

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

Thursday, November 21, 2024

The Council met at 9:54 a.m.

The Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

In accordance with Rule 11.1 of the City of Winnipeg Procedure By-law No. 50/2007, the Speaker acknowledged 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 Métis. Our drinking water comes from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, in Treaty Three Territory.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Rollins.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Please join me in welcoming our page for today Himani Bhatt of Dakota Collegiate, who resides in the St. Norbert-Seine River ward. Thank you for serving Council today [applause]. We will now move into morning announcements. Mr. Mayor, you have the floor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to begin by thanking everyone who came to the Santa Claus Parade on Saturday. I had the opportunity to be the Grand Marshall of the 2024 Santa Clause Parade. Was a perfect way to kick off the holiday season as we continue to celebrate our Winnipeg 150 celebrations. The City of Winnipeg has been a significant supporter of the Santa Claus Parade for all the 115 years of the parade. So, it was great to see so many City departments represented at the family-friendly and free event that brings the community together in the heart of the city. After the parade I headed to the Grey Cup to cheer on the Bombers on Sunday in their fifth straight Grey Cup appearance. While it certainly was not the outcome that we were all hoping for, on behalf of all of us, I want to congratulate the Winnipeg Blue Bombers on another great season. It is pretty remarkable to make five straight Grey Cup appearances. And so, to Wade Miller, Kyle Walters, Coach Mike O'Shea, and their staff, I want to thank them. They have built an incredible franchise for all Winnipeggers, and in fact Manitobans, to cheer... to cheer on. There has been some talk about whether this team is a dynasty or not. I have to say, though, that after five conference titles in a row, five straight Grey Cup appearances, winning two of them, there is no doubt that this is a dynasty and one of the best teams CFL has seen. So, we though look forward as a city to welcoming all of Canada to the 112th Grey Cup in Winnipeg next year. Hopefully seeing the Bombers not only appear once again in the Grey Cup but hopefully win it at home. Very excited to share that the Winnipeg 150 City Versus Province hockey game will take place on Saturday, November 30th at Gateway Arena. I believe this is kind of hosted by and put on by Councillor Browaty. I want to thank him and others for this initiative. I, along with Members of Council and the City's Public Service, will face-off against the Premier, Wab Kinew, along with MLAs and Provincial staff in a friendly game of hockey. Apparently, I hear that the Province has already booked some ice time and they have been taking it seriously, and they are practicing. We are going to show up and play inspired, I think without any practices at all. We will See how this goes. But the event actually recreates a similar game that took place 50 years ago to honor Winnipeg's 100th Anniversary where Mayor Stephen Juba and the City Fathers took on Premier Ed Schreyer and the Golden Boys in a game of hockey. They charged 1 dollar for that game, apparently. We are... we are putting the game on for free. So, admission is free for anyone who wishes to attend. Attendees are encouraged to bring a nonperishable food item for Manitoba Harvest. This morning, Madam Speaker, I would like to welcome Elder Mary Graham to City Hall, who is sitting up in the gallery to my left. Mary is a Red River Métis family member and survivor. Mary Planted a Manitoba Heritage Bur Oak Tree to honor her late sister May-Marie Parisien and other missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, men, and boys, and members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Elder Belinda Vandenbroeck, an activist who devotes her time to helping families and survivors, supported Mary by blessing the ground around the Bur Oak Tree and the Sacred Rock that was placed next to it. The Commemorative Manitoba heritage Bur Oak Tree is located at Michaëlle Jean Park in Point Douglas, had the support of Councillor Ross Eadie and the City of Winnipeg's Urban Forestry Branch, Martha Barwinsky. An oak tree was chosen because the oak tree represents strength, endurance, honor, mobility and wisdom. And in Mary... Elder Mary's own words, quote, we all need to support each other to raise awareness to encourage change to honor the families and

survivors of MMIWG, MMIMB, and members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community to stop this violence. They encourage all of us to learn more about the tree and about all of this initiative by searching MMIWG Manitoba Tree Register. I end today, Madam Speaker, my announcements, with two very sad announcements. The first is regarding Darryl Stotski. And it is with great sadness that I take a moment to recognize the passing of Darryl Stotski, husband to long-time Mayor's Office staff member Jeannine Stotski. And we all know Jeannine. Jeannine has served three consecutive Mayors and is a key part of our team here at City Hall. As I said, she is known to everyone on Council and in the Administration. And we send our deepest sympathies to Jeannine and her kids, Sydney and Eric. Darryl dedicated his life to uplifting others, particularly through volunteering and his work with the Bruce Oake Memorial Foundation. And I have known Darryl since we were teenagers. So, he will be deeply missed. And as a wrap-up, I also want to recognize the passing of Chad Posthumus. I think we are all devastated to learn this morning that Chad has passed away. He had a huge heart. Magnetic personality to match his physical size. As a local boy he was a favorite for Winnipeg Sea Bears fans and was dedicated to our community. It was always fun to watch him interact with kids in the community, young players as he was... would meet them on the basketball court and just was a wonderful guy to be around. So, on behalf of all of us, our deepest condolences to Chad's family, friends, and entire Sea Bears organization. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you... Thank you Councillor Chambers. I was just going to remark that I know Council joins you, Mr. Mayor, in those remarks and those condolences that you offered. Thank you. And I would also like to also recognize Elder Mary. It is wonderful to have you here and we appreciate remarks you made on the initiatives Elder Mary is taking in our community. Thank you. Thank you, Councillor Chambers, for that. And we are going to move on with the agenda now. I would like to call Councillor Orlikow to move the minutes of the meeting held on October 24, 2024, November 6, 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

MINUTES

Councillor Orlikow moves that the Minutes of the meetings held on October 24, 2024, and November 6, 2024, be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favor? Contrary? That is carried.

DELEGATIONS

Madam Speaker: We will now move into delegations. First up is Christopher Clacio, in support of Items four, eight of the Report of Executive Policy Committee dated November 13, 2024, regarding the 2024 Open Data Annual Report and Chief Construction Officer. He is not present today. No? David Grant, who is appearing remotely on a number of Items as listed on the Delegations page of our Agenda. We have our presenter online with us today.

David Grant: Good morning. And thank you. It was good to hear the announcements today from the Mayor and Council. I think this is an essential part of the meeting. And thank you to the Mayor for the condolences, et cetera. I would like to add that in a week from tomorrow Operation Red Nose will begin driving folks home from festive parties. If you need one and did not bring your own designated driver, please call ORN. On topic services number six, needless in the park, I recently saw a couple meetings, took the time to explain how programs in other cities better deal with sharps and how we dealt with them in the lab. I was followed in delegation by a recovered user. He made the same points, but much more powerful. We must either bring in program changes or abandon most public spaces. We must petition the Minister to bring in an effective needle exchange program. I support the resolution of the Committee and the powerful words of my fellow delegation. On topic EPC number four, open data, while it is noble that more data sets are being published, it is clear that the city goal of being fully transparent is not being met. We are usually denied access to reports that are critical to the decisions of Council and to public understanding. I suggest that this project is serving as a distraction to the main thing of more transparency. If you seek real transparency, perhaps you should reduce the delay in the city's response to resident questions and you should insist that all reports paid for by taxpayers are available to you, the Council, and are made public. On topic six, getting more money paid earlier... The taxes owed. If getting more money sooner is a good idea, and it certainly seems to be, why not add a slip in to the paper with all the printed water bills we send out. I expect that the average cost of city debt is greater than the 3.45 percent in this earlier payment scheme. Have any of you asked that a higher rate be offered and for longer than a few months? On seven, TIPP funding, this program is like the city's art program. It provides great benefits, but to very few with little perceptible reason. When the city is nearly out of money, why are we continuing to give away so much? Construction Officer, topic eight, it is unfortunate our other delegation was not able to appear and explain his thoughts. The delay in hiring here is worse than anything I experienced in industry and in corporation work. In the next few months, however, there... of delay there is

time to refine the requirements. Done right this person would report regularly and be subject to very strict ethics rules that would carry weight even after the person leaves city employ. If the engineer still had a meaningful code of ethics there would be merit in this person being a professional engineer, not just a worker in construction as it now reads. 13, audit, the city is not making full use of one of the best management tools. Staff ignore most of the Auditor's recommendations. Most of those ignored are great ideas. City and local media should be outraged. I believe that the public would be outraged if they knew that these great comments and suggestions from the Auditors were not being acted on. Public Works number one, Transit changes. On a Positive note, this plan seems to have been laid out logically. It makes large radical changes to the Transit system. Odds are that paying customers may be scared away from using Transit by these changes. In dissent one must realize that Transit communications have been based on untrue claims for many years. I have seen no one at City Hall ever point this out. There is no indication that the authors have considered the downside for customers in having to wait for a second bus to complete their trip. Of course, some of those times when you arrive expecting your second bus it is already gone. That is another downside that those of us that use public transit experience. Some folks will have longer commute times with the new system. In trying to emulate large systems our Transit seems to be ignoring the fact that users of bigger systems have few alternatives. Far fewer than those in Winnipeg. Mess with a New York City customer and they still ride the transit next week. For many Winnipeg Transit customers if you mess with them and the bus they want isn't available anymore, they will carpool or drive the next week instead. BRT failed largely because it takes longer off-peak to get from A to B, and failed to take passengers directly to their previous destinations on Pembina and downtown. I expect that more of your riders will vote with their feet in 2025. Public Works number three, your rules forbid public comment on the project involved. Rules only allow comments on the delay. Adding a five-month delay to a task that should take no more than 20 hours makes a statement of its own on the state of the Public Service. The delay is the message here. I ask you to add a task to your staff. During this very long delay please have staff open a consultation process on this topic. The results could be used by staff as they contact other cities. Public consultations are not just for selling ideas. They can actually help Council to make better decisions. On Property topic one, Portage and Main, the Information is going to be delayed substantially on the Portage and Main work. The idea of waiting another 180 days to begin to understand these aspects of the project is strongly contraindicated. In the context of today's... of the city's current schedule, is there no preliminary information that can be reported on these topics? That is too bad that we are not getting anything for 180 on these topics. In less than 180 days much could be released if it is available. Absent from this topic is the link to the comparison by a professional engineer of the means of mitigating the concourse leakage. This critical information should be released right away if it exists. Allowing staff another six months does a disservice to Council. Getting the background info a year after the decision was made is not ideal. People see this as a level of governance failure at City Hall, to commit to spending tens of millions of dollars and wasting thousands of hours of traveler time without the sound basis for the action that is now underway. Good governance requires a full report on the alternatives before anything is approved. We have seen none of this so far. Property, topic two. The report is delayed. This item is silent, I don't know what will happen at these sites. Perhaps in the next 30 days we will learn what this word salad really means. I thought perhaps that I was just ignorant of what was going on. I searched these words on the city website, using quotes even, and got nothing beyond mentions and agendas. So, this topic has not been the subject of anything going on at City Hall. It only appears in agendas. Every week I hear City officials tell us that they are devoted to being transparent. But even asking at committee gets no answer on what this topic is about. Property topic nine. Little proof reading needed. The same typo has been in this topic for months. Governance three. It is important to support Community Committees and also residents' associations. It is important that every Councillor be in touch with all aspects of the lived experiences of residents and local groups. Residents' groups and community committees are the best way for City Hall to know what voters want and don't want. Wastewater, NOM one. While this item fails to explain the problem in detail, those who follow current events know that the city is nearly out of spending money, and the recent budgets have grabbed the profits from water and waste fees and even enforcement of laws. Those who approved have proved that grabbing should be held to account as (inaudible) goes. We hear that we will need billions to pay for the biggest wastewater project ever. The wastewater fees that were probably paid for that project have all been spent on stuff like bike paths and artworks. If this grabbing is with the notice to just be reviewed, then the grabbing should be ended. I would thank you again for the time. I invite questions if you have them.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes has a question.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Mr. Grant, for coming down... or coming zooming in. You obviously, like many, care about what goes on in our city here. But I do have to point out to you that...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes, through the Chair. Questions and answers will be through the Chair. Thank you...

