER THE PREVIOUS YEARS THE COUNCILLOR VOTED FOR THE NEW SYSTEM FOUR TIMES.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: THAT WAS NOT THE QUESTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: THAT WAS THE THIRD QUESTION. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: HOW MANY TIMES DID COUNCILLOR ATTEND THE SEVEN SESSIONS IN THE LAST

SEVERAL MONTHS?

MADAM SPEAKER: THAT CONCLUDES QUESTION PERIOD AS I SEE IT. NEXT IS THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT. NO REPORTS TODAY. NO MOTIONS. NO BY-LAWS. QUESTIONS FOR CHAIR FOR COUNCILLOR EADIE? COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: COUNCILLOR EADIE, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK ON WATER AND WASTE FILE. THE QUESTION I HAVE. IN LIGHT OF WHAT IS GOING ON WITH REGARDS TO WATER BILLS GOING OUT TO FOLKS AND A LOT OF PEOPLE STILL TRYING TO ABSORB INCREASED COST. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE IN TERMS OF THE FINANCING OF THE EXISTING PROJECTS TO EXTEND FINANCING FURTHER EVEN IF IT MEANT UTILIZE PHASE ONE AND TWO THEY ARE NOT AT THREE. IS IT POSSIBLE THAT PROVINCE WITH THEIR ASSISTANCE IN TERMS OF FINANCING DEBT COULD ASSIST US IN TERMS OF THIS TO ALLOW US TO EXTEND FURTHER FINANCING TO REDUCE COST OF THE BORROWING TO ALLOW US TO REDUCE THE COST OF THE BILLS? IN OTHER WORDS TO BRING THE BILLS DOWN NOW BY HAVING LONGER CONSIDERING THE FACT WE ARE BUILDING FACILITIES THAT ARE BASICALLY INTERGENERATIONAL FACILITIES. MORE THAN ONE GENERATION WILL BENEFIT. MORE THAN ONE GENERATION SHOULD HELP TO PAY. IF WE EXTEND DEBT LONGER THEY WILL LAST A LONG TIME I ASSUME THESE BRAND-NEW FACILITIES. WHY COULDN'T WE EXTEND DEBT TO GET PROVINCE ON BOARD TO HELP US DO THAT.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THE IF I UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION PROPERLY, THE HALF A BILLION DOLLARS THAT IS IN THE BUDGET FOR PROJECT THREE IS QUITE A LONG TERM DEBT PAYMENT WHICH DID LOWER THE REQUIREMENT TO RAISE RATES TO PAY FOR PROJECT 3. IN THAT PLAN THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, I BELIEVE, IS WORKING AT TRYING TO DO SOME OF THAT DEBT THROUGH THE CANADA INFRASTRUCTURE BANK WHICH WOULD HAVE LOWER INTEREST RATE. THE PROVINCE AND THE FEDS AND CITY ARE STILL TRYING TO WORKOUT WHICH PORTION OF THAT VERY LARGE BILL OF $1.5 BILLION THEY COULD WORK FOR. I AM NOT QUITE SURE IF YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT EXISTING DEBT. IF YOU ARE, IN TERMS OF DEBT THAT WE USED FOR THE BIOSALTS PROJECT TWO, I WOULD HAVE TO DEFER AND HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH THE CFO TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I APPRECIATE YOU TAKING IT UNDER ADVISEMENT. FOLLOW-UP QUESTION IS THIS FEDERAL ISSUE BUT THOUGHT AND IDEA. RIGHT NOW COUNCILOR EADIE CHARTER BANK PREVENTS MUNICIPAL BONDS FROM BEING ISSUED. AT THE VERY LEAST INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE BANKS LIKE ROYAL BANK THAT JUST SHUT DOWN THE BRANCH HERE ON MAIN STREET IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG. WE BOROUGH FROM THEM. RATHER THAN GOING TO ROYAL BANK. WHY COULDN'T WE BORROW FROM PEOPLE OF WINNIPEG WITH WATER AND WASTE BOND, CHANGE IN THE CHARTER BANK ACT. SOMETHING THE PREMIER CAN APPROACH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON. WE COULD PAY THEM INTEREST ON A SMALL BOND INVESTMENT TO HELP OFFSET COST OF THE WATER BILLS COMING IN?

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THAT IS A VERY INTERESTING IDEA. IT WOULD ALSO REQUIRE A CHANGE IN CITY OF

WINNIPEG CHARTER IN ORDER TO ISSUE ANY KIND OF DEBT RELATED TO THE CITY. IT IS INTERESTING THAT THE CONCEPT WOULD BE THAT WINNIPEGGERS COULD EARN INTEREST TO OFFSET THE COST OF THEIR WATER BILL, HOWEVER, I WILL POINT OUT THE PEOPLE STRUGGLING THE MOST TO PAY THE WATER BILL DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO INVEST IN BONDS.

MADAM SPEAKER: FILE QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: ALLOW CITIZENS TO DUCT WATER BILLS OFF INCOME TAXES. IS THAT SOMETHING YOU THOUGHT OF APPROACHING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THIS IS A GROWING ISSUE ACROSS CANADA?

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: I DON'T KNOW THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE THE MAYOR ASK. I WOULD POINT OUT THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA COULD MAKE THAT DECISION TO ALLOW US TO DUCT WATER BILLS FROM THE MANITOBA INCOME TAX PORTION OF OUR TAX BILL.

MADAM SPEAKER: THAT CONCLUDES QUESTION PERIOD UNDER THIS COMMITTEE. NEXT IS STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES. COUNCILLOR SANTOS.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I MOVE THE REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMUNITY SERVICES DATED FEBRUARY 3, 2026 REMOVE TO ITEMS 1 AND 2. ONE OF THE COUNCILLORS MIGHT PULL ITEM 2.

MADAM SPEAKER: CALLING QUESTION ON ITEM 1 AND 2. BOTH PULLED. MADAM CLERK.

CLERK: ITEM 1 PLACES TO GO PUBLIC RESTROOM STRATEGY ANNUAL REPORT.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SANTOS TO INTRODUCE.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME. WE DID HAVE MR. GREG McPHERSON SAYING THE INFORMATION AND STATS WAS RECEIVED AS RECENTLY AS JANUARY. JUST REQUIRED TIME TO CREATE THE REPORT.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: A REPORT WHEN I WAS ON STANDING COMMITTEE WITH COUNCILLOR. I WAS INVOLVED AT THE TIME. HAVING SINCE BEEN ASSIGNED I FIND THE VERY IMPORTANT. IT IS MORE PERSONAL. I WOULD SAY THAT WE HAVE A WASHROOM HERE. I SAID IT IN THE COMMITTEE WHEN I WAS ON THE COMMITTEE. -- ITEM 1.

MADAM SPEAKER: ASKING FOR EXTENSION OF TIME.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I AM SPEAKING TO IT. BECAUSE I KNOW WE HAD ANOTHER EXTENSION OF TIME. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MY POINT IS THIS. RIGHT ACROSS THE COURTYARD WE HAVE A WASHROOM. I POINTED IT OUT WHEN I WAS ON THE COMMITTEE. NOT JUST OPENING THE BUILDING.

WE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE SECURITY. I UNDERSTAND THAT. IT IS AN OPTION. IT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE SOONER FOR RESIDENTS DOWN HERE. IT IS DIGNITY, DISRESPECT SOMEBODY LIKE ME WITH SUIT ANTI COULD USE THAT. SOMEBODY NOT DRESSED THE SAME GETS TURNED AWAY. THAT IS WHAT IT TURNS DOWN TO. HUMAN RESPECT. MADAM SPEAKER, IT SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND WE CAN LEAD BY EXAMPLE. I LEAVE THESE THOUGHTS. THE CHAIR SHARES THE THOUGHTS.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SANTOS TO CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: I APPRECIATE HIS COMMENTS. CALL THE QUESTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. ITEM 2, MADAM CLERK.

CLERK: BONNIE PATEL POOLING REMAINING.

MADAM SPEAKER: SPEAKERS ON THE ITEM. COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: REMARKS IN FRENCH. [SPEAKING FRENCH]. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK FORMER COUNCILLOR VANDAL FOR HIS WORK AND CITY AND PROVINCE AND SOUTHEAST AND ALSO FOR ELEVATING IMPORTANCE OF FRENCH LANGUAGE. I ONCE ASKED A QUESTION IN FRENCH. NO ONE HAD DONE THAT HERE BEFORE. IT WAS TREMENDOUS EXCITEMENT AND COVER AGE. COUNCILLOR SWANDEL. HE SAID TO SHARE WHICH IS APPROPRIATE. WE HAD GOOD RELATIONSHIP. I THINK BOTH COUNCILLOR ALLARD AND I REFERRED TO COUNCILLOR VANDAL AS OUR MENTOR. THAT IS HIGH PRAISE. APPRECIATE THE CHANCE TO SPEAK TO THIS. THANK YOU TO THE COMMITTEE FOR PASSING. IT IS A FITTING TRIBUTE TO OUR FORMER COLLEAGUE. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD.

COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD: I WON'T SUPPORT IT. IT IS TO DO WITH THE PROCESS.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU. I HAD THE HONOR SITTING BESIDE COUNCILLOR VANDAL. WE OFTEN TALKED AND ENJOYED HIS COMPANY. I GOT TO SERVE WITH HIM ON E.P.C. HE WAS VERY ENERGETIC. HE SPEARHEADED AND WAS CHAIR OF WATER AND WASTE. HE BROUGHT IN THE DIVIDEND. HE ALSO BROUGHT IN RECYCLING PROGRAMME, THE BIN PROGRAMME. HE WORKED WITH ALL OF US AS CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE. I ENJOYED WORKING WITH COUNCILLOR VANDEL. I CAMPAIGNED FOR DAN IN HIS RE-BID FOR COUNCIL BACK IN 2006. HE WAS PUSHED THE HOG PLANT INTO THE TRANSCONA WARD. SO I CAMPAIGNED FOR COUNCILLOR VANDEL. I THEN CAMPAIGNED BACK IN WHEN HE RAN THE SAME TIME FOR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT. I WENT DOOR-TO-DOOR FOR HIM. I REACHED OUT TO DAN. THIS IS GOING TO PASS TODAY. I AM NOT VOTING FOR IT. I REACHED OUT TWICE ON ISSUES REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH ADDICTION AND HOUSING. I DIDN'T GET RESPONSE. DAN KNOWS PEOPLE WHO HAVE STRUGGLED. I WAS HOPING FOR MORE. FOR THE FEDERAL MINISTER. HE WAS THE FEDERAL MINISTER. I AM SAYING THIS. I CONSIDER DAN A FRIEND. HE IS THE KIND OF GUY YOU COULD HAVE COFFEE OR TEA WITH. VERY FRIENDLY. GOOD MAN. I JUST FEEL THAT IT WAS DISAPPOINTMENT. I FELT HAVING GONE DOOR-TO-DOOR FOR HIM. THERE WAS A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO DEAL WITH A LOT OF THINGS

HAPPENING IN THE STREETS THAT HAVE GONE UNADDRESSED. I THINK HE WAS GOOD ON HIS COMMITTEES ON OTTAWA. THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES HE HEADED. HE WAS VERY GOOD IN HIS WRITING. AS REGIONAL MINISTER TO GIVE HIM SOME DUE IT WASN'T HIM WHO CANCELED THE PROCESS. WE USED TO HAVE REGIONAL OFFICERS HERE. TRUDEAU CANCELED THAT. THAT IS A BIG MISTAKE. REGIONAL MINISTER'S OFFICES WERE HUGE TO GET THINGS DONE AND NETWORKING WITH THE FEDERAL MINISTER TO GET THINGS DONE FOR CITY OF WINNIPEG AND ELSEWHERE. I WANT TO SAY SYMBOLIC TO VOTE NO. I HAVE NEVER VOTED AGAINST THIS BEFORE. I STOPPED OUT OF THE ROOM WHEN YOU WANTED TO NAME MICHAEL SHAWN SEE TO THE LIBRARY BECAUSE THE WINNIPEG LIBRARY BOARD HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED. I SIT ON THAT BOARD. THEY WERE UPSET. I WAS IN AWKWARD POSITION. I TOOK A WALK ON THAT VOTE. I WILL VOTE AGAINST THIS TO BE SYMBOLIC. I FELT AS MINISTER HE COULD HAVE DONE MORE. THAT IS ALL. I KNOW THE PRIOR MINISTERS. WE PUSHED FOR THE UNDERPASS, I HAVE DEALT WITH SHELLY GLOVER TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. I SAW WHAT JIM CAR DID BEFORE WE LOST HIM.