Councillor Lukes: Right. So, my question is did you know, Mr. Grant, that BRT is not a failure. It is actually a resounding success. It is a greater success than they anticipated. And we see that with line-ups of people waiting to get on the buses. We know we don't have enough buses. Because it works. It is so desirable we have got line-ups of

people. We don't have enough buses. So, I am just saying did you know that, because I do take offense to the fact that you said that it doesn't work. Because it does.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. David Grant, your response.

David Grant: Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair. I am a customer of that route that, when I have to go downtown, I always take the Blue now. But I was a customer for the 62 Express that preceded it, and that is why I have noticed that it is slower. And then right away I compared my schedules, and the BRT is slower than the route that preceded it. And so that is why one reason it has failed. The other is that the... it no longer serves that big chunk of Pembina where we are off on the dogleg. And so people who need service there and some of the places I go are on that strip of Pembina. And people who are used to walking from the bus to their destination in the Convention Centre area, with the old bus route, that was wonderful. The new bus route drops you off somewhere else and you have to take another bus. So it has Added a five or eight block walk for me for most of my trips down there. So that is one reason that I would suggest that... And initially there were not people getting on the bus as much. And one thing, a piece of data that I have is that as I am on the bus I know who's not on the bus, who is getting on and off, and we find that there are very few in off-peak hours who are actually traveling the whole length of the new BRT. The sum of it all is just that the... One has various measures of success. and I would suggest that, by taking it directly where you want to go, that is a good thing. And getting you there quicker was the whole reason we spent an awful lot of hundreds of millions of dollars on this, on the promise that it would get you there faster. And when it takes me four minutes longer, and then I have to walk further, that is not quite what was promised. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. That concludes questions under this delegation. Thank you, David Grant.

David Grant: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Next, I would like to call forward Christopher Clacio, who is now in the Chamber, in support of Items four, eight of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated November 13 regarding the 2024 Open Data Annual Report and the Chief Construction Officer. Welcome.

Christopher Clacio: Sorry for my lateness. I was stuck on the bus transit system so, it happens. Good morning, City Council. It is nice to see all of you twice in one week. Firstly, I would like to simply say it was my first time to speak in this City Hall through your public hearing process and Special Council Meeting. I think I learned a lot about City Hall through that process on Tuesday evening. Secondly, some of the... my comments here today will reflect on some of the things that were talked about Tuesday evening. Today I am here speaking...

Madam Speaker: Chris. Chris, could... if you could speak to the Items before us today...

Christopher Clacio: Will do...

Madam Speaker: That would be the purpose of your delegation. Yes.

Councillor Allard: I am not sure if the delegate understands that all... I do not know if the delegate knows that all public hearing items needs to be dealt with through the public hearing and that any information outside of the public hearing may impact the process. I want that to be clear.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Christopher Clacio: Good to know.

Madam Speaker: Yes. In addition to what I just remarked previously. Speak to the agenda items before us today. Thank you, Chris.

Christopher Clacio: Today I am speaking on Items four and eight from the Report of the Executive Policy Committee on the day of November 13, 2024 regarding the 2024 Open Data Report and the search of the Chief Construction Officer. Not only that, but I want to connect the dots related to the Open Data at City Hall and what Council is looking for in this Chief Construction Officer position. As I mentioned before in the summer in the Chamber, I am part of a nonprofit called On-Chain Manitoba, which is about education of blockchain technology. And I am a Communication Engagement Officer as well as someone who is a civic practitioner and a policy entrepreneur. I strongly believe system and data literacy are important skill sets to have in city government. In the annual report of the open data it talked about, in 2023 the open cities index was discontinued. A new benchmark was identified: What Works Cities Certification. On this note, through you, Madam Speaker, comments I heard previously is the idea of parking maximums. That idea is not new. It

has been out there for a while. And I also want to relate an idea of a criteria from What Works Cities Certification benchmarks. In one of its benchmarks is a section called Results Driven Contracting. There are eight criteria in this section. The one I would likely direct City Council and other servants to look at is the open and shared procurement data piece. There is an organization called Open Contracting Partnership. The website that they host is open-contracting.org. They have a tool called the Open Contracting Data Standard or the OCDS. This is what it says about the open contracting on its website: Governments around the world have spent an estimated 13 trillion dollars, U.S., through contracts every day. Yet contracting information is often unavailable for public scrutiny. The Open Contracting Data Standard, OCDS, enables the disclosure of data and documents at all stages of the contracting process by defining a common data model. It was created to support organizations, increase contracting transparency, and allow deeper analysis of contracting data by a wide range of users. This is what their website explains about open contracting. In the past I have come to Council to explain that current processes behind the scenes, that everyday citizens like myself never see but you, as elected officials... for example city planning and zoning... Let me go back. Citizens like myself never see but you, as elected officials, do. For example, city planning and zoning. Through you, Madam Speaker, I have heard responses about, for example, as, oh, but our experts in City Hall says language of as of right will be taken away from citizens. But that is not really the case. And in my response, I would say is the developers do. And I am not a developer. Regular citizens are not allowed to directly share input to city experts in specific city projects. This leads to my belief that I do not always agree with the decisions that City Hall makes, but at the end of the day all of you were elected. I can not change that. But what I can do is hold you all accountable and put my trust in the public servants who you hired in key city positions such as this new position of the Chief Construction Officer. I have spoken many times in City Hall about how I am seeing culture change happening inside the Public Administration, such as recognizing that many citizens who are grateful to the City Clerk's Department, again, shout out to all of the City Clerks, all of them are the real hidden treasures of this City Hall, and the hiring of Sherwood Armbruster as the Interim Chief Administration Officer and Hazel Borys as the Director of Property and Development. In closing, as a policy entrepreneur, data is more than just qualitative data, aka numbers and expenses on the City of Winnipeg open data portal website. Data is also about the qualitative data such as storytelling of how citizens affect everyday citizens. Types of questions elected officials ask during Council meetings and just regular processes such as how many... How much does the city pay for advertisement in the... or in terms of... or how much City Hall gains in terms of funds from up-zoning land use policy? My last point is the new Construction Officer needs to have expert knowledge and requirements required to data and technology. We have technologies like artificial intelligence, machine learning, blockchain technology. During His Worship's campaign he spoke about the Construction Officer as helping address city inefficiencies, aka, better value for city finances is what I heard during his campaign. And so I just think the next Public Administration that you hire for a key position should know about data and technology. I think that is my main point of the conversation. And again, I just want to acknowledge that data is not just something on an open data portal. It is about you engaging citizens at the forefront about different city policies. And you... The only way we as citizens do that in the most part is not through open houses or through this chamber. It is through the election process. And so talking about these policies that the city is trying to do to affect services that affect me as a citizen, there needs to be a broader conversation to thinking about future technologies. And so I just want to harken that technology is going to be a key part of addressing some of the city finances that we have in our city budget process. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Chris, for your presentation today. We appreciate it.

Christopher Clacio: Thank you again.

Madam Speaker: Our final delegation is Alanna Phillips here in person with us speaking to Items one through four, six through ten, 12 and 13. It will be five minutes on the clock. Alanna did register before noon yesterday but we just needed clarification on which Items she was speaking to, and that is why it is not posted on the proceedings. Welcome.

Alanna Phillips: Good morning, Council, Madam Speaker, Administration. I did not... was not able to get a printout of all of the items due to some of the problems within our city to allow indiscriminate access to technology, et cetera, et cetera, so... Or protection for citizens to retain or obtain... be able to get recompense. So, I did not mark down number one. Item No. one. So, we will just go right into Item No. two. And I have here on my quick notes, as I thought I could speak to all of them at one time. So, we will go for the [French Spoken: 10:26:42 – 10:26:47]. I do know that going to university and trying to take engineering and take French and Japanese and Chinese at the same time, it is very difficult to get all of your faculty information in the different languages. So that is a problem. So, if we could allow our students to have access to the curriculum in the different languages that obviously would be better, and to have those tutorial services available so that we are not learning how to have coffee while other students are actually learning about engineering. So, oh, sorry, that was just having access to the French language. And so, number two with the grant processes, again, if we can allow for our community services to not have to deal with the homelessness issue then our grant processes can be a little more egal. And the reconciliation. I am not sure how we can do reconciliation if we do not have an indiscriminate administration that allows people to have access to a resume system. I had mentioned before in stating a employment... an education, employment, and income security administration that allows people to do tasks,

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education tasks, have all of our labors on to a system that literally provides us a resume so that somebody is volunteering extra they still can have as much food as somebody that is getting paid for 12 hour shifts a day or what have you. So it provides a little bit more equality for pay. And for access to leisure and recreation activities. And the open data. I am also promoting a building, an administrative building that allows people to have their data accessible, maybe through a glass partition, but to be able to have health records and all these records that people need so you are not running around trying to get on the bus and trying to get to this place and that place. And people in poverty have a hard time. It is probably 99 percent harder than somebody who can just hop in a car and go to an office and... or you get on a phone or, you know, go to the computer. So, to have a building that has a lot of that data so people can just get the data that they need to do insurance forms or, you know, retrieve information, and that is secure... That they cannot touch the form so it is not... So, and then, number five, reducing the deficit through eliminating homelessness economies. Of course, upgrading the essential services. Excuse me. And then I just want to go to Item No. six with the asphalt... asphaltic concrete. I would like to have more information about more education on the micro-technologies so that we can infill concrete as opposed to ripping out streets. And when we are ripping out streets we should be upgrading our infrastructure for the next 100 years with blue-green systems. We are coming up to Dirty Thirties, so it is imperative that we save 99 percent of our water so all... including repairing. We should be using micro-technology to clean up our rail tracks, to build housing, to fix the bridges, to add around, like, Arlington Bridge to do the transit construction for upgrading our hydro lines. So that brings me to number seven. Where are we? So, the tax increments for people in poverty. There is no property owning but if we have the housing faculties... And that is another thing with... Oh. There we go.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Alanna, for your presentation. Do we have any questions? Okay. Seeing none, we wish you a good day. Thank you. We will now move into Reports of Executive Policy Committee.

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DATED OCTOBER 16, 2024**

Madam Speaker: Okay. And I will note that Item six was laid over from the last Council meeting. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. Then I would move... introduce Item six of the report and move adoption of consent agenda Item six.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr....Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Slight crossing of wires here. I would like one more meeting to lay that over. I have not had the chance to talk to the residents there and this is an attempt to... Councillor Gillingham did some years ago to invoke the pavement of the lane, which can be... can be controversial as I have discovered and I think he did, too. So if... Also we will have some more information on the much-loved... on the fourplexes by December 9 or so in our Council meetings after that. So, that would be useful to have a little bit more knowledge in hand when I deal with the residents. So, if I can request one more...