MADAM SPEAKER: STICK TO THIS.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: HE SPEARHEADED MUSEUM, JOE GAY. THOSE ARE MY THOUGHTS. I WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I AM RISING. I WILL BE VOTING TO HAVE DAN VINDEL'S NAME ON THE POOL, MADAM SPEAKER. FIRST THING I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT, MADAM SPEAKER, I WORKED WITH HIM BEFORE I WAS ON COUNCIL. THROUGH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE EARLY ON. HE WAS SUGGESTING I SHOULD RUN FOR COUNCIL. WHAT A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW IS DURING HIS TERM UNDER MAYOR CAVES HE WAS DEALING WITH A NUMBER OF INDIGENOUS FILES RELATED TO WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN WINNIPEG AND AT THAT TIME THAT'S WHEN REALLY CAME TO HEAD WITH MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN, WOMEN IN GENERAL AND HE WORKED ON THAT UNDER THE WELCOMING WINNIPEG PROCESS I DON'T THINK THEY WOULD HAVE ANY QUALMS WITH USURY NAMING THE POOL AFTER DAN VANDELL WHO STRONGLY REPRESENTED THE SAMEBONNA FIS WARD. RELATED TO THE CITY OF WINNIPEG -- ST. BONIFACE WARD. HE NAMED ME ROCKING ROSCO BECAUSE I WAS CHALLENGING THE E.P.C. HE WAS SITTING ON AS WELL AS COUNCILLOR WYATT. HE WAS CONSCIOUS OF DELIVERING WINNIPEG SERVICES IN AN APPROPRIATE FASHION. HE ALWAYS IS AN HONEST TRUSTWORTHY CITY COUNCILLOR WHO TRIED TO MOVE ALONG A LOT OF FILES. WE KNOW THE WATER TOWER NEIGHBORHOOD WAS AN ISSUE THAT HE WAS PUSHING ON THE OLD CANADA PACKER'S SITE WHICH HE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TRYING TO PUSH TO GET IT REDEVELOPED TO BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE ST. BONIFACE WARD AND IMPORTANT NEIGHBORHOOD. THERE IS SO MUCH MORE TO SAY. DAN VANDELL IS HIGHLY DESERVING OF HAVING THE POOL NAMED AFTER HIM. HE USED THE MOST FAMOUS WORD IN THIS VERY COUNCIL CHAMBER. HE WAS SITTING OVER THERE, NEXT TO WHERE COUNCILLOR WYATT IS. HE STOOD AND TALKED ABOUT SOME ISSUE THAT WAS ON THE TABLE. HE USED THIS VERY INTERESTING WORD. GIMMICK. IT WAS A GIMMICK. HE CALLED IT OUT IF YOU LOOK UP THE DEFINITION OF GYM MIC. IT WAS A PROCESS RELATED TO INDOOR POOL AT THE FORKS. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THANK YOU. I WILL BE QUITE BRIEF. I WANTED TO PUT ON THE RECORD MY SUPPORT FOR THIS PARTICULAR MOTION. DAN WAS A VERY GOOD FORMER COLLEAGUE OF MINE,

LONG-TERM DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT AT CITY HALL AND IN OTTAWA AS MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT MADE A LOT OF TIME FOR US WHEN HE WAS AN MP. ONE OF THE THINGS ABOUT CITY HALL AND POLITICS YOU HAVE TO LET WORK BE WORK AND RELATIONSHIPS AND PEOPLE BE SEPARATE. SOMETIMES YOU ARE NOT GOING TO GET YOUR WAY. HAPPENS ALL OF THE TIME. WE WERE DEBATING QUITE HEAVILY OVER THE EXTENSION OF THE TRAIL BETWEEN HENDERSON AND THE BOULEVARD. HE WAS OPPOSED TO IT. I STILL BELIEVE IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST THINGS WE HAVE DONE IN NORTHEAST WINNIPEG IN A VERY LONG TIME. AFTER GETTING ANIMATED ON THE FLOOR. COUNCIL WAS ACROSS THE STREET HAVING A BEER LAUGHING ABOUT THINGS. DAN IS GREAT GUY AND VERY APPROPRIATE CONTRIBUTE TO HIM HERE.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ALLARD.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: I WILL SPEAK IN FRENCH. SPEAKING IN FRENCH].

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I AM GLAD TO SUPPORT THIS REQUEST. THIS SUGGESTION TO CHANGE THE NAME TO HONOR DAN. I WANT TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO DAN FOR HIS YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE IN ELECTED OFFICE AND WHEN I GOT HERE IN 2014, OF COURSE, DAN WAS NO LONGER AT THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE, COLLEAGUES, COUNCILLORS WHO WORKED WITH HIM SPOKE VERY HIGHLY OF HIM. I APPRECIATED INTERACTION I HAD WITH DAN WHEN HE WAS A FEDERAL MINISTER AND HIS INSIGHTS, COMMITMENT TO WINNIPEG AND JUST HIS STYLE AND APPROACH OF POLITICS, SOMETHING I HAVE ALWAYS ADMIRED. GLAD TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE. I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR ALLARD, MAYES AND OTHERS WHO RAISED THIS. I WILL BE GLAD TO SEE HIM NAME ON THE SIDE OF THE POOL.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: I WON'T SUPPORT THIS. I WANT TO MAKE MY COMMENTS. I AM CLEAR ON THE RECORD THIS ISN'T AGAINST. I DO RESPECT MR. VAN DEL AND THE WORK HE HAS DONE. MY COMMENTS COME FROM MY OPINION RENAMING AFTER POLITICAL PEOPLE IN POLITICAL LIFE. I DID DO THIS. I DID RENAME THE HARVEY SMITH LIBRARY. I AM ALLOWED TO GROW AND CHANGE MY MIND. ALSO LOOKING AT THE CHALLENGES IN MY OWN COMMUNITY THAT HAD THE WOOLSLEY NAME. IT WAS HARD ON THE COMMUNITY. IT HAS BECOME SOMETHING ELSE ENTIRELY. JUST IN RESPECT TO PUBLIC LIFE WE HAVE THE HONOR TO SERVE IN PUBLIC LIFE. OUR VOICES ARE FOR EVER ON THE DOCUMENTS THROUGHOUT HISTORY. PEOPLE'S VOICES NEED TO BE HEARD THAT DON'T GET THAT OPPORTUNITY. I GUESS I AM CHANGING MY MIND AND MY THOUGHTS ON HOW WE SHOULD BE PRIORITIZING PEOPLE THAT HAVE HAD THE RIGHT TO BE HAVING THE HONOR TO SERVE IN POLITICAL LIFE VERSUS THOSE THAT HAVE DONE JUST AS MUCH GREAT THINGS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR CITIES BUT WITHOUT THAT FOREVER RECOGNITION. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. I WILL BE VERY BRIEF. I AM GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF DIFFERENT TONE. I DIDN'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH COUNCILLOR VANDEL. I DID HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH HIS WIFE WHEN I WAS BACK IN MY IMMIGRATION DAYS. HIS WIFE BRIDGETT. I KNOW THROUGH HER WORK IN WORKING TO BRING HOME FRANCA PHONE IMMIGRANTS

TO THE PROVINCE SHE HAS DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB. HE NAME WON'T BE ON THE BUILDING. AS A COUPLE, THEY HAVE REALLY GIVEN BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY HERE, THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. KNOWING THE WORK THAT COUNCILLOR VANDEL HAS DONE DURING HIS TIME AS ELECTED OFFICIAL AND GIVEN HER WORK HERE IN THE COMMUNITY AS WELL, I WOULD SAY THIS IS AN HONOR BE FITTING BOTH HUB AND WIFE. IT IS THE HUSBAND'S NAME THAT WILL BE ADORNING THE BUILDING. ON THE BASIS OF THEIR COLLABORATIVE WORK TOGETHER IN OUR CITY I THINK THIS IS A GREAT HONOR TO BESTOW ON THIS FAMILY.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SANTOS TO CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: NO COMMENTS. CALL THE QUESTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: CALL THE QUESTION ON ITEM 2. IN FAVOR PLEASE RISE.

MADAM SPEAKER: HIS WORSHIP MAYOR GILLINGHAM, COUNCILLORS ALLARD, BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, EADIE, LUKES, MAYES, ROLLINS, SANTOS, SHARMA.

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD, GILROY AND WYATT. 12-3.

MADAM SPEAKER: CARRIED. MOVING TO MOTIONS UNDER THIS COMMISSIONTY. MOTION TWO MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MAYES. I DON'T HAVE A CLEAN COPY. THE TOPIC IS DONATION OF FIRE TRUCK. AUTOMATIC REFERRAL TO STANDING COMMITTEE. NEXT IS MOTION 4 MOVED BY WYATT SECOND BY DOBSON. THIS WILL BE NOTICE OF MOTION REGARDING PARAMEDIC STAFF AND AMBULANCE FLEET. IT WILL APPEAR ON NEXT MONTH'S COUNCIL AGENDA. MOVING TO QUESTION PERIOD UNDER THIS COMMITTEE. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLOR SANTOS?

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THERE IS A TYPE. I APOLOGIZE, MADAM SPEAKER. JUST SAW IT RIGHT NOW. 120. ONE WAS MISSING WHEN THE STAFF TYPED IT UP. FYI.

MADAM SPEAKER: WE WILL HAVE THAT RECIRCULATED.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: 120 VERSUS 20 TYPO. WE HAVE QUESTION PERIOD. IF YOU WANT TO RECIRCULATE IT IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE. ANY QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLOR SANTOS?

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY LAST YEAR TO APPEAR BEFORE THE STANDING COMMITTEE AROUND THE TIME OF THE BUDGET PERTAINING TO THE NEED FOR US TO FUND PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING. WE HEARD A LOT IN THE CHAMBER ABOUT SCHOOLS NOT HAVING TO RAISE MONEY. I AGREE 100% WITH THAT. WHEN I FIRST GOT ELECTED I RECALL HAVING ORGANIZED COMMITTEES, GO TO CORPORATIONS, BASICALLY BEG FOR MONEY FOR PLAYGROUNDS AND DEVELOPMENTS WHERE DEVELOPERS MADE A FINE RETURN ON INVESTMENT. NOTHING WRONG WITH MAKING A PROFIT THAT IS NOT AN EVIL WORD. NOW, I AM HAPPY TO SAY DEVELOPERS ARE PUTTING IN NEW NEIGHBORHOODS, PLAYGROUNDS ARE GOING IN. THEY DID IN SOUTHWEST NEVER IN THE

NORTH EAST. MADAM SPEAKER WE HAVE A LOT OF PLAYGROUNDS. THE DEVELOPMENT TOOK OFF 25 YEARS AGO. AVERAGE AGE OF PLAYGROUND IS 17-YEARS. THEREFORE, THAT IS THE STANDARD STARTING TO REPLACE. WE PUSHED THAT TO 25 EVEN BEYOND. WE IN THEM REGULARLY. MY QUESTION IS THIS IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THE FUNDING IS CUT SIGNIFICANTLY TO $60,000 PER WARD. CIGP AS WELL. COULD THE COUNCILLOR MAKE A COMMITMENT TO PUSH AND THIS IS 2027 BUDGET. AS CHAIR TO PUSH TO GET FUNDING LEVELS UP. $200,000 PER WARD. GET IT BACK UP.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SANTOS.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: I UNDERSTAND WHERE HE IS COMING FROM. THERE IS LAND DEDICATION AS WELL AS COMMUNITY FUND. EACH COUNCILLORS ARE AWARDED. I CAN TAKE HIS COMMENTS BACK AND DEFINITELY WORK WITH HIM ON SOME OF THE ISSUES HE HAS RAISED.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: ARE AWARE TRANSCONA HAS OVER 90 PARKS AND ALMOST AS MANY PLAYGROUNDS TO MAINTAIN. ARE YOU AWARE THAT WE ARE CONSTANTLY HAVING TO STAY ON TOP OF THEM AND WE ARE RUNNING BEHIND EVEN WITH THE FUNDING THAT YOU MENTIONED?

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SANTOS.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: THANKS FOR THE COMMENTS. I APPRECIATE THEM.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE CHAIR? I MENTIONED WE ARE RESCINDING MOTION 4. COUNCILLOR WYATT IN CONCURRENCE?

COUNCILLOR WYATT: NEW NUMBER?

MADAM SPEAKER: REPLACING WITH MOTION 5. DO YOU CONCUR IN THAT?

COUNCILLOR WYATT: YES.

MADAM SPEAKER: CIRCULATED MOMENTARILY. NEXT IS THE REPORT OF STAND WILL POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS. I WILL ASK FOR COUNCIL MOTION TO HAVE COUNCILLOR ALLARD BE PUT IN POSITION OF ACTING DEPUTY SPEAKER SO I CAN ADDRESS AN ITEM. MR. MAYOR WILL YOU MOVE THAT? SO MOVED. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: THANK YOU FOR THE MOTION. WHO MOVED THE MOTION? I AM IN THE CHAIR. THE MAYOR. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. WE WILL MOVE TO S.P.C. ON PUBLIC WORKS. TWO REPORTS. DECEMBER 8, 2025 REPORT. COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I MOVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 AND 2.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: STANDING ON ITEM 1.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: MR. CLERK. ALL IN FAVOR DO WE HAVE CONSENT ON ITEM 2? IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS IN OPPOSITION TO ONE AND TWO. I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS

IN ORDER TO BE IN OPPOSITION TO ONE. THE CLERK HAS PROMISED WE WILL RECORD YOU IN OPPOSITION WHEN WE DELIBERATE ON THAT. MR. CLERK, IN ORDER THAT ITEM 2 IS NOW PASSED?

CLERK: 1 WINNIPEG PARKING AUTHORITY 2026 BUSINESS PLAN.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: COUNCIL LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I WAIT TO HEAR FROM MY COLLEAGUE.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I WILL VOTE SYMBOLICALLY AGAINST THE BUSINESS PLAN FOR TWO PRIMARY REASONS. ONE CONCERN WITH REGARDS TO THE STATUS OF THE MILLENNIUM PARKADE LIBRARY PARKADE HUGE COST TO LOOK AT OTHER OPTIONS IN TERMS OF THE PARKADE RATHER THAN ANOTHER $50 MILLION IN DEBT. THAT ROOM FOR OTHER PROJECTS HIGHER IN TERMS OF PRIORITY. SECOND THING THAT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT IS PARKING AUTHORITY DECISION TO REMOVE ALL MACHINES IN DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG. YOU WANT TO MAKE IT EASY FOR PEOPLE TO COME SHOPPING. THIS IS ONE MORE THING. I REALIZE A LOT OF FOLKS HAVE PHONES. THERE ARE FOLKS WHO DON'T. ONE MORE REASON TO AVOID DOWNTOWN. SIMPLE AS THAT. I WILL STAY IN SUBURBS, GO TO THE MALL, I AM NOT GOING DOWNTOWN IS THE THINKING. WHY MAKE IT HARDER FOR PEOPLE TO COME DOWNTOWN TO SHOP AND DO BUSINESS? PUT PARKING METERS BACK UP. VERY FRUSTRATING TO SEE FOLKS BEFORE WITH THOSE MACHINES. THERE WOULD BE LIKE ONE ON A BLOCK. PEOPLE HAVE TO WALK AND CLIMB SNOW BLOCKS AND THE MACHINE IS BROKEN. BRING BACK THE PARKING METERS. SIMPLE. I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED WITH PARKING AUTHORITY. THIRD THING IS THE VEHICLES FOR HIRE. I FEEL FOR THE TAXICAB INDUSTRY. UBER IS NOT ON THE SAME PLAYING FIELD. THERE IS A WILLINGNESS BY PARKING AUTHORITY TO BRING DOWN RULES BECAUSE THE TAXI INDUSTRY IS EASY TO TARGET, HARDER TO SAY WE SHOULD HAVE THIS. I BELIEVE IN A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD. ABSOLUTELY UBER AND LYFT. NOW THE TAXICAB INDUSTRY HAS TO PESO MUCH FOR LICENSE, TRAINING, UPGRADING CARS. THOUSANDS MORE EVERY YEAR. NOT A SMALL AMOUNT. 10,000 PLUS MORE TO DO BUSINESS. TO OPEN DOOR FOR DAY ONE OF THE YEAR COMPARED TO A GUY DRIVING FOR UBER OR LYFT. WHAT HAS IT'S DONE? LIVEABLE WAGE, RIGHT? HOW IS A TAXI DRIVER TRYING TO MAKE A LIVABLE WAGE AND LOST 50% OF THE MARKET SHARE. THE UBER DRIVER OR LYFT DRIVER HOW DO YOU MAKE A LIVING WITH WEAR AND CARE. THIS IS SLAVE LABOR AND THEY ARE GETTING AWAY WITH IT WITHOUT CCP OR UI. NONSENSE. I AM SORRY. PARKING AUTHORITY DOESN'T PASS IT. THEY HAVE GOT TO DO MORE WORK. LET'S REST KIND OF THING. I AM VOTING AGAINST THIS.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR LUKES TO CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: NO, I AM THANKFUL FOR HIS INPUT. I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: MR. CLERK CALL THE QUESTION. RECORDED VOTE ASKED FOR. ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE STAND.

CLERK: HIS WORSHIP MAYOR GILLINGHAM, COUNCILLORS BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON. DUNCAN, DURAND-WOOD, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, SANTOS, SHARMA AND ALLARD.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: ALL OPPOSED.

CLERK: COUNCILLOR EADIE, ROLLINS AND WYATT. 12-3.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: DO I CONTINUE IN THE CHAIR? THE ITEM PASSES. MR. CLERK YOUR ITEMS AGAIN. THE REPORT, PLEASE. APOLOGIES FIRST TIME. BEGINNER. NOW ON REPORT DATE FEBRUARY 26, 2026. COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2026. I WILL MOVE ITEM 1 AND PULL ITEM 2.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: WE ARE PULLING CALLING QUESTION ON ONE. IN FAVOR OF QUESTION ONE. ALL OPPOSED. I THINK THAT IS UNANIMOUS. NEXT QUESTION. NEXT REPORT.

CLERK: COUNCIL UPDATE FOR CHIEF TRAIL EXTENSION WEST FEBRUARY 2026.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: COUNCILLOR SHARMA. COUNCILLOR LUKES TO INTRODUCE.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I WILL BE BRIEF AND CLOSE ON THIS ONE. I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE A LOT TO SAY. I REALLY APPRECIATED CENTRE POINT EARLIER TODAY. LAYING OUT THE BIG PICTURE. I THINK SOMETIMES WE WORK AS MUNICIPALITY, WE FOCUS ON OUR LITERALLY GRASSROOTS POLITICIANS HERE THAT WE FOCUS ON EVERYTHING FROM POTHOLES TO FLUSHING THE TOILET. THESE ARE REALLY LOCAL ISSUES FOR OUR CITY. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE EVENTUAL BUILD OUT OF CHIEF PEGUIS WILL OPEN OPPORTUNITIES INTERNATIONALLY AND NATIONALLY. IT IS A BIG PICTURE PROJECT THAT DOES CONNECT TO MULTI-MODAL GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION HUB. MANY FORGET WHAT GOES ON AT CENTREPORT TRAIL, RAIL, TRUCKING AND AIR. HARD TO GET THE HEADS AROUND BIG PICTURE BECAUSE WE ARE FOCUSED LOCALLY. THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS ON THIS REPORT FOR NOW.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: POINT OF ORDER.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: IN APPENDIX A. I BELIEVE THE MAP IS OUT-OF-DATE. WASN'T MAP WE APPROVED. I VOTED FOR THIS WITH THE MASTER PLAN IN JUNE OF 2025. THIS IS WRONG MAP. I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT NOTING IT BEFORE TODAY. WE COULD HAVE FIVE MINUTE ADJOURNMENT TO REVIEW WITH THE CLERK. IT IS THE WRONG MAP.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: ADVICE FROM CLERK?

CLERK: THESE ARE APPENDIX TO THE REPORT.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: WILLING NECESSARY FOR RECESS TO CLEAR THIS UP?

NOT A QUESTION THE CLERK CAN ANSWER. THESE ARE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: I WILL DECLARE THE SESSION IN RECESS FOR FIVE MINUTES. 10 MINUTES.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: DO YOU HAVE A MOTION?

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: BACK IN SESSION. COUNCILLOR MAYES RAISED A POINT OF ORDER. THERE IS A MOTION 6 CIRCULATING. COUNCILLOR MAYES AMENDING MOTION TO REPLACE THE MAP. I WILL RECOGNIZE COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I ASSUME I AM SPEAKING TO THE WHOLE. THANKS FOR THE RECESS AND TO THE CITY STAFF FOR CONFIRMING THAT. THE MAP THAT WAS ATTACHED I AM NOT SURE WHAT THAT WAS. IN THE REVISION THE MAP INDICATES ST. MARY'S ROAD IS SHORT TERM. THE MAP ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL VERSION WAS FROM JULY OF 2024. IT FAILED TO RECOGNIZE WE AMENDED THAT PRIORITY IN THE COURSE OF DEBATING TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN VOTED ON WHICH I VOTED FOR IN JUNE OF 2025. MUCH AS YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO RUMBLE ON ABOUT SAINT MARY'S ROAD $490,000 STUDY TO GO TO COUNCILLOR ALLARD'S WARD AND MINE TO LOOK AT BIKE PATH.

CLERK: POINT OF PRIVILEGE. I AM HAVING TROUBLE GETTING MY VOICE TO READ THE ACTUAL MOTION. COULD I HAVE THE CLERK READ IT OUT.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: DO YOU MIND IF THE CLERK READS THE MOTION. MADAM CLERK. MOVED BY MAYES SECOND BY CHAMBERS THAT ITEM 2 REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE PUBLIC WORKS DATED FEBRUARY 4 BE AMENDED DELETING RECOMMENDATION 3 AND REPLACING WITH FOLLOWING. CHIEF PEGUIS TRAIL IS 2026-'27 PRIORITIZING ACTION PLAN PROVES. REVISED APPENDIX A ATTACHED.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: COUNCILLOR EADIE IS THAT GOOD?

COUNCILLOR EADIE: YES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THE ONLY CHANGE I CAN SEE IN THE MAP IS THIS ONE THAT SAINT MARY'S ROAD WAS MISCHARACTERIZED. REPLACED WITH ACTUAL MAP APPROVED IN JUNE OF 2025. WE WILL DO THIS $490,000 STUDY WITHIN A FEW WEEKS TO GET GOING, APPROVED THROUGH PUBLIC WORKS TO LOOK AT POSSIBLE BIKE LANES, TRANSIT WAYS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW NORTHERN ST. MARY'S ROAD. THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM KENASTON. I SUPPORTED THIS THROUGHOUT. IT DOES HELP UNLOCK, TO USE THAT TERM, THE PRECINCTS A, B, E OR D NOTER OF EXTENSION OF CHIEF PEGUIS IT WAS IDENTIFIED AS PRIORITY IN INFRASTRUCTURE 2020 PLAN. I SEE THIS AS FEEDING INTO THE DEBATE ABOUT CENTREPORT. ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT TO CORRECT THE PROCESS MISTAKE WITH THE WRONG MAP. I WILL SUPPORT THE MAIN MOTION AS WELL. THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: THANK YOU. I HAD A SPEAKERS LIST STARTED. COUNCILLOR SHARMA FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR GILROY. ANYBODY ELSE TO SPEAK? MR. MAYOR, MR. BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR SHARMA: THANK YOU. I AM PLEASED TO PUT COMMENTS ON THE RECORD. EXTENSION IS CRITICAL PROJECT WITH CONTINUED GROWTH OF CITY. THIS IS CITY BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE. INVESTMENTS ARE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO STRENGTHEN THE WINNIPEG ECONOMY, SUPPORT JOB CREATION IMPROVE DAILY LIVES OF RESIDENCE. IT IS NOT SIMPLY A ROAD PROJECT IT IS A VITAL TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC CORRIDOR TO SERVE NORTHWEST WINNIPEG AND THE CITY AS A WHOLE. IT IS GOING TO CREATE MORE EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION NETWORK FOR WINNIPEG AS A WHOLE. WILL INCLUDE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIONS ENSURING CORRIDOR SUPPORTS ALL MODES OF MOVEMENT INCLUDING CYCLING AND WALKING. RESIDENTS IN NORTHWEST WINNIPEG

HAVE RAISED REAL CONCERNS ABOUT TRAFFIC VOLUMES. I SPOKE ABOUT THIS AT PUBLIC WORKS. LEILA AVENUE AND TEMPLETON AND MURRAY WERE NEVER DESIGNED TO CARRY THE LEVEL OF TRAFFIC TODAY. EXTENDING THE TRAIL WILL REDISTRIBUTE THE TRAFFIC ACROSS THE NETWORK DIVERTING TRUCK TRAFFIC TO A PROPERLY DESIGNED ARTERIAL CORRIDOR TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AND ENHANCE STATE OF MORE EFFICIENT MOVEMENT BE GOODS AND VEHICLES. WE ARE ALREADY SEEING IMPROVED ACCESS ENCOURAGES GROWTH. NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN AURORA AND HIGHLAND POINT HAVE BROUGHT MORE FAMILIES INTO OLD KILDONAN AND EXPANDED COMMUNITY SERVICES THIS WILL OPEN HOUSING AND STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES. DELEGATIONS HIGH LATED ALIGNMENT WITH TRUCKING ASSOCIATION AND CENTRE POINT REINFORCES WINNIPEG ROLE AS NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION LOGISTICS HUB. LARGEST INLAND PORT IN NORTH AMERICA, THE LARGEST CENTREPORT SUPPORTS MOVEMENT OF GOODS NATIONALLY INTERNATIONALLY. GIVEN TRADE PRESSURES INSURING INFRASTRUCTURE IS READY IS NEVER MORE IMPORTANT. I WAS ENCOURAGED TO HEAR MAYOR GILLINGHAM WITH THE FUND WITH INVESTMENT OVER THE COMING YEARS. REINFORCES NEED FOR WINNIPEG TO BE READY WITH STRATEGIC WELL PLANNED PROJECTS. PLEASED TO HEAR ABOUT CENTRE POINT TOUR WITH FEDERAL MINISTER. THIS PROJECT REPRESENTS ECONOMIC GROWTH, IMPROVED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, STRONGER NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS AND PROSPERITY. PRIORITIZING EXTENSION WITH IN THE NEXT PRIORITIES ACTION PLAN WILL POSITION US TO ACT QUICKLY WHEN TRADE RELATED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES ARISE. IEN CAN YOU REMEMBERING COUNCIL COLLEAGUES TO CONCUR WITH PUBLIC SERVICE RECOMMENDATION SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE ADVANCING DISCUSSIONS AROUND THIS TOPIC AND MOVE THE PROJECT FORWARD. WINNIPEG NEEDS IT. THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: THANK YOU, MR. SPEAKER. I SUPPORT AMENDING MOTIONS. THE PROPER MAP ON THE AGENDA. I WILL NOT SUPPORT THE MAIN MOTION. I WANT TO RAISE REALLY A LOT OF CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. WE KNOW THAT WE ARE AT THE DEBT CEILING. WE HAVE MAJOR PROJECTS THAT HAVE TO BE DONE. WHEN I TALKED TO THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION THAT THE CAPACITY FOR CHIEF PEGUIS WE HAD DECADES WITH AN S. THIS WAS NOT A DECADE MULTIPLE DECADES BEFORE WE WORRY ABOUT EXTENSION. WITH THE GROWTH OUTSIDE OF THE CITY, GROWTH WITHIN THE CITY AND WITH THE GROWTH WITHIN CENTREPORT CHIEF PEGUIS CONNECTIONS THAT WE HAVE NOW ACTUALLY MEETS WHAT WE ARE DOING AND FOR YEARS AND YEARS BEYOND. THIS PROJECT IS A NICE TO HAVE, BUT NOT SOMETHING THAT WE NEED. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE NEED WE NEED TO DO INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS FALLING APART, MR. SPEAKER. WE NEED TO DO THINGS LIKE ARLINGTON BRIDGE. WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IF THE BRIDGE CLOSES BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE FUNDING THOSE ARE CHALLENGED NEIGHBORHOODS, MR. SPEAKER. WE WILL SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE NORTH END HAPPEN WITH THE BRIDGE AND OTHER POCKETS. WE HAVE PRIORITIES WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH. WE ALSO HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DEAL WITH OUR NORTH END SEWER TREATMENT PLANT. WHERE WE GET ALL OF THE MONEY FOR THESE BIG PROJECTS, I DON'T KNOW. I DO KNOW WE ARE LEGISLATED TO DEAL WITH NORTH END TREATMENT PLANT. IF WE LOSE THAT CAPACITY THAT IS AN ECONOMIC LENS WE HAVE TO CONSIDER BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO BE NEARING THAT CAPACITY, MR. SPEAKER. I HAVE A LOT OF CONCERNS WITH US DOING PROJECTS THAT ARE NICE TO HAVE PROJECTS BUT NOT A NEED ESPECIALLY WHEN OUR OWN TRANSPORTATION EXPERTS HAVE SAID THIS DOESN'T NEED TO BE ON THE RADAR FOR DECADES. IT IS A POLITICAL PUSH, MR. SPEAKER. I HAVE A LOT OF CONCERNS WE ARE SPENDING MONEY ON