Madam Speaker: Thank you. So Councillor Mayes is moving layover. I see the Mayor nodding. I can call the question on that. Or, sorry, is there any... Are there any other speakers? Okay. I will call the question. All in favor? Laid over to the next meeting of Council. And that is carried. Mr. Mayor, the next report...

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Mayor Gillingham: Madam Speaker, thank you. I introduce the next report then, Report of November 13 and move adoption of consent agenda Items 1 through 13.

Madam Speaker: One is the 2018-2022 Annual Reports on French Language Services. Ten, Establishment of a Tri-Level Agreement – Inner City Revitalization. Councillor Eadie? That is ten. Okay. No others? Okay. I will call the question on 2 through 9. 11 through 13. All in favor? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – 2018-2022 Annual Reports on French Language Services

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, do you wish to introduce the item?

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. I will wait to hear from Councillor Allard.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Yes. I will take the opportunity to speak French related to the... to this report. [Speaking French 10:33:29-10:40:17]

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. Mostly in English today, but I want to thank Councillor Allard who was here for, I believe ten... his first ten years here on Council was the liaison. I seem to do this once every ten years and it is my turn so I am doing it again... doing it for this year. So, thank you Councillor Allard, who has really done a lot to promote awareness. We have come a long way from that state where we were some years ago when someone pointed out that the translation on the bus that was allegedly French was actually just gibberish of computer-generated place holder and no one ever went back and checked the place holder to see if it was actually French, so, we have come, I think, a fair way from that. We have seen the hiring of our coordinator Miss Young when Mayor Bowman first got into office, so, more work to be done, certainly, but, I mean, just as a small step, when Councillor Allard first got here we had the translation at Riel Community Committee. We did not have it at Council, and Councillor Allard said something like forget that, so, that is what we had for the last decade or so, translation services available at Council meeting, so, some steps, seemingly small, but important, I think. It is... I mean, compared to when I was growing up, certainly the south end of the city, St. Vital area, you hear French far more often. It is much more welcome. So, thank you to Councillor Allard for the work he has put in and Councillor Schreyer, Councillor Rollins, I have heard speak French many times here. So, I think we have come... we have come part of the way and we need to keep... to keep moving forward. I remember when I... when I asked Councillor... then-Councillor Vandal a question in French there was much excitement because he responded in French, and then this had not been done. We have had four or five Councillors speaking French, asking questions back and forth here. So, a lot accomplished. A lot more work to be done. But thank you, Councillor Allard for his work on, what is his usual term? [French Spoken 10:42:16].

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: [Speaking French 10:42:24-10:45:16]

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor to close on the item.

Mayor Gillingham: [Speaking French 10:45:23-10:45:30] And I agree with him that we do need to... need to do better in our French Language Services. And I look forward to the ongoing work of our staff. So, with that, I would ask you to call the question on the matter.

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

Item 10 – Establishment of a Tri-Level Agreement – Inner City Revitalization

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, to introduce the item, followed by Councillor Gilroy.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. I will wait to hear from my colleague, Madam Speaker, noting the time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise. I know that this is kind of receiving this report as information. I am taking the Mayor on his word that he will be working with Councillor Eadie and I on moving forward with some of the work that needs to happen in our core areas. And Madam Speaker, this is about looking at tri-level funding and maybe trying to grab some of the funding that is already there and kind of filtering that down into the core area. When we look back at the Core Area Initiative back in the 1990s, Madam Speaker, it was a wonderful initiative. And it really helped deal with some of the issues we were having within the core area. And since that initiative has been done with, we are really seeing the negative impacts within the core area. And what we want to do is really bring down some of the levels of funding from other levels of government that is really needed to do the work that we need to do within the core areas. Councillor Eadie and I have maybe proposed instead of... Councillor Eadie actually proposed this at one of the

meetings, is that maybe we take a deeper dive and have something come back to Council. So, it was not just a blank state that we wanted tri-level funding. Really do a kind of an in-depth review on some of the things that the city is doing now. Is it working? Is it not working? And really working with community stakeholders, Madam Speaker. Councillor Eadie and I, as two reps that maybe could work on behalf of the Mayor and one of his staff to take on a little bit of this work in the background and come back to Council with what we could request. and Some of that might be stuff that the province is already working on. But just really navigating kind of the systems that we have with the different levels of government. Having an ask that makes sense. The proactive clean-ups in parks is one that, you know, we could be talking about underneath this. We know that youth crime has really gone up in this city. We know that we have a lot of youth that are involved in gangs. We could be making sure that there is funding through different level of government to ensure that there is programing in the area where we have youth. We could be looking at maybe new areas in the city that have higher level of needs that, you know, that were taking place in the 90s. I know that In Councillor Schreyer's area in Elmwood there might be some need. I think Councillor Lukes talked about areas in her ward. We can kind of be reviewing some of that, Madam Speaker, and really taking a deep dive on some of the kind of grassroots issues that we could be proactive on instead of reactive, Madam Speaker. So, we know right now the city spends a lot of money in terms of our policing, in terms of fire. And there could be things that we could be doing in order to improve those numbers. And also, too, Madam Speaker, improving the physical, social and economic barriers within disadvantaged areas will strengthen the economic growth and the... for the entire city. And it would also align with Council's Strategic Plan. So, one of the concerns, Madam Speaker, within some of these core areas is we have many businesses that are looking at closing due to the safety factors within those communities. We do not want vacant buildings sitting there lining the streets. We know how vital these businesses are to the... within the local economy, within the core areas. And so we really need to establish an umbrella type of services that really looks at recreation, Madam Speaker, but also within the business community. How do we keep businesses within those communities. To look at the housing stock, Madam Speaker. We have much more vacant buildings than before. Under the Core Area Initiative, they were able to reduce those numbers. So, we would be looking at trying to reduce number of vacant buildings, Madam Speaker, and hopefully improve the housing stock within areas where some of those... where we know we need to house some people that could be affordable housing for people, Madam Speaker. So, there are things that we can learn from the Core Area Initiative back in the 90s, revamp it to today, and look at the funding... what we are funding here at the city. Is it still making sense? Could there be other areas we should be focusing on? And also looking at how the different level of government can help support us. Madam Speaker, we know that often times we get asked to deal with the issues of encampments, which really is other level of government that really need to take a part in that. However, we are the level of government people come to. So, I think it makes sense, Madam Speaker, that we do this deep dive with our community organizations that are on the ground doing this work. And really coming up with something. It would come before Council before it goes anywhere, Madam Speaker. So, Council would have an opportunity to look at this and see if this is their wishes. So, it is just kind of doing that deeper dive that Councillor Eadie and I would like to do on behalf of Council and kind of making a report to Council on where we, you know... tri-level agreement would make sense, what areas of the city could be doing that, make sense that fits within our Strategic Plan, Madam Speaker, that fits within Our Winnipeg document, and really making sure that we are holding other levels of government accountable for the work they need to do, Madam Speaker, within the core area, which we are not seeing. We are not seeing those investments from them, Madam Speaker, from other level of government. So, we need to be proactive here. We are seeing... We are seeing our youth crime rates go up. And I think this is a way for us to really deal with the problem. And so, I wanted to take the time to say this because I do not think it gets enough time at Council. So, I am taking my 10 minutes here today. But Hopefully the Mayor will look at this as we move forward and see that there is a need. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. We do have other speakers on the item, but I do want to recess this meeting at this time. We have the... we are going to adjourn the Council meeting. We are going to reconvene after we finish the Special Council Meeting that we have to get back into. The one that had taken place two days ago. Okay? So, we will take a recess now. Thank you.

**Reconvened meeting of
Winnipeg City Council of
November 21, 2024, at 4:53 p.m.**

Madam Speaker: Good afternoon. I would like to reconvene our Council meeting of November 21st, 2024. We are on Item 10 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated November 13. Councillor Eadie, your opportunity to address Council.

Councillor Eadie: Yes. I am going to address Council, Madam Speaker, on report Item No.10. I will be voting to receive this report as information. A motion that essentially the Mayor, Madam Speaker, has agreed behind the scenes we are going to be empowered to do some work with support of the policy staff's office to undertake... I would call it more of a... well, more of a consultation with community groups first. Talk to various levels of government people in terms of

possibilities in terms of, well, resolving the social, economic and physical decay, I will call it, in these areas and, Madame Speaker, my colleague Councillor Gilroy, you know, expressed herself quite well. You know, we have two Business Improvement Zones in my ward, for example. The North End Biz on Main Street, the underpass to basically St. John's Park, and on Selkirk Avenue from Main to Arlington, which just also happen to be part of those corridors we were talking about, and hopefully giving the right to certain things will make expediate some building there. But Madam Speaker, the building and renewal or encouraging business to operate on these streets in those areas, Madam Speaker, it is not going to happen unless we can resolve... we can build the physical ability for a business to open up there. But somewhere there... but really what we have is social and economic issues in that area as well as around... all around the inner-city including Councillor Santos and Councillor Gilroy and to some degree Councillors Allard's area... Councillor Allard's and Councillor Schreyer's area in some parts. And then of course as was mentioned there has over the years there has... what has developed is an older neighbourhood is struggling over Waverly West area there and I remember when they built those... well, I was a teenager when they built them and, actually, so was the Councillor for the area. And, Madame Speaker, we have to get at the issue. So, what I will say about this, just, there is a bunch of underlying problems. The previous Core Area Initiative in the 90s, but there was also a predecessor. That was Core Area Initiative 2. There was one in the 80s as well. And part of their progress and part of that kind of thing was it was about the social and economic, as well as the physical. The problem we have with the older neighbourhoods is physical. We have people who can't afford to renovate their homes. We have people who, for example, if their sewer breaks or their water main breaks on their side, they don't have the money to fix it. So what happens is they end up... they can't even live in it. Becomes vacant and derelict. Those... That is one underlying issue. The province actually, up until 2016, had a program where they could help out people who do not have the money to pay the, what is now, like, to redo your sewer up to our sewer main is somewhere around 30,000 or something range, huh? It is quite a bit of money, Madame Speaker. So when... back when I first started it was somewhere around \$10,000 to \$12,000. But There used to be an emergency program that the province ran. So we can have those dialogues, and I think that is what is important, but we are going to do that through being empowered by the Mayor and we are going to come back with ideas that get at the underlying problem, because we, right now as a city, are doing a lot of stuff dealing with the repercussions, the surface part, but we really are not doing anything to really deal with the underlying problem. So that is what I am hoping that Councillor Gilroy and I will be able to bring back to the Mayor, that the Mayor will bring that to Council. So, I will leave it at that. We probably still have a longer day. And, so, that is why I am okay with moving ahead like this. Oh, I should mention, Madame Speaker, we are going to have to work quickly. I think. I will give you one example of why we need to work quickly. So 366 Church we have been working on for months in my office with the residents, the Public Service, and things... and it is going into tax sale but everything is so slow, madame speaker, and the residents who live immediately around there, it is going to burn, it is going to burn, it is going to burn. Well guess what? Two days ago, it burnt. And it... I do not know what's left in that building but whoever owned it before was hoarding stuff in there. It was... it was not... it was not a house. It was a building that was a drug store and then a not-for-profit organization's building, and then it became a private, just like a single person owning... ownership. And, really, we got to get at the underlying problems so that we can move quicker, madame speaker and... because this is about people's safety and health in these neighbourhoods. And that particular one, that is not William Whyte. Where, William Whyte, we have people speaking out, a resident association that does that. In the St. John's neighbourhood it is starting to go that way as Dufferin and William Whyte and, you know, these are the kinds of things we need to get at soon enough so that our inner city is a better place for people to live where they want to buy houses, where they want to live and do that. And, unless we start moving on it, these projects, the corridor thing it is not necessarily the whole solution to Selkirk Avenue or Main Street because, still you have to have people who want to live in these places. You Have to have people who feel safe in these places. You have to have all this stuff. So we need to work towards that. Anyway, the Mayor is going to empower us to do that, and I appreciate it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank Councillors Gilroy and Eadie for their work so far. I want to thank them for the meeting we had and, yes, they are right, I will have one of my staff members be working with them to provide some support. Really the goal here is to identify areas within the city where we can look at ways to target these areas with a strategy for some economic, physical, and social improvement, removing some of the barriers as well just to improve these areas in all ways. So, looking forward to the work and the discussion and ultimately coming back to Council with some ideas. So, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I will call the question on Item 10. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS**

Madam Speaker: We have one motion, Motion three, that has been circulated. Moved by Councillor Orlikow, seconded by Councillor Eadie. It is regarding funding agreements with other levels of government and third parties. It will be an automatic referral to the Executive Policy Committee. By-laws, Mr. Mayor.