ITEMS THAT WE DON'T NEED TO SPEND ON AND NOT SPENDING MONEY ON AREAS WHERE WE NEED TO SPEND. WE JUST DEBATED ABOUT THE LOSS OF FUNDING FROM THE PROVINCE NOT DOING KEY PROJECTS TO KEEP PEOPLE SAFE, AND THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT HAVE TO GO ON THE BACK BURNER IN TERMS OF CAPITAL WITHOUT THE FUNDING FOR THESE PROJECTS. I DO BELIEVE THAT EVENTUALLY THIS WILL BE AN EXTENSION WAY IN THE FUTURE, MR. SPEAKER. DO I BELIEVE THERE IS AN ECONOMIC LENS, SURE. ECONOMIC LENS TO ALL KEEP POINTS, STREETS IF WE DON'T FIX THEM, IF WE DON'T KEEP BRIDGES OPEN AND IF WE DON'T RE-OPEN BRIDGES CLOSED, MR. SPEAKER. WE SEE THAT EFFECT ON ARLINGTON RIGHT NOW. SOME OF THE BUSINESSES HAVING TO SHUT DOORS. HOMES ARE BOARDED UP. THOSE HAVE IMPACTS WHEN THERE IS NO DIRECT CONNECTION INTO THOSE COMMUNITIES, MR. SPEAKER. NOW WE ARE AS CITY HAVE TO DEAL WITH THAT IN MANAGEMENT. ALWAYS ECONOMIC LENS. WHAT I AM SAYING WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO DO PROJECTS REQUIRED RIGHT NOW, MR. SPEAKER. THAT IS WHERE WE NEED TO SPEND THE MONEY. IT IS SHORT SIGHTED TO TAKE ON PROJECTS WHEN WE JUST FINISHED EXTENDING THAT NOT TOO LONG AGO TO TAKE ON PROJECTS THIS IS NICE TO HAVE BUT NOT NECESSITY. JUST LIKE PAYING YOUR HOUSE BILLS. RIGHT? YOU DON'T PUT ON EXTENSION IF YOU CAN'T AFFORD IT. THAT IS WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH THIS PROJECT, MR. SPEAKER. THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: THANK YOU. NEXT I HAD MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: YOU ARE DOING A GOOD JOB, MR. SPEAKER. THANK COUNCILLOR SHARMA FOR HER COMMENTS. I AM NOT GOING TO REITERATE WHAT IS IN THE REPORT. IT MAKES IT CLEAR. WE TALKED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CHIEF PEGUIS TRAIL EXTENSION AND WHY IT IS NEEDED FOR THE FUTURE OF WINNIPEG. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND WE NEED FEDERAL PROVINCIAL FUNDING PARTNERS. IT IS INCUMBENT TO PAY ATTENTION WHERE THEY ARE GOING AND PRIORITIES OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AS FUNDING PARTNERS. MY MEETING THAT I HAD COUNCILLOR SHARMA REFERENCED WITH MINISTER MCKINNON THE TRANSPORT MINISTER AND DISCUSSION WE HAD IS VERY CLEAR THAT THEY HAVE A FOCUS ON WINNIPEG. THEY ALSO HAVE FOCUS ON NEW FUND CALLED NATIONAL TRADE CORRIDOR FUND. MY CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER SINCE THE WINNIPEG PRIORITY IS NOTER END PLANT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT, MR. MAYOR. THAT IS A DIFFERENT FUND. WE HAVE A NATIONAL TRADE CORRIDOR FUND THAT WOULDN'T FUND SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS BUT WOULD FUND MAJOR TRADE CORRIDORS. WE TALKED ABOUT THE FACT AND HE DIDN'T COMMIT MONEY TO CHIEF PEGUIS OR 90. TRADE HAS CHANGED IN CANADA. WE NEED TO MOVE GOODS EAST AND WEST. WHEN WE UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE DOING. WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE OPPORTUNITIES BEFORE US BY LOOKING AT AND UNDERSTANDING THE PRIORITIES OF THE SENIOR LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. WE UNDERSTAND VERY CLEARLY IF YOU PAID ATTENTION TO THE NEWS THAT OUR PREMIER HAS A REAL FOCUS ON CHURCHILL MANITOBA. PART OF MINISTER MCKINNON'S CONVERSATION WITH CENTREPORT. IT IS AN IMPORTANT INVESTMENT, IMPORTANT LOCATION TO ENABLE WHAT COULD GO ON IN CHURCHILL. THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF KILOMETER APART. THERE IS A DIRECT CORRELATION IN THE MINDS OF FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WHAT HAPPENS IN CENTREPORT AND WILL HAPPEN IN CHURCHILL. WE HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT SENIOR LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT ARE PRIORITIZING. WE HAVE TO BE STRATEGIC IN SEIZING ANY OPPORTUNITIES THAT COME OUR WAY. OPPORTUNITIES CREATED BY SENIOR LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE DONE IT BEFORE. HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND WE SEIZED UPON THAT, GRABBED HOLD OF THAT OPPORTUNITY AND NOW WE SEE LAST YEAR ALONE HOUSING STARTS THAT OUTPACED, DOUBLED NATIONAL AVERAGE OF HOUSING STARTS. MADE ANNOUNCEMENT AND RELEASED INFORMATION YESTERDAY A THOUSAND NEW HOUSING PERMITS FOR HOUSING IN THE DOWNTOWN

MADE AVAILABLE PART BECAUSE WE SEIZED OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED TO US WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS DOING WHEN IT COMES TO USING HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND TO LEVERAGE PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT AND NONPROFIT INVESTMENT. I CALL UPON US TO BE STRATEGIC AND FOCUSED IN PRIORITIES WE ADOPTED WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE. BE AT TUNED TO WHAT FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS ARE DOING AS WELL.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I AM FIRMLY IN SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD WITH THE CHIEF PEGUIS TRAIL EXTENSION. THIS PLAN HAS BEEN ON THE BOOKS SINCE LONG BEFORE I WAS BORN. IT IS THE TRANSPORTATION STUDY 1960s AND EARLIER. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF WINNIPEG INNER RING ROAD. IF YOU CARE ABOUT THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN ON NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS, ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO ADDRESS THAT IS TO GET HEAVY TRUCK TRAFFIC GOING THROUGH NEIGHBORHOODS OFF THOSE LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS AND PUT ON PROPER FACILITY. THAT IS WHY WE NEED THE TRAIL. I INVITE YOU TO SPRINGFIELD ROAD FROM NORTH KILDONAN. IT USED TO BE 24 HOUR TRUCK READ SPEED OVER 60-KILOMETER AN HOUR. SIGNED AT 50. COUNCILLOR BROWATY PUSHED PUBLIC SERVICE TO PUT BUMP OUTS TRAFFIC CALMING ON THE STREET BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT? IT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD STREET. THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS BACK. NEIGHBORS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. I WOULD ARGUE WE SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS A LONG TIME AGO. A LOT OF GROWTH THE CITY BUILT WITHOUT PROPER I FROM STRUCTURE NORTHWEST QUADRANT. NOW WE CAN CORRECT THE MISTAKE. WITH ALL OF THE THINGS BUILT IN THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY REALIZED IT HAS NET POSITIVE BENEFIT PROCEEDING WITH THE PROJECT. AGAIN, INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS MONEY. I APPRECIATE THAT. THINK OF THE LOST PRODUCTIVITY, STALLED DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBORHOODS THAT HAVE WAY MORE TRAFFIC THAN THEY SHOULD. LET'S FINISH WHAT OUR PARENTS GRANDPARENTS PLANNED. BUILD PROPER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR GROWING MODERN CITY. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS REPORT HERE TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD.

COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD: THANK YOU, MR. SPEAKER HARD TO OVER STATE HOW ILL ADVICES TO PURSUE. WITH RECORD INVESTMENTS AND RENEWAL WE HAVE SCARCELY MOVED THE NEEDLE. IT COMES DOWN TO THIS. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO MAINTAIN STREETS AND ROADS WE ALREADY HAVE. IRRESPONSIBLE TO ADD MORE. FIRST FEW MONTHS ON COUNCIL ARE FULL OF E-MAILS AND CALLS FROM RESIDENTS FRUSTRATED BY STREETS CRUMBLING IN DISBELIEF AND DISMAY WE AREN'T INVESTING MORE IN FITNESS AND POOLS. NO MONEY. FACE OF DEFICIT AND FUNDING UNCERTAINTIES WE PILE AHEAD WITH MAJOR NEW PROJECTS. INITIAL COST OF BUILDING NEW ROADS IS USUALLY ONLY 20 TO 25% COST OF OWNERSHIP. MORE INFRASTRUCTURE MORE MAINTENANCE COST MORE MONEY TO SET ASIDE FOR REPLACEMENT WE PROBABLY WON'T. IN THE CASE OF CHIEF PEGUIS EXTENSION IT IS TO UNLOCK THIS LAND FOR MORE GREENFIELD DEVELOPMENT. CITY ORIGINAL COST BENEFIT THE DEVELOPMENT THIS ENABLES WILL LOSE MONEY UNTIL 2067. REQUIRE ABOVE INFLATION TAX INCREASES 75 YEARS TO BREAK EVEN. YES, WE NEED HOUSING. WE NEED IT IN PLACES WHERE INFRASTRUCTURE IS IN PLACE AND BEST OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLIMENT EXISTING TRANSIT AND TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT. WE REALLY NEED TO CONNECT THE DOTS ACKNOWLEDGE HOW THE DEBT BASED SPENDING HAS LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS FOR EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE. HOW WILL WE FILL THAT OPERATING SHORTFALL FOR THOSE DECADES? CUT SERVICES, RAISE TAXES? WHERE WILL

THE MONEY COME FROM. WE SHOULD ASK IF WE ARE PREPARED TO BORROW HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS COULD WE GET BETTER RETURNS SPENDING THAT ELSEWHERE? BETTER RETURN ON INVESTMENT CLOSER TO LIVABLE HEALTHY CITY. MORE INVESTMENT IN TRANSIT BEGGING FOR MORE INVESTMENT IN ROAD SAFETY AND HOUSING RATHER THAN NEW LIABILITIES WE SHOULD EXPLORE THESE OPTIONS. THAT IS WHY I CANNOT SUPPORT THIS ITEM MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MR. ACTING DEPUTY SPEAKER. YOU ARE DOING A GREAT JOB. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE CHIEF PEGUIS TRAIL EXTENSION. WE HAVE AS MENTIONED A LOT OF MAJOR PROJECTS THAT NEED TO GET FUNDED AND I WILL FIRST SPEAK OUT. THE PROJECT IS ALREADY ON THE WAY TO REPLACE THE ARLINGTON BRIDGE, THANKS, MAYOR FOR THE LANGUAGE. WE INVESTED $28 MILLION SO FAR TO REMOVE THE OLD SO NEW ONE COULD BE BUILT AND DESIGN CONTINUES. THAT PROJECT IS UNDERWAY. WE HAVE TO FIND SOME FUNDING. MAYBE IT IS THE RAIL CROSSINGS DIVISION OF TRANSPORT CANADA. I THINK THEY HAVE A BUDGET TO CHIP IN. THIS IS A RAIL CROSSING. CONNECTING ARLINGTON OVER THE BRIDGE TO ARLINGTON. IT IS AN ESSENTIAL ROUTE THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE RESIDENTS NEED TO BE ABLE TO USE DAY-TO-DAY BASIS AS WELL AS EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND ACTUALLY GREAT TO HAVE EFFICIENT 28 OLD ARLINGTON BUS. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO BE MORE EFFICIENT. I STATED THAT IN MY MIND THAT IS NUMBER ONE PROJECT BECAUSE IT DOESN'T EXIST ANY MORE. IT NEEDS TO BE DONE. I WILL MENTION AND I HAVE BEEN HEARING THIS. THE LOUIS BRIDGE, MAJOR RENOVATION IS FUNDED. WE VOTED ON THAT BUDGET. IT IS FUNDED. $40 MILLION. AS I UNDERSTAND IT I BELIEVE THE PEERS WILL BE STARTING TO BE WORKED ON IN 2026 CONSTRUCTION SEASON, THAT IS MY UNDERSTANDING. TO SAY THAT IT IS NOT FUNDED, IT IS FUNDED. NOW THE RED WOODBRIDGE HAD THIS MAJOR RENOVATION DONE TO IT 22, 23 YEARS AGO. IT LOOKS LIKE THAT MAJOR RENOVATION IS GOING TO LAST FOR 30 YEARS. FOR THE LOUISE BRIDGE FOR TRANSCONIA AND NORTH ENTERS WHO MOVE BACK AND FORTH. ONE DAY THERE WILL BE A BRIDGE REPLACED. WITH THE CHIEF PEGUIS TRAIL. FORMER COUNCILLOR TALKED ABOUT HOW HIS FORMER COLLEAGUES WAY BACK IN THE DAY WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN I BELIEVE THAT WAS IN THE EARLY 1990s OR LATE 1980s, OUR AREA HAS GROWN AS COUNCILLOR SHARMA HAS TALKED ABOUT. COUNCILLOR SHARMA AND EADIE AND BROWATY, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A CHIEF PEGUIS TRAIL. I WILL SAY IT PUBLICLY. I WOULD INVITE MR. WATCHNIAK TO TALK TO THE PEOPLE ON LEILA AVENUE TO TELL THEM YOU DON'T NEED THE CHIEF PEGUIS TRAIL EXTENSION. I WILL TELL YOU WHAT YOU GET. IT WON'T BE PRETTY. ANYWAY, THERE IS A NEED TO GET WHAT IS A HUGE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC ON LELA OFF THERE. MORE ON TEMPLETON. MURRAY IS GETTING VERY BUSY. NEW NEIGHBORHOODS UP THAT WAY AS WELL. IN TERMS OF LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE FOR THE CHIEF PEGUIS TRAIL. THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT IS NUMBER ONE. NUMBER ONE PROJECT THE NORTH END WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTRE. NEXT COUNCIL WILL DECIDE WHICH MAJOR PROJECT TO MOVE AHEAD FIRST. IT SOUNDS LIKE IT BETTER BE THE ST. JAMES BRIDGE. THAT IS NOT IN GREAT CONDITION. IT DOES HANDLE A LOT OF TRAFFIC, MR. ACTING DEPUTY SPEAKER. I WILL VOTE FOR THE AMENDMENT AS WELL AS FOR THE AMENDED MOTION THAT IS BEING DEBATED AT THE MOMENT.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR EADY. COUNCILLOR WYATT YIELDED TO COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: I RISE TO COMPLIMENT COUNCILLOR SHARMA, MR. SPEAKER. ON OCCASION SHE DOES COME DOWN AND VISIT WITH COUNCIL THIS WAY AND TODAY WAS REALLY JUST I WISH SHE

WOULD DO IT MORE. SHE SAID SOMETHING SO SUCCINCTLY WE DESERVE TO HEAR. I HAVE BEEN REALLY AN ADVOCATE FOR CENTER PORT SINCE I GOT ON TO COUNCIL AND SINCE I GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE HER BRIEFLY WITH DIANE GRAY, THESE INCREDIBLE TRADE BRAINS IN THE PROVINCE. THIS TRY-MODAL LINKING RAIL, AIR, HIGHWAY, TRADE CORRIDORS IS VITAL. IMPROVED NETWORK CONNECTIVITY ENHANCES THE WINNIPEG ROLL IN CONTINENTAL SPY TRAINS. IN ERA OF SUPPLY CHAIN TRANSPORTATION RELIABILITY ARE STRATEGIC ASSETS. THE REPORT BEFORE US REALLY LAYS IT OUT IN THREE WAYS. WORST-CASE SCENARIO. WELL, IT IS STILL POSITIVE. THE BASE CASE SCENARIO, STILL STRONG POSITIVE RETURN. FINALLY, THE STRATEGIC CASE, WELL, IN THE WORDS OF OTHER SPEAKERS TODAY, POTENTIALLY TRANSFORMATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS IS FEDERAL CONSENSUS. KENASTON WAS A TOUGH VOTE FOR ME. 100% RIGHT DIRECTION FOR THE CITY. THIS IS, TOO. HIGH IMPACT TRADE PRODUCTIVITY CORRIDOR, LOGISTICS EFFICIENCY, LAND DEVELOPMENT ACCELERATOR, COMPETITIVENESS INVESTMENT AND SECURITY INVESTMENT AND LONG-TERM REVENUE GENERATING ASSET CENTREPORT IS THE POINT. I CAN'T DO ANY BETTER THAN COUNCILLOR SHARMA WHAT SHE HAS LONG SINCE ADVOCATED FOR VARIOUS REASONS. SOME LIKELY DUE TO THE IMPACTS COUNCILLOR BROWATY BROUGHT FORWARD. IN ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY AND SUPPLY CHAIN RESTRUCTURING AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS TELLING US WHAT TO DO WITH RESPECT TO TRADE CORRIDORS. IN FACT WE HAVE BEEN LEADING THEM IN TERMS OF GETTING READY. IT IS NOT A DISCRETIONARY MOMENT TODAY. IT IS A STRATEGIC MOMENT, DIFFICULT ONE. IT IS ONE THAT WE SHOULD ASSERT IN TERMS OF JOBS IN THE ECONOMY, IN TERMS OF OUR ROLE AS A CITY BEING PARTNER IN FEDERAL, NOT JUST FEDERAL BUT WINNIPEG IMPERATIVE RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE. CONCERNS MY COLLEAGUES BRING FORWARD WITH RESPECT TO INFRASTRUCTURE, THAT IS ALSO TRUE. HERE WE ANTICIPATE FEDERAL FUNDING. WE SHOULD POSITION OURSELVES FOR IT. WE ARE WELL POSITIONED FOR IT TO DRAW IT DOWN, BUT THE REST SHOULD ALSO FOLLOW. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MOMENT FOR JOBS AND ECONOMY. I HOPE THERE IS UNANIMOUS VOTE TODAY.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: MR. ACTING DEPUTY SPEAKER, THANK YOU. I RISE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION. I WANT TO POINT OUT TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL HERE THAT THE STRATEGIC ROAD NETWORK WE ARE DEBATING TODAY CHIEF PEGUIS TRAIL THROUGH TO MCPHILLIPS AND BEYOND THAT THIS WAS ACTUALLY FLAGGED GOING BACK TO 2011, THAT THE ROAD WAS TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY 2031. IT IS ON TRACK FOR A CHANGE SO I WANT TO MENTION THAT. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH PUBLIC POLICY SINCE 2011. I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION TO THOSE NEWER IN THE CHAMBER THAT IN 2011 THAT WAS THE LAST TIME. FIRST TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN IN CITY OF WINNIPEG AFTER MANY DECADES. CITY OF WINNIPEG AT THAT TIME DECIDED TO SPEND OVER A MILLION DOLLARS. [CAPTIONER SWITCH] CITY OF WINNIPEG DECIDED TO SPEND ON ORIGIN DESTINATION STUDY, CITY WIDE. BOTH PEOPLE, MOVEMENT. WE REALLY -- THE PLAN WE HAVE NOW IS GOOD BUT IT REALLY DIDN'T SPEND THAT KIND OF MONEY. WE DIDN'T UPDATE IT TO THE SAME STINT DONE BACK IN 2011. I ENCOURAGE ANY COUNCILLOR TO READ IT. IT CITES THE NEED AT THAT TIME -- I FIND MYSELF GOING BACK TO PAGE 70 OF THE REPORT. PAGE 61 WHERE IT STATES BACK IN THAT -- THE ESTIMATE BACK THEN, JUST TO GIVE AN IDEA -- THAT WAS $130 MILLION. JUST GIVE YOU AN IDEA. BACK IN 2011. IT'S INTERESTING THAT WE HAVE THREE DEBATES. WHAT'S INTERESTING AS WELL, IT HAS THE ARLINGTON BRIDGE HERE AND OTHER MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS. IT ALSO WAS ONLY WAS IN THE MEDIUM TERM BY 2021. I WANT TO MENTION THAT ONE. WHAT WAS INTERESTING AS WELL, LOUIS BRIDGE WAS MENTIONED SHORT-TERM BY 2016. IN TERMS OF THE AMBITIOUS PLAN THAT WAS ALIGNED AT THAT TIME IT WAS DEFINITELY

AMBITIOUS. COUNCIL DID MOVE FORWARD WITH REGARDS TO THE BRIDGE AND THE UNDERPASS WITH REGARD BY THEN KENASTON HAS BEEN DONE. BY 2011, [INAUDIBLE] YOU KNOW, IN TERMS OF NEW STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE, WE'VE BEEN STRUGGLING. I WILL SAY THIS, COUNCILLOR GILROY SAID WE DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GET THE MONEY. I CAN NAME A COUPLE OF PLACES. STILL HAVE A LOT OF UNDEVELOPED LAND ESPECIALLY TO THE NORTH. IT COULD BE SEED FUNDING FOR THE CITY TO SHARE THAT FUND. IN OTHER WORDS, DEVELOPMENT PAYING FOR DEVELOPMENT. STAFF WHO ARE SENIOR MANAGEMENT WHO THINK THAT'S A PROGRESSIVE POSITIVE IDEA. BOTH IN PUBLIC WORKS AND IN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT. JUST BECAUSE WE LOST THE IMPACT BATTLE DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE AREA CHARGE. THE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY HAS DONE WELL. WE CAN DEFINITELY FORWARD SOME OF THE COSTS. I CAN GIVE YOU ANOTHER SUGGESTION, WE DIDN'T HAVE TO SPEND THE $18 MILLION. THE COUNCILLORS SPOKE IN FAVOUR TO SPEND THAT MONEY. I LOOK AT THAT. I SAY TO MYSELF, I KNOW WE GOT TO SPEND ANOTHER $40 MILLION DOING THE CONCOURSE, MAYBE MORE UNDERNEATH AFTER THE ELECTION. I'M NOT SAYING WE DON'T TO THAT. FINAL THING I LIKE TO SAY IS THIS, WE GET INTO THE TRAP HERE. I HEARD IT SO MANY TIMES, MR. SPEAKER. SO MANY TIMES. I LEARNED LATER ON THAT SHE WAS ADVOCACYING -- ADVOCATING, SHE WANTED UNDERPASS TO BE EXPANDED. IT'S FRUSTRATING. MAYBE IT'S THE WORD BASE SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE. IT REALLY -- I WOULD SUGGEST WITH ALL RESPECT TO THE MAYOR, WE GET TRAPPED INTO WHERE WE LIVE NEIGHBOURS WE'RE FROM. ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE FORMER COUNCIL FOR AN AREA, YOU SOMETIME BRING THAT TRAIN OF THOUGHT VERSUS THINKING LIKE A CITY. WE'VE BEEN A CITY SINCE 1972. THE IDEA WE POSED TO BE ONE CITY. WE GET INTO THIS TIT FOR TAT. WE GOT TO GET OVER THAT. WE HAVE LOOK AT THE WHOLE CITY. PART OF THE CHALLENGE IS YEAH, I GET IT. THE FUNDING IS ALWAYS GOING TO BE AN ISSUE. FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, UNLESS WE HAVE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGE TO REOPEN THE CONSTITUTION AND BRING QUEBEC TO THE TABLE AND MUNICIPALITY TO THE TABLE. WE MIGHT BE CLOSER TO THAT THAN WE REALISE CONSIDER WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE COUNTRY IN TERMS OF THE DEBATE ON SOME OF THOSE ISSUES. I REALLY BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE WHOLE CITY. I WOULD LIKE US -- ONE OF THE THINGS THIS DOES -- WHEN I LOOK AT THE 2011 REPORT AND THEN LOOK AT THE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN. I COMMENTED ON THIS LAST YEAR. IT'S DEPRESSING WHEN YOU READ TARGET DATES MEDIUM TERM, SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM. THEY ARE REALLY MISSED. WE PASS THEM. THERE'S NO PLAN TO CATCH IT. THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, WITHOUT A TRANSPORTATION, WITHOUT ORIGIN DESTINATION, CLEARLY POLICY GOING ON BEHIND THE TEAM AND ALSO ONE PROJECT THAT WAS IN THE SHORT-TERM OR MEDIUM TERM IS BUMPED IN THE LONG-TERM, FROM 2011 TO 2025. THAT'S THE KIND OF THING -- I KNOW BACK IN THE DAY GUYS WOULD COME IN HERE AND OTHERS THEY SWORE UP AND DOWN THEN I HEARD FROM ONE FROM ONE OF THE DIRECTOR, THAT WAS THE, WE HAVE TO START THINKING OF ONE CITY. THE QUESTION IS THIS. THERE'S NO DOUBT LOUIS NEEDS TO BE DONE. THERE'S NO DOUBT ARLINGTON MUST GET DONE. IF YOU DRIVE DOWN IN THE SOUTHEAST, IT'S PACKED. FOR WINNIPEGER, THERE'S TWO THINGS WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT. I KNOW SOME OTHER FOLKS HERE. I BELIEVE THAT IN TERMS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND WE HAVE TO THINK GREEN. I THINK WE'RE MOVING TO AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CULTURE AND IT'S HAPPENING SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. WE'RE NOT GOING TO BAN THE AUTOMOBILE. I HATE TO SAY THAT FOR THOSE WHO WANT THEM. IT'S NOT HAPPENING, FOLKS. PRIVATE AUTOMOBILES ARE HERE TO STAY. THE AUTOMOBILE IS HERE TO STAY. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I THINK THE COST WILL BE COMING DOWN DRAMATICALLY.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: THAT'S YOUR TIME. COUNCILLOR WYATT. I UNDERSTAND, [INAUDIBLE] OKAY, COUNCILLOR MAYES CLOSE ON THE MOTION. ANYONE ELSE WANTS TO SPEAK? COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: SUPPORTING THE MOTION. THE AMENDING MOTION JUST CORRECT A MISTAKE MADE WITH THE WRONG MAP BEING SUPPLIED. THE CORRECT MAP IS NOW ATTACHED THANKS TO THE CLERK FOR ASSISTING WITH THAT. THE MAP THAT IS NOW ATTACHED IS THE ONE THAT WE APPROVED IN JUNE 2025 WITH TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN. IT'S NOTHING NEW OR DIFFERENT. IT'S JUST A CLERICAL MISTAKE MADE. THANK YOU TO COUNCILLOR GILROY TO SUPPORT THAT. BASICALLY, JUST A CLERICAL MISTAKE BEING CORRECTED. I WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S COMMENT AND PERSPECTIVE ON THIS REPORT IN FRONT OF US. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THIS IS A VERY LARGE STRATEGIC PROJECT THAT WE SHOULD BE INVESTED IN. KNOWING THAT WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE BUT, I THINK THAT IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO BE PREPARED TO HAVE IT READY AND WE REACH THAT POINT WITH ALL THE STUDIES AND THE WORK WE'VE DONE. IT'S IN FRONT OF US NOW TO VOTE ON. I HOPE THAT WE HAVE MAJORITY VOTE. THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: WE'LL HAVE A RECORDED VOTE ON THE AMENDING MOTION STARTING WITH THAT PERHAPS. I'LL CALL THE QUESTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOUR PLEASE RISE. MADAM CLERK.

[ROLL CALL VOTE]

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: THAT WAS ON THE MAIN MOTION. ALL THOSE AGAINST.

CLERK: YEAS 15 AND NAYS ZERO.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: THE MOTION PASSES. THE MAIN MOTION. RECORD A VOTE. PLEASE RISE.

[ROLL CALL VOTE]

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: I LIKE TO RECORD IN OPPOSITION. ALL OPPOSE, PLEASE RISE. I DID NOT VOTE FOR THAT. ALL OPPOSE, PLEASE RISE.

[ROLL CALL VOTE]

CLERK: THE VOTE, YEAS 12, NAYS 3.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

CLERK: I BELIEVE WE'RE ON THE BY-LAWS NOW. COUNCILLORS, **BY-LAW**S? THERE'S NO BY-LAWS TODAY. WE'LL GET INTO QUESTION PERIOD. ANY QUESTIONS FOR IF THE CHAIR? COUNCILLOR GILROY FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR DUNCAN. COUNCILLOR GILROY?

COUNCILLOR GILROY: MY QUESTION. I'M CONCERNED ORTHE -- OVER THE SEMINAR. MY QUESTION WOULD BE IS WE ASKED THE COMMUNITY TO -- THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE THEIR INPUT. WE WERE GOING TO COME BACK WITH SOME CHANGES. I KNOW THAT WE USUALLY HAVE CHANGES IN

TERMS OF OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE. I THINK THERE IS AN EXPECTATION THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE REPORT THAT COMES BACK THAT THE COMMUNITY CAN REVIEW AND SEE. I GUESS I'M CONCERNED THAT WE'RE NOT DOING THIS WORK. I WAS WONDERING IF MAYBE THE CHAIR CAN GIVE US -- ME SOME INPUT ON THAT. I WANT TO MAKE SURE I'M INFORMING CORRECTLY TO THE RESIDENCE WHAT WE ARE DOING. THANK YOU.