Motion No. 3
Moved by Councillor Orlikow,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg enters into funding agreements with other levels of government and third parties;

AND WHEREAS the Federal government has mandated conditions associated with funding opportunities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approval be required to approve applications for third-party funding, prior to Public Service submission.

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

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. I move that By-law No. 86/2024 be read a first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 86/2024.

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

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: I move that the following by-laws be read a second time: By-law No.115/2024, By-law No. 119/2024 and By-law No. 120/2024.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No.115/2024 and 119/2024 and 120/2024.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: I move that By-laws No. 115/2024, 119/2024, and 120/2024 be read a third time and that the same be passed in order to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – THREE READINGS**

Mayor Gillingham: I move that the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law No. 127/2024, By-law No. 128/2024.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 127/2024 and 128/2024.

Mayor Gillingham: I move that By-laws No. 127/2024 and 128/2024 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 127/2024 and 128/2024.

Mayor Gillingham: I move that the rules be suspended that By-laws No. 127/2024 and 128/2024 be read a third time and passed in order to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. We now have Question Period for the Mayor. Any questions? Councillor Mayes.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I had... quite had noticed the Mayor's office a few days ago of this question or perhaps this line of questioning. There is... there has been, for some years, a desire to do more than simply flare the methane at the Brady... Brady Road site. It is good that we started flaring back in 2013 under former Mayor Katz. It saves the equivalent of roughly the carbon dioxide emissions of 20,000 cars a year, give or take, depending on how much methane you flare. But we can do better. If we reuse the methane, there is a program... R. The acronym here is RNG, Renewed Natural Gas. So, you clean the methane and put it back into the natural gas pipeline for sale. This allows you to take less natural gas out of the ground and is better for the environment. The years go by, the years run like rabbits and here we are years later, still debating, still trying to get this thing...

Madam Speaker: Thank you, the question please.

Councillor Mayes: ... up and built. And so the question is, given that the private sector partner here, IGRS, says it will build the facility and operate the facility and will make revenue from the facility for the climate change reserve that Councillor Allard set up, where are we on this? Why has there not been a deal come forward for us to ratify?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Through you, Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Councillor for the question and for providing advanced notice of the question allowed me to kind of get some information on the latest status of this matter. So, I know the Councillor has, for years, been working on this matter as well. And understands this that a key component of the renewed natural gas project is having the City and the Province jointly agree to the amendments of the 2012 Funding Agreement for the sale of renewed natural gas, and there has been a lot of progress and I... and particularly in recent months. But as of November, the 8th, the Province will still reviewing that agreement. I note that the last project meeting between the City and the Province, the Province initiated...indicated, pardon me, that they are working to have an Amended Agreement done by the end of this year, by the end of 2024, so let us hope that that... that they are on track with that. Parallel to these discussions, the City staff is working closely with the developer of the renewed natural gas facility to finalize a draft partnership agreement, and the goal is to begin construction in 2025. It is certainly, as we have updates on this, we will bring them to Council and let Councillors know about this. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question.

Councillor Mayes: I feel like for the past year, our City staff have been saying, it is on the Minister's desk, blithely referring to the provincial Minister of Environment who says it is not on our desk. So, can the Mayor undertake that if we don't have something... a deal in place for Council to vote on by end of December, can he please personally contact the Minister so we can see where this might be? He is correct in saying this requires City and Provincial cooperation to amend the 2012 agreement. But, at some point, we got to get this nailed down. So, if we don't have something by the end of '24, negotiated, can he please undertake to contact the appropriate provincial officials?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Through you, Madam Speaker, yes. I will do that.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank... oh yeah (inaudible). Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a preface before I put the question. Madam Speaker, in the, well, I would call it the distant past now, the City of Winnipeg had a video camera by-law enforcement program pilot that was targeting people... Vehicles coming into an area and dumping garbage, bulk waste, onto City property as well as on private properties. And that pilot program was somewhat successful. I did start to deter these... well, I'll call them by-law violators, where... were dumping, with the bad attitude that they should dump their garbage in our inner cities, and... Anyway, the program was really discontinued. It was using technology. It was very expensive in the past. But today that technology is much cheaper. And I'm wondering if the Mayor recalls it and if he would be willing to utilize this as another measure to compliment the work that we are doing trying to clean up garbage in our inner city.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you, I want to thank the Councillor for the question. As I recall, actually Councillor Eadie was really, in many ways, spearheaded that initiative. I think it was a good initiative. I thought it bear forth some good fruit in deterring or at least helping us identify the problem areas and, you know, we have said this before around this Council Chamber. There are certain Councillors who represent wards that are disproportionately negatively impacted by illegal dumping. Councillor Eadie, Councillor Gilroy, Councillor Santos, and parts of Councillor Rollins'. I am sure there are others as well. I know Councillor Dobson had an issue out on Sturgeon Road for a while. And so, I think we have got, coming up, we have a motion I see here that may be talking about the looks of that. It will go to Community Services, I think. I certainly look forward to having a discussion on that where we can find ways, innovative ways, that can help curb this problem and protect the area residents from, you know, illegal dumping in their area. I am absolutely open to the discussion and look forward to looking into this further.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Seeing no further questions, next is the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works. Councillor Lukes, the Chair.

**REPORT OF THE
 STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
 DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

Councillor Lukes: Yes, thank you, Madame Speaker. I would like to move Items two and three, and pull Item one.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I will call the question on Item three. All in favor? Contrary? Carried. Item one, Mr. Clerk.

Item 1 – Primary Transit Network Communications and Promotional Plan

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes, to introduce this item.

Councillor Lukes: Sure. So, I just want to bring this communication and promotional plan to the attention of everyone here today. This is Transit's presentation on what they want to do, the initiative they want to undertake to promote and talk about the new routes for Transit. So, what I asked them to do also is, in January, to have two sessions for Councillors over the lunch hour. We will work it between budget meetings, I guess, but to have two presentations specifically on the community organization tool kit. So, a tool kit. We are not going to get the ta-da version. We are going to get the here, this is what we would like to present, is there anything else, Councillors, you would like to see in the tool kit for your community groups and your residents that will help you communicate this? So, it is not a ta-da, here is a tool kit. It is what is your input, Councillors? Because everyone communicates to their residents and to their community groups differently in their wards. Different platforms, different this, different that. So, I am highly encouraging you to come to this because, I tell you, I am the only one here that has done the Transit flip, and you are going to have three main questions: I like the bus on the route. I do not like the bus on my street. Or I like the bus on the street, and I do not want to transfer. Or I like the transfer. So, there is... and then the questions how do I find my route? Right. So, I can not stress this enough because it will consume you, when this route flip occurs, with phone calls and questions and time. The more you are informed on this, and I am doing everything we can with Transit to make sure you are informed on this, but you will all have unique questions. So read through this. Look at it. In January make sure you come to one or both sessions and hear what everyone else has to ask and think about how it is going to work for you. Give your input and then we are going to hope for the best, right? So, I just want to bring this to your attention. Be aware of it. EAs will be included too. Yes. Oh no, EAs will totally be included. You see we have got a little snow thing going down too on the new snow map coming up and the EAs are invited to that too. So, absolutely...

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy. Okay. Go to Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Perhaps in closing Councillor Lukes can speak to this. So, we clearly have a Transit Master Plan that is worked out. We know D Day is June 29. We know all that. We must know where the transit stops are going by now. The work must be done. In fact, it says the work was concluded in September. It says that. And yet... And yet we wait for the map that says it is 800 metres walkable distance from every transit stop on a frequent, undefined, as yet frequent transit route. That is going to be important to the mapping. That is the map we have been waiting for in terms of the fourplex debate. In November of '23 we were told it will be done by summer of '24. It is November. We do not have it. I was told a meeting or so ago by the staff that we would have it by December. I hope we have it by December. But clearly the work is done. We know where the bus stops are. So can... I... it is still unclear to me if this is Planning staff or Transit staff. I think Planning staff, but I do not know if Councillor Lukes can shed any light on when are we going to get the map showing that is going to show 800 metres walking distance from each bus stop on frequent transit routes?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: So (inaudible) not have it in December. I am not saying we are not. But for sure we will have it in January. I know that there has been a lot of changes within...

Madam Speaker: Just a second...

Councillor Lukes: Yes, I guess this is not Question Period, really...

Madam Speaker: Yes. Just a second. Councillor Lukes...

Councillor Lukes: Or when I close...

Madam Speaker: Yes. Just before you answer that...

Councillor Lukes: It is a long day...

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Yes, Councillor Browaty. Yes, Different methods for each meeting. So, we are in a different meeting now. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much. I would like to thank Transit staff for the work they have done in anticipation of this very big change. I think we are probably under-anticipating the number of calls and changes that we will be hearing from our constituents. The one thing that I do not see a budget for and I do not see mention of their plans is I do have a lot of seniors that use the bus. They are not particularly tech-savvy in all cases. They do not necessarily have PCs and handheld smart phones. I think, for a first round, it would maybe make sense to do a round of bus route schedules like they used to have in printed form. That is my only thought in terms of the pieces maybe missing, but, again, I do not think we need to do that on an ongoing basis. But again, the bus that goes down Henderson Highway is not even going to go to Polo Park anymore. It is going to go through the Exchange District at... to Pembina Highway. So, it would be nice to have some printed schedules, I think, for the change over.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. As I said on Public Works as well, and listening to the changes that Transit is proposing with respect to the spine and feeder, I note from our last session that we talked about the Plan and strategy to disseminate all of the changes or, well, all of the changes that will be occurring to people's Transit schedules. One of the things that was... that came across was the fact that we as Councillors have a role to play, and a responsibility to our constituents, by disseminating this information and using our social media channels, our news letters, our e-mails, whatever we can to disseminate this information, whether or not it is us actively disseminating the information or pointing them in the right direction where all of this information is contained. But we as Councillors have that responsibility. Yes, there is going to be printed formats. Yes, there is going to be electronic formats. Yes, there is going to be some radio or tv advertising. But again, we have the pulse of our constituents. We have the ability and, again, some of the cultural groups that we often, you know, whether it is the Indo-Canadian community or the Filipino community, or what have you. We have the responsibility to reach out to them and make sure that all this information has been provided to them so that they can get on their way in using our public transportation. So, I just want to put that out there. Again, in listening to what Transit has provided us in terms of their dissemination plan, it does fall a little bit short in terms of, again, the role that we play as Councillors in getting this information out to them. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers. Any further speakers? Councillor Lukes to close.