CLERK: THE RESPONSE, COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: TRANSIT HAS FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THAT'S WHEN THE REPORT, FORMAL REPORTS COME FORWARD ON CHANGES TO ANY FEEDBACK, CHANGES MODIFICATIONS THAT TRANSIT MAKES. WE GET REPORTS FOUR TIMES A YEAR TO PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING SCHEDULE CHANGE. WHAT I WOULD SAY TO PEOPLE THAT WANT MORE INFORMATION OUT OF TRANSIT, SEND THEM AN EMAIL. WE MEET MONTHLY ON TRANSIT. IF YOU WANT PIE CHARTS AND GRAPHS AND THINGS LIKE THAT, TELL THEM THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT. THEY'LL COME TO OUR MEETING. THE LAST MEETING WE HAD WAS INCREDIBLE. THEY BROUGHT SCREEN SHOTS OF THE SOFTWARE SCHEDULING SYSTEM. IT WAS GREAT. IT SHOWED US THE HEAVY USAGE ON CERTAIN ROUTES THE LIGHTER USE AN ON OTHER ROUTES. THESE MEETINGS ARE GREAT, I THINK. IF THERE'S SPECIFIC THINGS THAT YOU WANT THEM TO HAVE AT THESE MEETINGS, TELL THEM. IF YOU WANT CHARTS AND PICTURES LIKE WE GOT OUT THE DOWNTOWN BIZ, I'M SURE THEY CAN MAKE UP CHARTS AND PICTURES. WE MEET ONCE A MONTH. WE HAVE REALLY GOOD ROBUST DISCUSSIONS. WE HAVE THE E.A.s THERE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT MORE WE CAN DO. TELL THEM WHAT YOU WANT AND THEY'LL COM FORWARD.

CLERK: COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: WHEN WE TOLD THE PUBLIC WE WILL COME BACK IN A YEAR WITH THE REVIEW. I HAVE GONE TO THOSE MEETINGS. SOME OF THEM ARE GOOD AND SOME AREN'T. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE MADE CHANGES AND TWEAKS. I THINK THERE WAS -- THE COMMUNITY THOUGHT THAT THEY HAD A YEAR TO LOOK AT THIS BUT THERE WAS GOING TO BE A REPORT THAT'S GOING TO COME BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. NOT JUST THE NORMAL SHIFTS AND CHANGES AND THE TWEAKS AND STUFF. THERE WAS GOING TO BE A REPORT IS THERE GOING TO BE A FORMAL REPORT THAT'S GOING TO COME BACK TO THE COMMUNITY NOT THE KIND OF SUMMER SCHEDULING CHANGES AND STUFF THAT WE'RE SEEING. A FORMAL REPORT WITH ON THE OVERALL CHANGE. WE'RE COLLECTING DATA TO 311 ON THAT? IS THERE A REPORT ON THAT?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I THINK THE REPORTS WE ARE GIVING REFLECT SIGNIFICANT CLANGS INPUT THAT WE'RE HEARING FROM PEOPLE. WE ADDED NIGHT TIME COLLEGES. WE ADDED LATER NIGHT TIME SCHEDULES. WE'VE CHANGED ROUTES. WE'VE ADDED BUSES. THE ONE THING THAT THEY AID FOR ROUTE CHANGES, THEY WOULDN'T BE DOING -- BUT THEY DID -- THEY WOULDN'T BE DOING ROUTE CHANGES UP THEY'VE SEEN A WHOLE YEAR OF ACTIVITY. WE WILL BE SEEING ROUTE CHANGES IF THEY FEEL ROUTE CHANGES ARE NEEDED IN A YEAR OR YEAR AND QUARTER. IT'S INTERESTING HOUP -- HOW PEOPLE PERCEIVE THINGS. THE EMAILS THAT I'M RESPONDING TO. I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE PEOPLE ARE GETTING THIS INFORMATION FROM. IF YOU'RE NOT CLEAR, TALK TO TRANSIT. EVERY QUARTER WE'RE GETTING REPORTS WITH SIGNIFICANT CHANGES SINCE WE'VE IMPLEMENTED OUR BUS NETWORK. I EXPECT MORE COMING FORWARD.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: I'M STILL NOT CLEAR. WE HAD A YEAR. WE MADE CHANGES.

CLERK: THE QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: I NEED TO GET AN ANSWER TO THIS. WE MADE CHANGES IS THERE GOING TO BE AN ACTUAL REPORT THAT COMES BACK THAT IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT HOW THE COMMUNITY IS FEELING NOW VERSUS A YEAR AGO, REFLECTING CHANGES. I THINK WE COMMITTED AND WE PROMISED THEM THAT.

CLERK: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: THERE WILL BE A REPORT IN ONE YEAR'S TIME. IT WILL ARE MORE CHANGES. EVERY QUARTER REPORTS COME FORWARD WITH CHANGES. WE CAN SUMMARIZE AND PUT IT IN ONE REPORT. I'LL TALK TO THE COUNCILLOR OFFLINE.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOT A HUGE TOPIC AROUND TOWN. I FIGURE I ASKED ABOUT DEFAULT SPEED LIMITS. WHO ULTIMATELY MAKES THE DECISION ON THE CHANGE OF A DEFAULT SPEED LIMIT IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: THIS WAS PRINTED IN FREE PRESS. IT WAS QUOTED BY MINISTER NAYLOR. ULTIMATELY ON DEFAULT SPEED LIMITS. THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA MAKES THE DECISION. NOT THE CITY. WE HAVE THE OPTION TO DO INDIVIDUAL ROADS IF WE SIGN THEM. IF WE HAVE A SPEED CHANGE ON THE INDIVIDUAL ROADS. THE DEFAULT RIGHT NOW IS 50. IF WE'RE GOING A 30K ROAD, WE HAVE TO PUT SIGNS UP AT THE DECISION POINTS. WE CAN DO THAT ON INDIVIDUAL ROADS. AS MINISTER NAYLOR SAID, THE PROVINCE IS THE ONE THAT DECIDES ON DEFAULT. SURE. WE COULD SAY WE'RE GOING TO DO 40 KILOMETRES THROUGHOUT THE CITY IF WE VOTED ON THAT. WE WOULD HAVE TO SIGN EVERY SINGLE INTERSECTION. WE'D HAVE TO PUT MILLIONS SIGNS OUT. THE DEPARTMENT SAID IT WOULD RUN AROUND $10 MILLION. WE ARE NOT GOING TO DO THAT. WE'RE ASKING THE PROVINCE CAN WE DO A DEFAULT OF 40K. ULTIMATELY, IT'S UP TO THEM. IF THE PROVINCE SAYS YES, WE CAN DO A DEFAULT OF 40K, THEN WE HAVE TO HAVE A DEBATE AND A VOTE. DO WE WANT TO LEAVE IT AT 50K? DO WE WANT 40 OR MAYBE WE WANT 30? WE'RE NOT NEAR THAT YET. WE'RE WAITING TO HEAR BACK. WE WANT TO SEND AND OFFICIAL LETTER. WE'RE GOING TO ASK PUBLIC WORKS IF WE CAN OTHAT AT THE COMMITTEE. THEN WE SEND THE OFFICIAL REQUEST IN. IF THAT PASSES AND THE PROVINCE DECIDES ON THE DEFAULT.

CLERK: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: IF WE DO FOLKS FROM CERTAIN ADVOCACY GROUPS COMING TOWN TO DEMAND THAT THE SPEED LIMIT IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG BE CHANGED TO 40, WOULD THEY BE EFFECT IN THAT OR SHOULD THEY DIRECT THEIR ATTENTION ONCE THE COMMITTEE HAS VOTED TO THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA AND TO DEMAND THEY CHANGE AND OPEN THAT LEGISLATION UP?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I WOULD ENCOURAGE THEM TO BE ASKING THE PROVINCE, ASKING THEIR M.L.A.s. I DON'T THINK THEY HAVE OPEN SYSTEM AS WE DO TO COME FORWARD AND PRESENT. IF PEOPLE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT THAT, ASK THE PROVINCE TO SUPPORT IT. WE ARE ASKING THE PROVINCE. WE DON'T HAVE THE DECISION. WE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE PROVINCE DECIDES.

CLERK: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS, FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR WYATT AND THEN COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: THE FX2 -- EARLY MORNING, FOR KIDS TO GO TO SCHOOL AND END OF THE DAY WHEN FAMILIES ARE RETURNING HOME FROM SCHOOL AND FROM WORK. BUSES ARE OFTEN OVERCROWDED, MULTIPLE PASS UPS, ETCETERA. I KNOW THAT ON STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE, THERE IS PLANS TO INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF THE 676. WHAT ABOUT THE FX2 THAT DOESN'T GO FAR ENOUGH INTO -- TO REMEDIATE THE CONCERNS THAT RESIDENTS ARE RAISING? IF THE CHAIR HAS A RESPONSE TO THAT?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I WAS PLEASED TO SEE IN THE REPORT THAT THE 676 WILL BE GETTING MORE BUS. AS FOR THE FX2. THIS IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF WHEN THE ONE YEAR HAS PASSED, THE DEPARTMENT, I BELIEVE WILL BE COMING FORWARD WITH ROUTE CHANGES. I TRULY BELIEVE, THE NUMBER OF APARTMENTS IN THE CITY THAT WE PUT IN MERITS THE FX2 EXTENDED OUT. THIS WOULD BE A ROUTE CHANGE. I'M OPTIMISTIC THIS WILL COME FORWARD. ENCOURAGE YOUR RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE GIVING FEEDBACK. I THINK THE DEPARTMENT KNOWS THAT. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT.

CLERK: SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: TO YOUR POINT THROUGH YOU MADAM SPEAKER. THE DENSITY CREATED ALONG THE RED RIVER, THERE ARE CURRENTLY ARE TWO HIGH-RISE APARTMENTS, EIGHT STORIES AND SIX STORIES GOING UP. PROGRESSIVE REALTY FURTHER SOUTH ON ST. MARY S ROAD CONTINUES TO ADD NEW UNITS. THERE'S A THIRD BUILDING GOING UP AT -- THIS WAS THOUGHT THIS WAS A TRANSIT CORRIDOR. ACCORDINGLY, IN TERMS OF PARKING RATIOS IT WILL BE LOWERED. IT'S THOUGHT THAT MORE AND MORE PEOPLE WILL RELY ON TRANSIT. RECOGNISING THAT THE NEED IS THERE FOR THE FX2 TO GO FURTHER DOWN ST. MARY S ROAD. WILL THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE HELP ADVOCATE FOR THAT CHANGE?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: ABSOLUTELY. THE BIG CHANGES IS DOES THE BUS TURN AROUND. THEY WILL REQUEST SOME FUNDING TO DO TURN AROUND SPOT. 100%, I AGREE, I HEAR YOU ON THAT.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: OF DETERMINED THAT THERE WAS SOME PROPERTY. THERE WILL BE A TURN AROUND THERE OR THERE'S PROPERTY THERE. CAN THEY STILL CONSIDER UTILIZING THAT AS THEIR TURN AROUND.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: THEY HAD THAT ON OLD FOR A WHILE. I KNOW THEY ARE CONSIDERING THAT. I KNOW YOU'RE TAKING IT TO TRANSIT AS AM I. THANK YOU.

CLERK: COUNCILLOR WYATT FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I THINK WE DON'T HAVE IT STILL. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THAT AND THOUGHTS?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I NEED TO BE POLITICALLY CORRECT IN MY RESPONSE. I HAVE VERY STRONG

THOUGHTS ON THAT. I WAS SURPRISED THAT THE PROVINCE CAME OUT WITH THEIR NET ZERO CLIMATE REPORT. I SEARCHED IT AND TRANSIT WAS NOT EVEN INCLUDED IN IT. I DON'T KNOW. I DO RECALL WHEN HE WAS -- THE CURRENT PREMIER WHEN HE WAS THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY ADVOCATING HARD AND LONG TO GET THE 50-50 TRANSIT BACK. OF NOT HEARD A WORD SENSE.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: WE HAD PROGRAMME OR POLICY WHERE THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT -- [INDISCERNIBLE] ARE YOU GOING TO BRING THAT POLICY BACK?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I WILL SAY, WHAT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS DOING NOW, THEY PURCHASED NEW TYPE OF SOFTWARE THAT USES A.I. THEY DRIVE OVER THE ROADS. THEY COMPILE THE DATA AND THEY ARE USING A SCIENTIFIC APPROACH TO DETERMINING WHAT ROADS NEEDS REPAIR. LET'S CHECK COUNCILLOR GILROY, I CAN SEE THAT IF THE DEPARTMENT SAID WE WANT THIS ROAD DONE AND COUNCILLOR GILROY WANTS THAT ROAD DONE. PEEK TO THE COUNCILLOR AND LISTEN TO THE COUNCILLOR. IF THEY'RE NOT IN THE SAME CONDITION, I WOULD LEAN TO WHAT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS AND USING THIS TECHNOLOGY. IF A ROAD IS IN MORE NEED OF REPAIR, THAN SAY ONE THAT COUNCILLOR GILROY WANTED, I THINK THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD DO THE ROAD THAT IS IN MORE NEED OF REPAIR. THEY DO HAVE A MUCH MORE SCIENTIFIC WAY. BEFORE IT WAS JUST VISUAL. I'M KEEN ON THE SOFTWARE THAT THEY ARE USING.

CLERK: THAT CONCLUDES QUESTION PERIOD UNDER THIS COMMITTEE. COUNCILLOR EADIE ASK FOR EXTENSION OF FIVE MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOUR? I THINK IT'S CARRIED. YOU GOT TO SPEAK LOUDER. COUNCILLOR WYATT, ONE MORE QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I KNOW WE TRIED TO GET A POLICY THROUGH AS WELL THROUGH PUBLIC WORKS. SPEAKING TO SPEED LIMITS WHEN WE DO A LOCAL RENEWAL, THAT'S WHEN WE SHOULD DO BY DESIGN. YOU DRIVE SLOWER IF THE ROADS ARE DESIGNED CERTAIN WAY. WHERE IS THAT?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: WHEN ROADS ARE BEING REDONE AROUND SCHOOLS, THAT ACTUALLY IS HAPPENING. THEY ARE DOING BALL VAULTS AROUND SCHOOLS. IT IS PART OF THE POLICY. IN REGARDS TO OTHER ROADS, THAT'S NOT YET PART OF THE POLICY.