Councillor Lukes: Yes, I mean, you are absolutely right Councillor Chambers. And there will be calls. There will be lots of calls and 311 will... you know, we are talking with 311 on how they will be ramped up. That will happen in July, but it will also happen in September, because in July a lot of people will just go to the lake or just go... you know, they not... won't be on the bus. But come September, expect another wave. So I would say, honestly, clear your schedules for the flip and just be available and really understand. The department has got a new app that they are going to be bringing out also, so there will be a lot of different tools. But if you get well-versed in it or your EAs can get well-versed in it, it is going to be a big time suck. But this is the biggest change that we have ever done for Transit, so prepare yourself.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I will call the question on that item. Item one. All in favor? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Clerk.

Item 2 – Winnipeg Transit Plus Policy – Eligibility Criteria

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes, followed by Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Lukes: I will listen to Councillor Eadie first and then I will comment.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. Actually, my first opportunity to participate with my colleagues on the Public Works Committee. had this report on there and I fully support the recommendation that we made. But the reason I pulled it to speak to it is, subsequent to our committee doing that the disability community, the advocates, came out and were quite concerned that we were not dealing with the criteria and the problem in which we had a lack of certain types of profession, occupational therapists and whatever, to undertake qualifying people under the existing criteria. The criteria that does have to be looked at and be changed and... which was part of what we are requesting. Councillor Gilroy and I had moved a motion in regard to that as well. But the Transit Plus administration... Transit administration was talking about they had been implementing a lot of different things as time we are going along. They are working at having the right equipment and the right person depending on what your disability is in order to facilitate the independence of persons with disabilities to get out there and do what they have to do at times. And over time Transit Plus... I just, I think Council heard me speak on this before. I have worked on this issue and many others over the decades. I really became civically involved. Handi-Transit and other issues were always part of that, and really all of our department services that we provide are provided to persons with disabilities as well. And Transit Plus is essential for people to be independent and to be out there. And overtime we have also seen that. And it is slowly happened to me. I am totally blind but, you know at 64, Madam Speaker, I have got a sore back right now because I was over doing the dancing and stuff like that, and your ability... your ability tends to regress, I guess you would call it, over time. And a lot of people who are seniors, they do not want to say they have a disability. But we do know that, with the new Transit system that we were just talking about, it is going to be implemented. There is more walking and transferring that is going to need to be done. And looking at the criteria for a person to be registered with Transit Plus to utilize that service, it has got to change. And it takes a really extensive review. It is my understanding that the service is, and people have concerns with the service hiring a private firm or whatever, private contractors, to undertake the occupational therapist assessment and stuff. And I understand some of the issues behind that but, you know, in the distant past with Handi-Transit a lot of the qualification was from your doctor who was separate from the system. And so the doctor would say, yes, this person should be able to use Handi-Transit because they have these limitations and they need to use it, Madam Speaker. So I understand the concern, but I believe that Transit Plus is working really hard in trying to be that service. And since the 1990s, I have to say, Transit Plus has increased immensely. Immensely increased in the amount of people and the cost and delivering the service that everyone... you know that people have a right to. And, you know, I have spoken about having the right, about taking responsibility. I never use Handi-Transit because there are people who use wheelchairs who have no choice, whereas, I do have an ability, (inaudible) slowly. But for those who have really no choice, this stuff is so important. So important. And so, we do need to move as quickly as we can dealing with this and can not remember when they said they were coming back, June, I think, and our Chairperson can explain it. But I just wanted to explain why I am voting this way so that the persons with disabilities out there hear that, you know, I am trying to keep your back. I am a City Councillor now and trying to make sure things happen, and I think we are pushing forward as best we can, and yes, the demand is we do need to be as expedient as we can. So... But I will be supporting this as we go and the assessment of people meeting that criteria as it stands today. Transit Plus is working hard at meeting those obligations. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Rollins. No? Councillor Lukes to close.

Councillor Lukes: Sure. So, yes, this was a motion brought forward. We had good discussions with Transit in regard to assessing, you know, the assessment process. They had a backlog. They got caught up. I think they have got 26 left to do, they notified me with. They have Transit Plus to exactly what Councillor Eadie is saying. Transit Plus has done a complete 180 in the challenges that they faced, I would say, since I have been here. He has been here longer, so he

knows longer. But they are doing incredible work. They have got incredibly positive feedback for the work that they have been doing. The new software to allow bookings on different platforms and to optimize the vehicles that are being used has proven to be extremely effective. So I just... I want to thank Teresa Platt and her team. They are doing an outstanding job and the, like I said, the software is it having some requirements that they need to enter and to work through that they did not have to work through before, but it is coming together. We are getting a lot of positive feedback. We are not getting the calls that we got a few years ago. So, it is very positive. So, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I will call the question on Item two. All in favor? Contrary? That is carried.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
NO REPORT

Madam Speaker: Now we will now have Question Period under this committee. Any questions for the Chair? Seeing none, next is the Standing Policy Committee on Finance. There is to reports today. No by-laws. No motions. Let's get right into Question Period. Any questions for Councillor Browaty, our Chair? Following is the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development. Councillor Rollins, on the Report dated November 8.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
DATED NOVEMBER 8, 2024

Councillor Rollins: Thank you to the Standing Policy Committee. I would like to introduce all the reports and move adoption of the consent agenda Items 1 to 10.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favor? Contrary? Okay. I will call the question... Item 1 is pulled. I will call the question on Items 2 through 10. All in favor? Contrary? That is carried. Mr. Clerk, Item one.

Item 1 – Portage and Main Intersection – At-Grade Opening and Decommissioning of the Concourse

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you. Substantively this is an Extension of Time for 180 days. And, you know, in some cases I think it is, you know, well-received insofar as some of the businesses in the concourse felt a little destabilized when we introduced the at-grade edition. And I want to thank the Downtown BIZ for their engagement of each and every one of the businesses downtown, including the ones that are served and reside in underneath, underground in Portage and Main. This is a difficult project. There... we have a guiding vision of the renewal of infrastructure and we... and they... when this Public Service came to ask for an extension, the request was understood by me, and so here it is. I will introduce it that way, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes. I stood this down. I just want to... I realize for the study and support of... But I think the crucial thing here to say is that the decommissioning of the concourse, it should be stated that the consequences would be, I think, quite severe to mainly the shops of the Winnipeg Square. I know it has been stated by the Mayor's Office that the cost of maintaining the concourse... I think the number was a million dollars a year. The question would be what would be the impact of the loss of all the various shops and business on the lower level of the Winnipeg square, and I think that is a real situation that we have to contend with, that the concourses decommissioning would have a dramatic effect, I think, on those businesses as well as their assessed values at the very least. and that, though it may cost us a million dollars, I am not sure if that is correct or not, of the concourse to maintain it a year or run it or both, but the loss of the assessment values with the impact of the loss of the concourse on the shops of Winnipeg Square, I just want to put on the record, is something we have got to be very conscious of. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further speakers? Councillor Rollins to close. Okay. All in favor of Item one? Contrary? That is carried. Now move on to by-laws. Councillor Rollins.

**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

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

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, the following by-laws be read a first time: By-law No. 132/2024, By-law No. 133/2024, By-law No. 134/2024, and By-law No. 135/2024.

Madam Speaker: All in favor? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 132/2024, 133/2024, 134/2024 and 135/2024.

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

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker. In terms of the second and third readings, I will move that the following by-laws be read a second time, By-Law No. 38/2023...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt?

Councillor Wyatt: Conflict on No. 38/2023.

Councillor Rollins: If Councillor Wyatt could state his conflict, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: The conflict, Councillor Wyatt, is...

Councillor Wyatt: Yes. (inaudible) Chairing.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, for the purposes now I will separate out No. 38 in both motions here. So I will move by-laws be read a second time by-law No. 38/2023. So moved.

Madam Speaker: All in favour. Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 38/2023.

Councillor Rollins: And I will move that By-law No. 38/2023 be read a third time and the same be passed in order to be signed and sealed, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? That is Carried. Okay. Just give a moment. Thank you. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: I will move that the following by-laws be read a second time: By-Law No. 85/2024, 107/2024.

Madam Speaker: All in favor? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 85/2024 and 107/2024.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will move that by-law No. 85/2024 and 107/2024 be read a third time and the same be passed in order to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favor? Contrary? Carried. Any questions for this committee for Councillor Rollins? Councillor Mayes.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
QUESTION PERIOD**

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do not expect an answer today. Given the hour, I'll try and be brief. The... if... again, it refers to the map that we are awaiting and have been awaiting for some months, that is to show us

the walking distance of 800 metres from bus stops on frequent transit routes. The definition of frequent that we voted on here in July of 2023 is this somewhat cryptic frequent route, stops with and then a less than, or a plus, ten minutes headway or routes with less than or equals ten minutes headway. I am not even sure what less than, plus, actually even means, but could we get some clarity? It looks to me like what we said was, you... you are supposed to be getting busses roughly every ten minutes or less throughout the day, presumably. That is... That is what we voted on. So, if the Chair in due course could get back to us on what definition of frequent is being used. Obviously, there is some routes such as the one that runs along Dunkirk, Dakota, my ward, Councillor Chambers' ward, will go all the way down to Aldgate on Dakota. I am going to be surprised if that is running every ten minutes throughout the day, but that would perhaps be a pleasant surprise. So, if Councillor Rollins can get back to us with what the definition of frequent is and whether it corresponds with the definition of frequent that we are presented as Councillors in July of 2023.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I view this as so encouraging because just as we finished a major milestone, us as a hearing body, doing zoning amendments, Councillor Mayes is moving to anticipate just this next phase with an enthusiasm and unbridled energy that I can't muster today. So when I first read this question, I... it made me excited for the next steps coming so swiftly. Right now, and I am not even joking. Right now, we are, you know, letting the department have a good rest. Hopefully, they are at the holiday party having fun. I will endeavor to answer these questions. This is absolutely information that Council must have prior to the next debate envisioned, and so, you know, really important questions that we have directed the Administration to do, work that they are, you know, leaning into. They deserve a bit of a rest over the weekend, but we are needing to gear up again, and we know the timeline for the next phase of zoning by-law is March, as we heard oftentimes. And so, that means this Council should get some briefings prior to that timeline, Madam Speaker, and I will work with the department to delineate a more transparent timeline and then get the information and requirements to prepare councillors for that debate with as much rigor, if not more, given the lessons learned from bucket three.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you to Councillor Rollins for correctly identifying my enthusiasm and energy for the project. But for clarity, as we all know from the November vote of 2023, Councillors are to be briefed. Community Committees are to meet with staff prior to the end of 2024; thus, we are supposed to be meeting with staff on or about December 9th to get the plans. So can we please have Councillor Rollins make best efforts to get us the map, which we thought we were getting in the summer. Whatever the map looks like, however the map is defined, let's at least get a draft map and we can then debate what... whether 800 metres has been accurately measured, or whether frequent has been accurately measured, and guess we will decide then whether people's concerns are red tape or if there is a red tape army out there that is ready to ask some questions. So, look forward to hopefully getting that December 9th if Councillor Rollins can make efforts to get us that by December 9th.

Councillor Rollins: Yes, Madam Speaker, I did misspeak. You know, the timeline certainly is not March and Councillor Mayes is absolutely right. I know that the Director, you know, was working on that communication to Council perhaps with the Clerks, so, we will absolutely do that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Seeing no further questions, or... Councillor Orlikow? Sure.

Councillor Orlikow: I'm just going to follow up to Mr. Mayes... Councillor Mayes, regarding the question regarding the map. I get... it is regarding the four units as of right. A question I have, it is regarding... has the City of Winnipeg accepted the terms related to the Canadian Housing Infrastructure Fund that includes allowing as of right for units city-wide? Can you tell me if that has happened yet or will that be happening in the future? Will we see it? I would be interested to know.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: So, I think the question was related to the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund, and the requirement of the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund in drawing down that component funding. And, so, we have what Council has directed with respect to rapid zoning. And, the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund has quite a few requirements that has not been contemplated through the motions that we have directed. But, there are some work product that, depending on, for instance, the definition of designs, design catalogue, there is work product to talk about in Winnipeg. But I can get a more comprehensive report out to Council in line with the department because, if there was one lesson from the hearing, it is that Council needs more information on the housing file to feel like we are progressing, to feel... to know where we are in line or maybe not in line. You know, to know when... where we are in line... alignment with the federal government, what more we might have ambitions for with respect to drawing down funds. I know I feel

the pressure, I know the Mayor does too in terms of drawing down as much funding to Winnipeg as possible by the federal and frankly, provincial government, and various partnerships. So, that can... that has been a source of stress and anxiety as we are, you know, nearing to a federal election, Madam Speaker. So, you know, I appreciate that Councillors want to line of sight on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Questions? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: No, no, no.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
 WATER, WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT
 NO REPORT**

Madam Speaker: Okay. No further questions? Thank you. That concludes Question Period under that committee. Next is the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste and the Environment. We have no reports for the committee, but we do have a Notice of Motion from the October meeting of Council, and it is from Councillor Mayes and Councillor Wyatt regarding a review of the Utility Dividend Policy. Councillor Mayes, your opportunity to introduce.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
 WATER, WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT
 NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Moved by Councillor Mayes,
 Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,**

WHEREAS on March 20, 2019, Council approved the amended Water and Sewer Utility Dividend Policy;

AND WHEREAS the Policy states that Council will review the Utility Dividend Policy every 4 years;

AND WHEREAS no review has occurred since 2019;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council review the Utility Dividend Policy as part of the upcoming interim Water and Sewer Rates report, anticipated during Q4 2024.

Councillor Mayes: Okay. Thank you. This not the other matter that came forward at the last meeting of Council which pertained to having the Public Utility Board review water and sewer rates in the City of Winnipeg, which would sweep in under it the consideration of the dividend. So, the history of the dividend, yeah, I will try to be brief here given the hour and given that I think the motion speaks for itself, which is we should debate the dividend when we next get the next Rate Report, which I think the Mayor is in support of. So rather than having a thundering multi-hour debate now, we can delay that until we can get the next Rate Report and, so, to see it in its context. In brief, the dividend was brought in when then Councillor Fielding was the Chair of Finance. He put in that it would be reviewed, I think at the start of each term of Council. The dividend rate went from 8 percent of Water and Waste revenues up to 12 percent of Water and Waste revenues under Councillor Morantz's Finance Chair. Roughly 2015, 2016, Councillor Gillingham as Finance Chair presided over a reduction in that rate to his credit down to 11 percent, I believe 2019, probably 2020, first year of the multi-hour. At that time, we were to review the dividend during the early part of the life of the Council. It was missed so I would suggest... we have got to debate it, frankly. That is the whole intent. Let's debate it when we get the next Rate Report. There are issues here. There are financial implication if you take 40 million dollars out of General Revenue and fire it into Water and Waste projects, you will get a lot more Water and Waste projects done, but you will carve a 6 percent property tax equivalent hole into the... into the other side of the budget. So, there is a balancing act here. There is a timeframe. There is what would we use the 40 million dollars for? All of that should be debated in the context of the next Rate Report. So, what we are moving today is simply that. That we review this policy whenever we get the next Water and Sewer Rate Report, which I believe is coming sometime in the near future, discussing what would the implications be if we, the city, have to go it alone.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you, I just want to thank Councillor Mayes for this motion. And, basically, his comments are spot on. I agree with him that we... this is to be discussed. This is to be reviewed by Council. That is what the policy states. It has not been done yet. It is supposed to be done soon after. I think within three months of the swearing in of a new Council. We have not done that, so it is... it is certainly time to do that. His comments, though related to the city's finances and the fact that we are very open and public about our draw on this dividend and we utilize it every budget so far of the last several serving and that it would create a 40-million-dollar hole in the tax afforded budget. So, it's not a matter of whether we would like to reduce it. I would, you know, appreciate the opportunity if there was ways to reduce it. That comes back to the opportunity to say on record again, the need for a new funding model from the Province of Manitoba. And we know this. I am certainly not the first Mayor and this not the first Council to call for a new funding arrangement with the Province of Manitoba. Successive Councils and Mayors have made the statement and sought this goal. Sought these changes. We are working with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities right now, as a city, because they too have called for a new fiscal framework from the province. We take the province at their word that, in the spring when they announce their budget, the statement was that the province would be working with municipalities in Manitoba to establish, excuse me, a new funding formula. And we will continue to hold the province to that and work with them. The discussions have been good but, as of yet, they have not produced the formula that we are looking for and hoping for. But all that being said, yes, in related to this policy, specific to the utility dividend, it does need to be discussed. It does need to be debate. And I concur with Councillor Mayes' direction here to bring this forward when the Water Sewer Rate Report comes forward.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Councillor Mayes makes a point, to go on a debate now or later. But Madam Speaker, historical discussion, madam speaker, I still have a problem with calling this a dividend. But it is a percentage tax on water rates. It is a tax, not a dividend. But, also, I would note where dividends usually come from in a corporation is deriving a number of surpluses and enough, they call it profit or whatever, but we call it surplus. I would point out that Water and Waste does also have retained earnings as a result of surpluses not related to this so-called dividend tax, Madam Speaker, and back in the day when I debated, and then I voted, against the 8 percent that our budget person Mister... Councillor Fielding, at the time, you know, this was done for some reason, Madam Speaker. This was done in the face of, well, we do not want to raise property taxes because, oh, that will be too controversial with people won't put up with that. But they were willing, willing, to put forth this tax on water rates. Like, so Madam Speaker, when evaluating the policy, you can not help but balance and look at it because it is either/or kind of thing with the city. So, I mean, if people have problems with raising property taxes, which we should have been doing all along for operations because usually the so-called dividend money is to cover operating deficits is usually what it is being used for. Councillor Mayes makes a good point about maybe utilizing it for things that are important for Water and Waste and... like CSO or whatever it might be. And how you use that money, that is an interesting thing, Madam Speaker. And CSO, actually, the cost is built into the water rates, just as everybody knows. So, I am okay with the review of the policy. I do not know if I want to debate... well, I am not going to say anymore. I just want to point out, yes, we need a new... back in my first term we needed a new fiscal deal with the province. Back in... when Councillor Wyatt was first elected in 2002, we needed a new deal from the province. Well, actually, yes. It is around there. And so it is always an issue, right? So, my issue is if we are evaluating this policy, really, it is, yes, we can get rid of it if we get more. But the reality is we need to deal with property taxes appropriately. It is a steady, solid place for income. Yes, affordability is a big problem all over. But you know what, Madam Speaker? My whole career so far and prior to that is, everybody will say it is... for a lot of people it is always hard times, Madam Speaker. Always hard times. And actually, when Mayor Katz was there, the amount of money... It was not hard times for a lot of businesses. It was not a hard time for a lot of people. And even in the covid situation there were people making way more money, way more money, than they are would have if covid never existed. So I will just leave that all with you. So, when we are evaluating this and you want it talk about affordability and stuff, you know... And I will just leave it at that. I will be voting to proceed with this motion.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes. I rise. I was very happy Councillor Mayes moved this. I was able to second the motion. The matter, Madam Speaker, is very straightforward. Every other municipality in Manitoba has a Public Utility Board involved, and frankly, I think it is a good idea. I know there was strong resistance from parts of our Public Service to do this. Often there was a cost associated with it. But I think it is long overdue. I think the cost of having a file before a separate body like the PUB would, well, it would simply make the requirement of this dividend that we have got before us here today something which, frankly, is... would allow us to deal with it and remove the dividend once and for all. So I am glad to see that this matter is moving forward and going to be dealt with hopefully in the process as they mentioned when it comes forward. But the PUB matter that we have also moved on this similar matter is also going to be able to be addressed as well, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Speaking to the Utility Dividend Policy, my understanding is that the policy is pretty straightforward. It is that the utility dividend be reviewed by Council X amount of times. I would argue that it is reviewed by Council annually with the budget. We have had a chance to review it now going on, what is it, three budget years here now that we are getting into, and there has been no suggestion of peeling back any of that dividend. I mean, if anybody around the table has 40 million dollars in ideas, I am open to hearing them and making some changes. But sitting on... in the budget process I can tell you right now that it is a lot of difficult decisions and, you know, people living paycheck to paycheck or not even being able to afford to live, I do not know that for whatever reason eliminating the dividend as my Councillor colleague has said would do them any benefit. But in regards to the policy, all in favor of reviewing it and open to hearing how some of my Council colleagues, especially part of this motion, would propose to looking at 40 million dollars in operating. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Duncan. With that, Councillor Mayes to close.