CLERK: NEXT SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR EADIE FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR ROLLINS. COUNCILLOR EADIE – COUNCILLOR.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: FX2 IS MAIN STREET AND ST. MARY S ROAD. THERE'S A NUMBER OF ISSUES BECAUSE WHATEVER YOU DO AT ONE END IT'S GOING TO HAVE AN EFFECT ON WHAT WILL THEY DO ON THE OTHER END. I HAVE THIS GREAT CONCERN THAT WE EXTEND THE FX2 DOWN. I HAVE ONE SIMPLE REQUEST ON MAIN STREET, WHICH IS SEEING A HUGE REDUCTION OF TRANSIT SERVICE. IT'S PROBABLY THE MOST MAIN ROUTE THAT HAS THE MOST PRODUCTION IN BUS SERVICE ALONG IT. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN, I ONLY HAVE ONE REQUEST, WHICH IS FOR IT TO MAKE NORTHBOUND ONE MORE STOP AND SOUTHBOUND ONE MORE STOP. IN ANALYZING AND GOING FORWARD AFTER THE ANNUAL REPORT COMES, I'M WONDERING IF THE CHAIRPERSON CAN ASSURE ME THAT THEY'RE GOING TO CONSIDER FACTUAL EVIDENCE ALONG THE WHOLE ROUTE, NOT JUST AT ONE END?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER THAT INPUT AND WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER IT AND LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE. I DO WANT TO BRING BACK TO ALSO A QUESTION ABOUT FUNDING FOR TRANSIT. IF WE HAD MORE FUNDING TO OPERATE OUR TRANSIT NETWORK, IT WOULD WORK. EVEN BETTER. IT WOULD WORK IN A MUCH HIGHER, MUCH MORE RESPONSIVE METHOD. FUNDING IS A CHALLENGE. I WENT AND TOURED THE TRANSIT DEPARTMENT. I ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO GO. IT'S JUST INCREDIBLE WHAT'S GOING ON THERE WITH THE HYDROGEN PLANT THAT'S GOING IN. A LOT OF INVESTMENT FROM THE FEDS AND THE PROVINCE AND CAPITAL. BUT IT'S THE OPERATING WHERE WE REALLY FEELING THE PAIN.

CLERK: NEXT QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: WHEN THEY ARE LOOKING AT CHANGES, WILL THEY WILL BE LOOKING AT CHANGING THE DISTANCE BETWEEN STOPS ON FREQUENT TRANSIT NETWORK? WILL THEY BE LOOKING AT CHANGING OR MOVING BUS STOPS FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I HONESTLY BELIEVE THEY ARE LOOKING AT IT ALL. I HONESTLY BELIEVE THEY MAY CHANGE DISTANCE ON TRANSIT STOPS ON FREQUENT OR PRIMARY. I REALLY BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT ALL THESE INPUT AND CONSIDERING IT. I CAN'T SPEAK FOR THEM. I TRULY BELIEVE -- I REALLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO REACH OUT TO THEM TO ANY COUNCILLOR TO REACH OUT TO THEM. THEY ARE SO RECEPTIVE. IT'S DIFFERENT ERA THAN IT USED ON UNDER PREVIOUS REGIME. [LAUGHTER]

CLERK: OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER. SEEING NONE, THAT CONCLUDES QUESTION PERIOD UNDER THAT COMMITTEE. NEXT IS THE POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

I LIKE TO MOVE REPORTS ONE AND TWO.

CLERK: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY, CARRIED. WE'LL MOVE INTO QUESTION PERIOD.

I LIKE TO MOVE REPORT FEBRUARY 6, 2026.

CLERK: ALL IN FAVOUR, CONTRARY CARRIED. QUESTION PERIOD UNDER THIS COMMITTEE? ANY QUESTIONS? COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THANK YOU. I DISCUSSED THIS MATTER BRIEFLY WITH COUNCILLOR BROWATY. WE'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT COST BENEFIT STUDY DONE. IT TINT COME TO -- IT DIDN'T COME TO COUNCIL. UNLOCKING PRECINCTS, A, B AND D UP IN THE NORTH PART OF THE CITY. I WONDER IF COUNCILLOR BROWATY SIT DOWN AND LOOK AT POSSIBLE CAUSE BENEFIT FOR EXPANDING WARD AVENUE AND WALKING MORE PRECINCT K, THE BONAVISTA PART OF THAT IS DONE. I DON'T THINK WE NEED CITY MONEY NECESSARILY TO EXPAND THIS ROAD. WE HAVE MONEY IN THE BANK FROM THE DEVELOPERS. WE NEED TO GET GOING ON IT. THAT OPPORTUNITY MAYBE COMING SOON. I WONDER IF COUNCILLOR BROWATY CAN SIT DOWN WITH ME AND IT'S FRUSTRATING TO BE THAT SUBURBAN AREA THAT YOU REPRESENT -- UNLIKE THIS WONDERFUL BID OVER HERE WITH WONDERFUL BENEFIT TO THE CITY. I'M NOT SURE IT'S THAT MUCH DIFFERENCE HERE. I THINK IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP PUSH ON THE WARD AVENUE WIDENING, AGAIN, WE HAVE MONEY IN THE BANK. WOULD COUNCILLOR BO WHATI SIT DOWN WITH US? BROWATY ODE THANK YOU, WE CAN TRYING TO GET ANSWERS FOR HIM.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I DON'T REMEMBER US VOTING. I DO ON CANNABIS. THAT REPORT NEVER CAME HERE. COUNCILLOR BROWATY PROBABLY FAMILIAR. WE'RE LOOKING AT THE FIRST PART. NOT SURE IF HE'S GOING TO SIT DOWN WITH US AS WELL.

CLERK: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR BROWATY?

CLERK: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THE FULL COST RELATED TO COUNTY BASED NAMELY EVERYTHING THAT'S REQUIRED FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT. I'M TALKING CONSULTING REPORTS LEADING UP TO SOFT COST, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COSTS PERTAINING TWO CAPITAL PROJECT. WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE US THAT IT'S COMPLETE, I BELIEVE, AS WELL THE REMEDIATION FOR PREPARATION FOR THE ACTUAL WORK AND REMEDIATION AFTER. TO GET ALL THE COSTS IN IN TERMS OF THE DEMOLITION?

CLERK: SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: SAME FULL COST ACCOUNTING. SOFT COST, HARD COST. BEFORE, AFTER, IN TERMS OF THE REOPENING THAT OCCUR RECENTLY WITH REGARDS TO PORTAGE AND MAIN.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THAT WILL COME THROUGH NORMALLY IN THE CAPITAL CLOSE OUT PROCESS. I CAN SEE IF IT'S AVAILABLE TO US.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I WANT TO MAKE SURE SOFT COST ARE COVERED. OTHER PART WAS THE DEFERRED WORK PERTAINING TO PORTAGE AND MAIN. IF THERE'S ANY ESTIMATES OR EVEN SUPPLY THE ESTIMATES YOU HAVE NOW UNLESS THERE'S BEEN UPDATED ESTIMATES.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THAT SAID, I BELIEVE THERE ARE REPORTS GOING TO ANOTHER COMMITTEE COUNCIL WITH UPDATE OBVIOUS THE PORTAGE AND MAIN CIRCUS. I DON'T REMEMBER THE TIMING ON THAT.

CLERK: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: WILL THE CHAIR COMMIT TO PLACE ON HIS FINANCE AGENDA A LOOK INTO THE REVENUE LOSSES THAT WE'RE SEEING FROM TRANSIT AND REQUESTING THAT THE CFO ALONG WITH THE INCREDIBLE MIND THAT IS LAURIE FISHER IN TRANSIT PUT TOGETHER A PLAN. SIMILAR TO THE PLAN THAT WAS DEVISED FOLLOWING THE PANDEMIC THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE SAW MONTH AFTER MONTH. WE KNOW THE LOSSES ARE AKIN TO THE PANDEMIC. WILL THE FINANCE CHAIR COMMIT TO PUTTING AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA TO FINANCE COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO THE REVENUE LOSSES THAT TRANSIT IS EXPERIENCING AND PLAN OF ACTION ON WHAT TO DO ABOUT THAT REVENUE.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I LIKE THANK HER FOR THAT QUESTION. WE ACTUALLY HAVE. WE'RE SO PROACTIVE IN FINANCE COMMITTEE. WE HAVE PROACTIVELY ASKED, WE HAVE ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO COME FORWARD WITH AN UPDATE ON FARES AND ERROR KNEW --

REVENUES AND MOVE TO NEW FARE BOX SYSTEM TO HELP ADDRESS FARE LOSSES. WE DID ASK TO GET SOME IDEAS AT THE LEVEL OF FARE LOSSES WE EXPECT BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT FAILURES OF THE TECHNOLOGY FOR PAYGO AND PEOPLE BOARDING BUSES WITHOUT PAYING. I DO RECALL. I HEARD PUBLIC WORKS CLAIRE LUKES COMMENT TO THE MEDIA, WE HAD A LOT OF INSPECTORS AT STOPS TO DEAL WITH FARE EVADERS.

CLERK: THANK YOU. NEXT QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: FARE EVASIONS IS ONE THING. WILL THE CONTEXT OF THE -- CAN THE FINANCE CHAIR CONFIRM THAT THE CONTEXT THAT WAS MOTIONED WILL INCLUDE, FOR INSTANCE, DATA ON THE RECORD? THE DATA IN CONTEXT WITH THE REVENUE LOSSES?

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THAT'S NOT INFORMATION OUR COMMITTEE SOUGHT OUT. I'M NOT SURE -- I BELIEVE THERE'S QUARTERLY REPORTING ON PUBLIC WORKS ON RELATED MATTERS. I AM OPEN TO THAT. I THINK IT WAS ALWAYS EXPECTED THAT THIS IS A GENERATIONAL CHANGE IN THE TRANSIT SYSTEM. FOR MY ENTIRE LIFE, IT WAS EASIER TO GET TO DOWNTOWN AND PULL APART ON THE BUS. NOW THERE ARE MULTIPLE WAYS TO GET FROM DIFFERENT PARTS. THERE'S REGIONAL SHOPPING MALL. IT'S A BIG CHANGE. PEOPLE ARE STILL GETTING USED TO IT. IT IS A VERY GOOD SYSTEM I BELIEVE. IN TERMS OF REVENUE LOSS BECAUSE OF THIS CHANGE, I BELIEVE THAT IS GOING TO PUBLIC WORKS.

CLERK: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I WAS SURPRISED AT THE COUNCILLOR SEMINAR YESTERDAY, EXPANSION UPGRADE MOTORISATION IT'S NOT CONSIDERED A MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT. THAT MAYBE A SEQUENCING THING. IF YOU DIVIDE IT UP IN ENOUGH PARTS IT DOESN'T MEET THE THRESHOLD. THAT PROJECT IS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 20 AND $30 MILLION. I WONDER IF COUNCILLOR BROWATY WILL BE WILLING OSIT DOWN WITH US. IT'S A MAJOR PROJECT. I DON'T THINK IT'S DONE YET. I'M JUST SURPRISED THAT IT'S NOT FUNDEDS A -- FUNDED AS A MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT. IF YOU CAN BE WILLING TO FOLLOW-UP WITH MYSELF.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE CAN CERTAINLY -- THE CFO IS VERY SUPPORTIVE IN PROVIDING INFORMATION TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

CLERK: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: WE MET PRIOR TO LAST BUDGET PERTAINING TO THE WINNIPEG FOOD COUNCIL. THE QUESTION FOR INCREASE IN FUNDING. SINCE COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT WINNIPEG CITY COUNCIL IS IN VIOLATION IT'S OWN POLICY. THE TERMS OF REFERENCED OUTLINED BY WINNIPEG CITY COUNCIL, OPERATE BUDGET EQUAL. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE BUDGET FOR THE SAFETY COMMITTEE HAS GONE FROM THE LAST BUDGET FROM $60,000 TO $84,000. THE REQUEST WAS TO GET OUR BUDGET UP SLIGHT FROM $16,800 TO A HIGHER NUMBER. WE'RE NOT CLOSE THESE OTHER COMMITTEES. ARE YOU AWARE THE COUNCIL PASSED A BUDGET?

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THROUGH YOU COUNCILLOR WYATT. THE FUNDING FOR THE FOOD COUNCIL IS CONSISTENT WITH THE 2026 BUDGET UPDATE.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: ARE YOU AWARE THAT THE POLICY OF THIS COUNCIL, THE POLICY RIGHT NOW WITH REGARDS TO TERM OF REFERENCES THAT WE WILL OPERATE WITH A BUDGET EQUIPPED TO THAT OF THE OTHER COMMITTEES? FOR NOW, THE SAFETY COMMITTEE IS AT $84,000. IS THAT EQUAL TO THE TWO COMMITTEES BASED ON THE COUNCIL POLICY?

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THE FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR 2026 IS CONSISTENT WITH THE 2026 COUNCIL ADOPTED BUDGET.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: COUNCIL ADOPT A BUDGET IS IN VIOLATION OF COUNCIL POLICY.

CLERK: THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES QUESTIONS UNDER THIS COMMITTEE. NEXT IS THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT. CHAIR, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I LIKE TO INTRODUCE A REPORT. I MOVE ADOPTION OF ITEMS 1, 3 AND 4 PULLING ITEM NUMBER 2.

CLERK: CALL THE QUESTION ON 1, 3 AND 4. ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY, CARRIED. MADAM SPEAKER.

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEMOLITION PERMITS.