Councillor Mayes: Okay. Thank you. Good debate on whether we should have a debate. We will have a debate, I suspect. Yes, some good points made. I... With respect to Councillor Duncan, I do not think we can say the budget counts as the review because, I mean, we said during a budget let's have a review of this every four years. I mean, why would you do that as part of the budget back in 2019? So, we will have a debate about it. It is not explicitly saying send it to the PUB. Maybe that is where it will land as part of our review. We will see where that ends up. But Councillor Eadie makes... there are a number of valid points made which were... I have made them myself. Find 40 million dollars basically but... and Councillor Eadie makes the valid point, though, that this does not grow with property tax increases. I mean, my answer to Councillor Duncan would be, well, probably we need to phase this out. And I do not mean a higher property tax increase for a period of multiple years. But, despite what the Free Press said in a recent editorial that property tax increases fall harder on lower income families, that is just not true in the Winnipeg sense because we have a flat rate with the mill rate. It applies against the value of your property. So, if you have a million-dollar property you pay more in property taxes than if you have a 400-thousand-dollar property, and that home pays more than if you have a 200-thousand-dollar property. So, it is our only measure, really, of any sort of progressive taxation where we have that lever. Water rates are not... I mean, there is an argument that people made in here, well, the water and sewer rates are disproportionately onerous on low-income. Everyone does need to use water and sewer services. There is some evidence that wealthier homeowners use more water, almost certainly pool usage or multiple washings, it would depend. So, you can debate that, but I think in terms of Councillor Eadie's argument, I think it is almost certainly true that if you got rid of the dividend and recovered that through property taxes more of that burden would fall on higher-income, or at least higher-valued properties, not necessarily higher income. So that is a good debate to be had. What would we do with the 40 million dollars? That is also a good debate. Personally, I would like to see some of that go into combined sewer. As Councillor Eadie referenced, we do not debt finance that we've always done that on a pay as you go basis. So, you need... you need more in the water and sewer rates to get going on that, so we are done in 2047 not 2097. So, that is the debate we should be having at a future date. So, look forward to approving this and then we can have maybe debate that will actually deal with the dividend and options. And it is... To be fair to the Mayor, he ran on a certain property tax pledge as his did his predecessor. He is trying to keep to that pledge, but it comes with certain trade-offs. So, we will have to have that debate. But thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. I will call the question on the Notice of Motion All in favor? Contrary? And that is carried. Okay. Question Period under this committee. That is for Councillor Duncan, our Chair. Any questions? Okay. Seeing none.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker I move that we go past six p.m. because it is only a couple minutes away.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. All in favor? Contrary? That is carried. Next Standing Committee is Committee on Community Services. Okay.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES
DATED NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

Councillor Santos: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to introduce the reports and move adoption of consent agenda Items one to five because Item No. six has an Amending Motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I will call the question on one through five. All in favor? Contrary? That is carried. Amending Motion one going with Item six has been moved by Councillor Gilroy. Seconded by Councillor Santos. And it is regarding Item six. It is an Amending Motion that the item be sent to the budget process. Mr. Clerk.

Item 6 – Proactive Cleanup of Needle Debris and Weapons in City Parks

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

Councillor Santos: Yes. So, just to kind of quickly highlight, I want to thank the mover, Councillor Gilroy, working with myself to make an amendment to the recommendation of EPC, as well as the Standing Policy Committee. I think the conversation with the Province of Manitoba is still going to be had to put in place a needle exchange program with the City of Winnipeg to encourage a partnership on how needles can be picked up. But, in the meantime, Councillor Gilroy had presented a really good argument on issues with other sharps, such as glass and knives, that are currently not being picked up. And so I think that conversation continue to be had with this amending motion to refer the suggestions within the report to the 2025 budget process.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy, do you wish to introduce the amendment?

Motion No. 1

**Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Seconded by Councillor Santos,**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services be referred to the 2025 Budget Process.

Councillor Gilroy: Sure. Thank you, Madam Speaker. This, you know, this... I think everyone has heard me talk about the issue about being proactive in our parks and cleaning it up. A lot of debate came over needles, but what I am really... actually, the needles actually have improved. There are, yes, there are groups picking them up, but what we are seeing really a lot of is actually is actual weapons. Knives, and different kind of homemade weapons. Lots of glass that are kind of right under slides and stuff. Condoms and other, really, other hygienic garbage that is really not healthy for kids to be playing in. And of course, there is some drug paraphernalia that if kids touch it, it's very, very dangerous. And so that is what I am kind of hoping to achieve here. And of course, we would need some funding, which is recognized in the report, and so that is why I am hoping the Budget Working Group for further review. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Actually, this report came up in my last Community Services meeting. And so what I am understanding here is what is being referred to the budget is the... is the dollar value related to cleanup on Recommendation No. 2, which I believe the Mayor and everybody would like to see proceed because, well... Needles may not be so much of an issue with parks at the moment. What I find very interesting is we have community groups who have volunteers picking up needles and when we look at a garbage program that we have, the private sector company that goes by, they won't pick up the garbage on the back lane unless all the needles are removed. So, I always have this problem. And why is it okay for volunteers to go and pick up needles and we can not hire workers to deal with needles? Like, really? There is a procedure to deal with needles. It is not that difficult, Madam Speaker. We have our green teams do it all the time. Anyway, on in Business Improvement Zones... So anyway, I just... I like the idea of referring it too, but you know, we should be asking ourselves, you know, hey, when my kids were playing around the play structure, you know, there used to be Public Service workers. They clean out that gravel or whatever material is being used around those play structures. Like that should be just being done right now. That is part of the maintenance of a park. So, you know what? If Public Works is saying they do not have money to deal with or clean that up, you know, the Budget Working Group needs to find the money, and I am happy to hear that Councillor Santos is supportive of that. I do not know that we should be getting community groups to establish some kind of volunteer program. People should be paid to clean that up. That is how we dealt with it, Madam Speaker. Anyway, the exchange, giving a value to needles for people to get needles, we heard from somebody who is dealing with addiction and used needles who is trying to stay away from that, presented on it and we really do need the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority to have an exchange because then those needles, hopefully, will be traded in rather than discarded. And believe me, there is still a lot of discarded needles. There is a lot of them, Madam Speaker. So, I think Recommendation two is really important. That is not what is being referred to the budget. Recommendation two, I am hoping the Mayor will, or Public Service will, communicate the urgency that there are... to the addicts, that there is some kind of value put on the needles so that they will bring them back. Thank you.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Chair of Community Services is hoping we would all be brief at such a long few days here as we discuss such important issues, but this is a really important issue. And everyone of us here know that these needles can pop up almost anywhere in the city, in any of our wards, in some wards more than

others and in some neighbourhoods more than others. And literally I clean up needles right on my street, right across the street 30 seconds from my house, not just mine but my neighbors. And I do encourage, I do support, I do financially allocate, I do allocate funds for a volunteer program on essentially a weekly basis, at least during the warmer months of the year, at least for two-thirds of the year, in different incarnations of foot patrols in my neighbourhood in Elmwood including especially through the Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation including the new Unity Walk. Oh yes, we do pick up needles on a regular weekly basis. But I am just going to say this, what we are dealing here today, this discussion, this motion is, I consider, part of an ongoing process in which we are looking for new answers, new processes because of an issue that is so much larger than it has ever been. And so one issue that is really important, despite the fact that we do work with volunteers at the Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation, I provide food just to encourage volunteerism. So yes, come there, you eat and we go for our walks and then we... one of the things we do is needle pick-up. But in that process, there is an element of safety and a protocol of safety. So, you know, as Councillor Eadie was making the point, this is kind of serious stuff, and having a protocol of safety is important. We use gloves and we use certain kinds of boxes on our... on our belt in which we put in the sharps. And that is how we have to do it. So, I am really in favour of any discussion and motion that is, you know, going to take this seriously. And then I want to thank those Councillors here for bringing this forward as we have to, you know, bring in and look for new processes, protocols and policies for dealing with a really serious issue, because we are talking about it can be on the street, it can be in the park. We know teachers, teachers, are calling my office saying I do not want to go to the park anymore with my students. I can not take my primary students to the park anymore. So, this is not a joke. This is very serious, and I thank all Councillors, anyone, for serious input as we move... as we try to go forward on some aspects of solution, including the... how we manage picking up of needles and other unsafe objects. My... I do have concerns as well. I am not trying to talk too long. This is really serious on my... where I live. And In terms of safety for those involved in this, including those that might be, you know, motivated to start picking up stuff to make some money out of it, meanwhile, they can get hurt and these things are really important. But this is part of an important discussion, and I thank those involved in getting this here. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy do you wish to close on your Amending Motion? Councillor Santos?

Councillor Santos: Yes. So just to... I want to thank my Councillor colleagues who made some really good points and comments. They have been heard, and I hope the Budget Working Group has also heard those comments as they deliberate the report in front of us. And just to clarify, one of my Councillor colleagues had mentioned that the recommendations about the Province of Manitoba be requested to discuss the needle change program. It is my understanding with this Amending Motion; it specifically states the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services be referred. So those recommendations that came out of the Community Services will be forwarded to the 2025 budget process. So, I had the help from the Clerks to develop that wording and ensure that that would still be occurring. But other than that, I just wanted to clarify that and say thank you to my Councillor colleagues for their support on this. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that I will call the question on Amending Motion one. All in favor? Contrary? Carried. And the main Item six as amended. All in favor? Contrary? That is carried. Okay. Thank you. Okay. We will now move on to Question Period. Any questions for Councillor Gilroy?

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: Oh, we do have Motion two, actually. Yes, and I got that, thank you. We have... We have Motion two, though, before us. Moved by Councillor Eadie, seconded by Councillor Gilroy. It is regarding the video camera program, so it is an automatic referral to the Standing Committee. Okay. And now on to Question Period for our Chair, Councillor Santos. Any questions? Okay. Seeing none, next is the Governance Committee of Council. Councillor Eadie, will you take the Chair so I can introduce the report?

Motion No. 2
Moved by Eadie,
Seconded by Gilroy,

WHEREAS several years ago By-law Enforcement ran a pilot video camera program to deal with the vehicles coming along and dumping bulk and other garbage on City and private properties;

AND WHEREAS the pilot was somewhat successful in catching the illegal dumping on camera and prosecuting the operator of the vehicle with images of before, vehicle licensee plate and after the dumping incident;

AND WHEREAS private properties are victimized by dumping still today along with city properties with private property owners more than likely wanting to sign onto an agreement to monitor their properties to avoid their cost to clean up their yards from garbage they had nothing to do with;

AND WHEREAS this video camera enforcement is one of several efforts that the City is and can take to deal with Winnipeg's serious garbage problem;

AND WHEREAS the equipment required today is cheaper and better at gathering the images required to prosecute and fine;

AND WHEREAS the Budget Working Group refused to fund the ongoing effort with this program in several budgets;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a renewed video camera enforcement program be established to compliment existing efforts to resolve the garbage dumping problem in mostly the inner city of Winnipeg.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2024

Deputy Speaker: Yes, Madam Speaker. I am taking the Chair.

Councillor Sharma: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I will move the report and move adoption of the consent agenda items one to three. Councillor... Oh, sorry.

Deputy Speaker: Did somebody step those down? Is that what I am hearing? Okay. So, can each individual be debated then? Madam Speaker will... I am in the Chair. You will be speaking to it? Is it Mister or Miss Clerk right now? Mr. Prinsloo, could you please introduce report... what is Report Item No. one?

Item 1 – Committee Meetings – Free Parking and Refreshments

Deputy Speaker: Alright. I guess it is Speaker Sharma.

Councillor Sharma: Yes. Just a moment here.

Deputy Speaker: Introduce.

Councillor Sharma: Yes. Yes, thank you. I will introduce Item one. The topic was free parking and refreshments here at City Hall. And this motion was referred to the Governance Committee for consideration, Mr. Deputy Speaker. The committee reviewed the motion and discussed options, and we are recommending to Council that the Public Service be directed to have beverage and snack vending machines right here at City Hall in the lower level and this will provide onsite options for the public to utilize while attending meetings and visiting City Hall, They will be installed at no cost to the city. So that was our recommendation.

Deputy Speaker: Okay. Thank you...

Councillor Sharma: Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Who stood that down? Councillor Wyatt, your turn to speak.

Councillor Wyatt: I rise to thank the Governance Committee for moving on part of the motion. The other part was on parking. But I will take half the pie versus the whole pie today. So that is good news. And I think it is a very good improvement for the public that comes here, and sometimes late meetings and do not have access, and we do not have the Grace Café anymore, and so I think this is a good, positive move and I want to thank the Speaker and Members of the Governance Committee for the approval. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Is there anybody else who wishes to speak to this report?