CLERK: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN INTRODUCE THE ITEM.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I WANTED TO PULL THIS ITEM TODAY BECAUSE IT IS OF IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY TO THE CITY AS A WHOLE WHEN IT COMES TO DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND TO CLEAR PROPERTIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO DEVELOPMENT BUT ALSO TO SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE CITY THAT ARE FACING CHALLENGES WHEN COMES TO BURNT DOWN BUILDINGS. I WILL FOCUS ON WHAT THIS ACTUALLY MEANS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE DISTINCTION IN YOUR SYSTEMS. DEVELOPMENT PERMIT DEALS WITH HOW LAND IS USED AND WHETHER IT ALIGNS WITH ZONING. BUILDING PERMIT DEALS WITH HOW SOMETHING IS BUILT OR DEMOLISHED AND DONE SAFETY UNDER THE BUILDING CODE. DEMOLITION PERMIT CALLS UNDER THE BUILDING PERMIT CATEGORY. THAT'S ABOUT SAFETY, MADAM SPEAKER. ONE QUESTION ELIMINATING DEMOLITION PERMITS. THE PUBLIC SERVICE DOES NOT RECOMMEND THAT. DEMOLITIONS ARE ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION SITES. THEY OFTEN INVOLVE ASBESTOS AND LIVE UTILITY CONNECTIONS. THE PERMIT ENSURES A LICENSED CONTRACTOR IS DOING THE WORK. UTILITIES ARE PROPERLY DISCONNECTED. THE STATE IS LEFT SAFE AND 11. PROPOSED CHANGE COMES AROUND DEMOLITION VARIANCE. SOMEONE WANTS TO DEMOLISH A RESIDENTIAL HOME AND DOES NOT HAVE REDEVELOPMENT PLANS THEY MUST APPLY FOR DEMOLITION VARIANCE. HISTORICALLY, THAT WAS TO PREVENT LONG-TERM VACANT LOTS AND PROTECT HOUSING SUPPLY. THAT PROCESS IS NOT WORKING ANYMORE. THE PUBLIC SERVICES RECOMMENDING WE REMOVE THE EXTRA STEP AND IN DOING SO, WE WOULD ALLOW DEMOLITION TO PROCEED DIRECTLY TO A DEMOLITION PERMIT, CUTTING THE RED TAPE AND HELPING US DEAL WITH UNSAFE, DERELICT FIRE DAMAGE PROPERTY. IT REDUCES STAFF WORKLOADS AND ENSURES PERMITS CAN BE ISSUED WITHIN A 10-DAY SERVICE STANDARD. MOST IMPORTANTLY, IT CLEANS UP DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED NEIGHBOURHOODS. THIS COULD MEAN MORE VACANT LOTS. IT COULD OPEN UP OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES. TO ADDRESS SITE CONDITIONS, EXISTING **BY-**

LAWS DO EXIST. THEY REQUIRE THE SITES TO BE LEFT GRADED AND FREE OF DEBRIS. THE NEIGHBOURHOOD LIVABILITY **BY-LAW** CONTINUES TO REQUIRE MAINTENANCE OF WEEDS AND VEGETATION. IN SUMMARY, WE MAINTAIN SAFETY OVER SIGHT THROUGH DEMOLITION PERMITS. WE STREAMLINE THE PROCESS BY ELIMINATING A STEP OF RED TAPE. WE PRIORITIZE NEIGHBOURHOOD LIVABILITY BY PROMOTING THE DEMOLITION AND CLEANUP OF BURNT OUT WE ARE AND DERELICT STRUCTURES. WE TAKE THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING A DEMO PERMIT DOWN TO TEN DAYS AN IT'S ABOUT BALANCING NEIGHBOURHOOD STABILITY WITH THE NEED TO MORE QUICKLY REMOVE UNSAFE STRUCTURES WHILE KEEPING PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION INTACT. I LIKE TO THANK MY FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS THANK COUNCILLOR WYATT FOR PUSHING THIS FORWARD. I LIKE TO THANK COUNCILLOR GILROY FOR ALWAYS PRIORITIZING THIS AT COUNCIL.

CLERK: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: I'M WONDERING IF THE CHAIR COMMITTEE CAN CLARIFY IN HIS CLOSING COMMENTS. I DO HAVE SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS. MAYBE IF HE CAN CLARIFY THIS IN THE CLOSING COMMENTS. WE'VE DONE A LOT OF WORK AROUND THIS ALREADY. I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE HAVE IN PLACE. I AM HOPING THAT WE CAN STILL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO TEAR DOWN A BUILDING WITH THE DIRECTOR THAT'S REALLY CRITICAL. I KNOW THERE'S ASBESTOS. WE ALSO HAVE BUILDINGS THAT SHOULD BE TORN DOWN RIGHT NOW. THEY ARE NOT. EVEN IN THE SUMMER WHEN WE CAN ACTUALLY DO THE WORK. I HAVE CONCERNS OVER THAT. MAYBE IN HIS CLOSING COMMENTS HE CAN COMMENT ON THAT. ALSO TO -- I GUESS HAVE A CONCERN. IF WE'RE DOING THIS ALL OVER THE CITY. THIS AN ISSUE HERE IN McINTYRE. WHAT I DON'T WANT US TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO TEAR DOWN WITHOUT A PLAN TO REBUILD PLACES LIKE TUXEDO AND OTHER COMMUNITIES. MAYBE IF HE CAN TALK. THAT A LITTLE BIT. I DON'T KNOW IF WE SHOULD BE DOING THIS CITY WIDE. I WANT SOME CLARITY ON SOME OF THAT BEFORE I DECIDE. WE ALREADY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO SOME OF THIS STUFF.

CLERK: ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR DUNCAN TO CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THERE'S DIFFERENT SCENARIOS WHERE A BUILDING IS BEING COUNCILLOR GILROY STATED. TORN DOWN. FIRE HAS A AUTHORITY TO PULL DOWN A BUILDING AFTER A FIRE IF STRUCTURE IS DEEMED UNSAFE. THE CITY OF WINNIPEG IS WORKING TOWARDS VACANCY VITALITY WHERE WE WILL BE ABLE TAKE PROPERTIES VIA TAXATION. THIS PARTICULAR REPORT DEALS WITH HAVING A VACANT DERELICT BURNT OUT PROPERTY THAT OTHERWISE WOULD NEED A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO RECEIVE A DEMO PERMIT. THAT STEP IS BEING ELIMINATED. THIS ISN'T BY FOCUS OF WARD TO WARD. THIS IS MORE OF ABOUT MAKING THE PROCESS EASIER FOR THOSE THAT ARE MET WITH THE ROADBLOCK OF NO FIRST, WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO BE BUILT HERE. HISTORICALLY, MADAM SPEAKER, THE CONCERN WAS ABOUT HAVING THIS TOOTHLESS GRIN EFFECT WHERE YOU HAVE EMPTY LOTS THAT ARE BEING USED AS SURFACE LOTS. WE HAVE **BY-LAW**S IN PLACE TO PREVENT THAT. THIS IS ABOUT CLEANING UP THE NEIGHBOURHOODS. ONE OF WHICH COUNCILLOR GILROY SPOKE OF IN HER WARD. ENSURING THAT IT IS EASY AS POSSIBLE TO REMOVE THE DEBRIS FROM THOSE.

CLERK: THANK YOU. I'LL CALL THE QUESTION ON THE ITEM. ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. NOW GET INTO **BY-LAW**S UNDER THIS COMMITTEE. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM SPEAKER. I LIKE TO MOVE THE FOLLOWING **BY-LAW**S. 120, 2025, 17-2026, 23-2026, 25-2026 AND 26-2026. LANCASTER ALL

SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY CARRIED. NOW ON TO **BY-LAW**S FOR SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH HE I CAN LOO TO MOVE THAT THE FOLLOWING **BY-LAW**S BE READ A SECOND TIME. **BY-LAW** NUMBER 79 OF 2025, 101-2025.

CLERK: ALL IN FAVOUR?

SPEAKER: ONE MOMENT. I WANT TO GO BACK TO THE CLERK READING THE FIRST SET OF **BY-LAW**S. WE MISSED THAT.

BY-LAW, 120, 17, 2026, 23-20 TIC, 25-2026. 26-2026.

CLERK: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN READ THE SECOND AND THIRD READING ONCE AGAIN PLEASE.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: NO PROBLEM. I WILL MOVE IN THE FOLLOWING **BY-LAW**S BE READ A SECOND TIME. NUMBER 79-2025, 100,-2025 AND 101-2025.

CLERK: CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: BY-LAWS 79-2025, 100-2025, AND 101-2025 BE READ AERED -- THIRD TIME.

CLERK: THANK YOU, ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY, CARRIED. I DON'T SO ONE. NEXT SECTION COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I MOVE THAT THE FOLLOWING **BY-LAW**S BE READ FIRST TIME. NUMBER 13-2026, 27-2026 AND 28-2026.

CLERK: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. NOTED. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I MOVE THAT THE **BY-LAW**S NUMBER 13-2026, 27-2026 AND 28-2026 BE READY A SECOND TIME.

CLERK: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I MOVE THAT THE RULE 50 GRANT 2 OF THE PROCEDURE **BY-LAW**, 50-2007, BE SUSPENDED OF **BY-LAW**S NUMBER 13-2026, 27-2026 AND 28-2026 BE READ A THIRD TIME AND SAME BE PASSED AND ORDERED TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

CLERK: ALL IN FAVOUR? CONTRARY. CARRIED. WE'LL HAVE QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE CHAIR. COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: MADAM SPEAKER, WOULD THE CLAIRE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE TO THE COUNCIL -- SINCE THE START OF THE TERM OR ADMINISTRATION, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU CALL IT, IN TERMS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PND. ALL CONTRACTS TAKEN PLACE OUT OF THAT DEPARTMENT THAT THE DIRECTOR WOULD HAVE TO PROBLEM SIGNED OFF ON. $75,000 IS THE AMOUNT OR LESS THAT THE DIRECTOR HAS AUTHORITY. WHATEVER WAS SOUL SOURCE NAMES OF THE COMPANIES THEIR LOCATION AND WHAT IT WAS PERTAINING TO. CAN YOU SUPPLY THAT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL?

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I'M HAPPY TO DISCUSS THAT WITH THE C.A.O. AND GET BACK TO COUNCILLOR WYATT. IT MIGHT ALREADY BE REPORTED.

CLERK: COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THERE'S SOME COMMENTS MADE BY COUNCILLOR DUNCAN ABOUT, I WILL PARAPHRASE, ROGUE PARKING LOTS AND SURFACE PARKING LOTS. IT HAS BEEN SOME YEARS SINCE WE HAD ANY UPDATE ON THE FRIENDS UPPER FOURTH GARRY FILE. AND LONG RUNNING ISSUE THERE WITH THE SURFACE PARKING LOT THAT I BELIEVE WAS NEVER APPROVED AND WHICH HAD SOME EXTENSIONS AND WHICH EXPIRED I BELIEVE NOT EVEN IN THIS DECADE. I BELIEVE PRECOVID. I MAYBE EXAGGERATING THAT A BIT. I WONDER IF COUNCILLOR DUNCAN CAN GET BACK TO US. IT'S BEEN SITTING THERE FOR SOME YEARS AS FAR AS I KNOW AS FAR AS THIS COUNCIL KNOWS.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: ABSOLUTELY. IF I CAN BE PROVIDED FOR THE LOCATION. I WILL REPORT BACK.

CLERK: NEXT IS COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS. THAT CONCLUDES QUESTION PERIOD. UNDER THIS COMMITTEE. NEXT IS THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNSEL. WE HAVE A NOTICE OF MOTION MOVE BY COUNCILLOR MAYES AND SECONDED BY THE MAYOR TO AMEND THE PROCEDURE **BY-LAW** TO ALLOW THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION OFFICER TO SPEAK AT COUNCIL. SPEAK TO QUESTIONS REGARDING MEGA PROJECTS. THIS REQUIRES SUSPENSION OF THE RULES. COUNCILLOR MAYES. IT DIDN'T GO THROUGH THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I NEED OMOVE WAIVE RULE 5 TO DEBATE THIS. THIS WILL LINE UP BETTER UP WITH THE REPORT REFERENCED SEVERAL HOURS AGO. I WILL MOVE WAIVER OF THE RULES UNDER RULE 5 SO WE CAN DEBATE THIS TODAY.

CLERK: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY, CARRIED. COUNCILLOR MAYES, INTRODUCE THE ITEM.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THIS FITS IN WELL WITH THE OTHER REPORT. I THANK THE MAYOR FOR SECONDING IT. THIS IS A MOTION AND REPORT TO COUNCILLORS CAN REQUEST WITH 24 HOURS NOTICE THAT TPO BE AVAILABLE. BECAUSE THE CURRENT PLAN THAT WE PASSED SOME HOURS AGO AS C.C.O. AVAILABLE TO INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEES IF THE CHAIR CONSENTS. BUT THE CHAIR WILL BE A MEMBER OF E.P.C. YOU NEED THIS LITTLE PIECE TO COMPLETE THE ACCESS. THE WORDING FROM THE MAYOR'S PLATFORM WHICH I AGREE WITH, ASK COUNCIL TO HIRE AN OFFICER TO ADVISE THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL DIRECTLY ON INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR ISSUES. DIRECTLY AND PUBLICLY, MEANS WE'VE GOT TO HAVE SOME ABILITY TO ASK THOSE QUESTIONS IN THIS FORUM.

IT DOES CAPTURE THE ESSENCE WHAT THE INTENTION WAS.

CLERK: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? SEEING NONE. COUNCILLOR MAYES TO CLOSE. ALL IN FAVOUR.

AYE.

CLERK: THAT'S CARRIED. I WILL ASK COUNCILLOR ALLARD, CAN YOU MOVE THE **BY-LAW**S ON MY BEHALF.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: I MOVE THAT **BY-LAW** BE READ THE FIRST TIME.

CLERK: ALL IN FAVOR, CONTRARY CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: I MOVE IT **BY-LAW** 3026 BE READ SECOND TIME.

BY-LAW 31 OF 2026.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: I RULE MOVE NUMBER 50 OF THE PROCEDURE **BY-LAW**, NUMBER 50-2027 TO BE SUSPENDED AND **BY-LAW** 31-2026 TO BE READ THIRD TIME.

CLERK: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. THAT CONCLUDES THAT COMMITTEE. I WANT TO THANK OUR C.A.O. FOR HIS SUPPORT TODAY AND HELPING US LOCATE THE CORRECT MAP. WE'LL MOVE ADJOURNMENT. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN MOVES ADJOURNMENT. ALL IN FAVOUR. PLEASE STAY FOR ROLL CALL. [ROLL CALL VOTE]

CLERK: MEETING ADJOURNED.