Clerk: Councillor Schreyer.

Deputy Speaker: Councillor Schreyer. Go ahead.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I was glad to second this. It is kind of obvious given the way things have evolved out of having Community Committees. Part of the evolution was people had to come far away from their houses, and the process is going to be longer for people, and it used to be shorter, parking issues, the inconvenience of coming downtown. It never used to be that way. And on that basis, what can we do to facilitate? Now, Councillor Wyatt said, you know, half a pie. Well, speaking of pie, my concern quite frankly is, soon as I heard it my concern immediately was that, you know, a snack machine. Is this going to be full of, you know, high carbohydrate foods kind of thing? This is not a great solution as far as I am concerned. I am not sure how we solve this. I would like to have... I would like to see the Administration deal... have conversations in terms of what can we do in terms of some things that are lower carbohydrate. Maybe a higher protein. Something. Because that is... a snack can make it worse for people. I do not need to go into what kind of state of society we have evolved into already in terms of, you know, offering, encouraging, pushing, high carbohydrates on people instead of real food. And if this is meant to be a substitute for meals it is the opposite. And that is my concern. I just have got to state that kind of thing because, well, it is not my truth it is just the reality of our society in this day and age. I just have to get that off my chest because, well, that is just a fact of things. So I am not sure to what extent this is a... this is the solution. I know it is an attempt. So, it is some sort of compromise, and on that basis, I am willing to support that. But I do not think this conversation is over kind of thing. So, I just got to... just got to let you know. Do not be surprised when people talk about the inadequacy of putting sugar in a machine down in the basement and calling it a solution.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer, for speaking to the issue. Is there anybody else who wishes to speak?

Clerk: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Yes, just... That is fine. Councillor Schreyer is fine with that comment. We never said what was going to go into the vending machine. He made some comments he would like to be a little more, I do not know, organic? Locally grown? I do not know what. But yes, absolutely, I understand what he is saying. We can look into... We can look into not just putting chips and pop down there. We can see if there is better, more nutritious items that can go into the machine as well. So, I do not think that is a problem at all.

Deputy Speaker: Alright. Thank you, Councillor Orlikow, for expressing your opinion. Nobody else wants... Does anybody else want to speak?

Clerk: Councillor Duncan.

Deputy Speaker: Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: I just wanted to bring... to thank you, very much, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I just want to bring to the public's attention we just spent, probably about five minutes, speaking about vending machines and we have passed unanimously, without any discussion at all, tens of thousands if not hundreds of thousands of dollars today in other items without any discussion. Thank you very much Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: Alright. Hang on...

Councillor Schreyer: Any Councillor here can tell you the amount of money that we spend as a society in just Manitoba when it comes to...

Deputy Speaker: Okay. You do not have a point of order. That is not a point of order. Please sit down, Mr. Schreyer. And please, I heard enough. I cannot hear to do my job. That is enough. Is there anybody who wants to speak to the motion? No? To close, Madam Speaker.

Councillor Sharma: Thank you. I think we need to be respectful of all items before Council. I want to thank Councillor Wyatt for his comments, for bringing this forward. Councillor Schreyer is correct. There will be more discussion, maybe in the future, on this. We did touch on some things with respect to this at the Governance Committee, but there were some future ideas, so perhaps we will be coming back with something more. With that, Mr. Deputy Speaker, please call the question.

Deputy Speaker: I shall call to question. All those in favor? Is anybody opposed? Did you say you are opposed? Would you like to be recorded?

Councillor Duncan: Yes, sir.

Deputy Speaker: Councillor Duncan would be recorded as opposed. So, the motion passes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Report Item two, Mr. Prinsloo.

Item 2 – Council Motion Naming Standards

Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Madame Speaker, please.

Councillor Sharma: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. This item was a Council motion referred to the Governance Committee of Council. The committee reviewed the motion with the mover, which was Councillor Schreyer, who is also a member of the Governance Committee currently. We decided to recommend that the Public Service be directed to maintain the same subject line when submitting an administrative report on motions that originate at Council or committees. It has been noted that in some cases when a report is submitted to committee it contains a different subject line than the original motion that directed the report, so this can be confusing. It can be misleading. So, really just simply maintaining a consistent subject line in these reports, ensure that these matters are easy to find even in our DMIS system. So, I...

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Madam Speaker...

Councillor Sharma: ... I ask that you support the recommendation before us. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Oh, sorry. Pardon me for interrupting you. I think, Councillor Wyatt, you stood this down?

Councillor Wyatt: I stood it down in case Councillor Schreyer wanted to speak.

Deputy Speaker: Would you like... Because what?

Councillor Schreyer: Well, fine.

Deputy Speaker: So, you do not want to speak to it?

Councillor Schreyer: I will speak to it.

Deputy Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, please go ahead.

Councillor Schreyer: In terms of the naming standards, yes, I was... This was actually Councillor Wyatt's idea. But I was seconding one. I seconded this one. And the issue is, I have made my point in the Governance meeting, it is a sort of the way Councillor Wyatt wanted to put it. There was a point to it. My point was, as I made my point in Governance was that I have seen confusion over a report item and then when the... As the Clerks have written it, and then, when it comes to a report from the Administration on that, it has a different title. And I have noticed this to some sort of pattern, which is why I could... I could second this motion. We have made the point in Governance, you know... I have talked with the Clerks, and we will be watching in terms of any disconnect between the item of a report, the name of a report item from Standing Committee, a committee, or Council, from what the Clerks term it and what later the administration terms it in terms of the report back. And that is fine with me, and we will go forward from there. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Does anybody else wish to speak? No? Madam Speaker to close?

Councillor Sharma: Call the question, please. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Is anybody opposed? That is carried unanimously, it sounds. Report Item three, Mr. Prinsloo.

Item 3 – City of Winnipeg Charter Amendment – Community Committees

Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Madam Speaker.

Councillor Sharma: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. This item was also a Council motion referred to the Governance Committee of Council. The committee reviewed the motion as recommending that it be received as information. Reference to Community Committees in the former City of Winnipeg Act was removed in the 1990s, however, the city organizational by-law does establish Community Committees and their authority. Having this authority in by-law provides greater flexibility to Council to change the authority delegated to it. I am asking that what the Committee came up with is the change is really unnecessary at this time, so we are receiving this as information. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Information. Okay. Was this stood down by Councillor Wyatt again?

Councillor Wyatt: Mr. Speaker, in the essence of time, it has been a long day for everybody, long couple of days, so I am just going to... I thank the Speaker for the explanation, and I will leave it at that. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Anybody else wish to speak to this item?

Councillor Schreyer: Yes, Councillor Schreyer.

Deputy Speaker: Okay. Councillor Schreyer?

Councillor Schreyer: And I am just going to say this because it is going to help with understanding some clarification. When it came to the original obligation of to have Community Committees that was a function of Charter. I learned this in the Governance meeting. That was a function of our Charter from the province. It made it... them unnecessary by a change in the Charter in the 90s. Having said that, we maintained them by virtue of choice of the City of Winnipeg and by-laws. And that is why we have them. I think it is important for people to know that if they have got any concern over these things, and thus, we brought this to Governance Committee. I do not think we wasted anybody's time on that, either. Thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Anybody else wish to speak? Call the question, Madam Speaker?

Councillor Sharma: Yes, thank you.

Deputy Speaker: Alright. All those in favour? Is there anybody opposed? That is carried. Thank you, Madam Speaker. By-laws...She is pulling up... You are just pulling up your... Alright.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – THREE READINGS

Councillor Sharma: The by-laws. I will move that the By-law 129/2024 be read a first time.

Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Is there anybody opposed? That is carried.

Clerk: By-law 129/2024.

Councillor Sharma: I will move that By-law 129/2024 be read a second time.

Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Anybody opposed? That is carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 129/2024.

Councillor Sharma: I will move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 129/2024 be read a third time and that the same be passed in order to be signed and sealed.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you. All those in favour? Is anybody opposed? That is carried. Mr. Clerk, I am not sure what the procedure is in regards to the final report.

REPORT ON A COMPLAINT
BY CITY OF WINNIPEG INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER

Councillor Sharma: I will take the Chair back, Mr. Deputy Speaker...

Deputy Speaker: Will you? Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Onto the final report here. Next Item is the...is an investigation report from the Acting Integrity Commissioner Jamie Pytel on a complaint made pursuant to the Members of Council Code of Conduct By-law No. 19/2018. As per the procedure by-law, a Member of Council who is the subject of an investigation report from the Integrity Commissioner is deemed to have a conflict of interest in respect to the matter and must not participate in

debate nor vote on any motion concerning the report. They are, however, permitted to speak to Council in delegation with respect to the matter. Councillor Wyatt, do you wish to come to the podium to address Council?

Councillor Wyatt: Sure.

Madam Speaker: Thank you... Council Wyatt, thank you.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. I wish to take this opportunity to briefly... to respond briefly to the findings of the Integrity Commissioner of the City of Edmonton, Jamie Pytel, who is acting as our Integrity Commissioner. Miss Pytel has found the following, which is in contention in my opinion. That A) I was disrespectful and harassed the complainant, Mr. Jack, via media article and am found in breach of the Code of Conduct. B) That my comments in the CBC media article were contrary to the expectation of the Code of Conduct. C) That it was unfair and inappropriate for me to personally attack, which she contends, and to try to interfere with Mr. Jack's duties and to threaten his employment. D) To correct misinformation that the complainant was engaged in delay tactics regarding the legal action on the Marquess matter, mainly the appeal of the court decision. E) A commitment or a request to treat city staff with respect and professionalism going forward. In response to A, B, and C: At no point did I harass or disrespect Mr. Jack. Nor did I personally attack Mr. Jack and attempt to interfere with his job or threaten his employment. As a member of this elected Council, I believe we have a duty to hold the CAO accountable for his or her actions. As Members of Council are aware, the city has now been found in breach of both city policies and planning regulation, and that has led to a successful claim against the city with damages being applied by a court of law for 5 million dollars, which, as you know, is being appealed to the cost of tens of thousands of dollars of taxpayer dollars in legal expenses. I suggest to you that in any corporate organization other than the City of Winnipeg an employer or employees who cause a damage claim against their employer, for example, a private corporation, in this case significant damages, and in the case of the city the near equivalent of a one percent property tax increase, that the corporation would either terminate employment of said employee or employees, or at the very least they would place the employer or employees on Administrative leave without pay. In the City of Winnipeg neither has occurred even to this present day. I called on then the CAO, to be accountable for the failure to act accordingly, I felt, and I called on his resignation for failing to do so. As a Member of Council, that is my right. Also, as I also, in theory, participate in the hiring of the CAO, in theory because we know in a strong mayoral model it is really the Mayor who truly controls both the hiring, suspension, and the firing of any CAO. Therefore, Miss Pytel's content in that I am in a position of authority is, frankly, absurd within the actual workings of our City of Winnipeg strong mayor model. She chose to assume that the Winnipeg City Council operates the same as the Edmonton City Council, where in Edmonton the Mayor there regularly loses votes on the floor of Council. This is an important point as her argument is that, due to my position gives me authority over the CAO, is actually false in our existing operating structure here in the City of Winnipeg. Therefore, the concept that somehow, I could somehow threaten Mr. Jack's employment is false. That D) Correction of misinformation that the complainant Mr. Jack was engaged in delay tactics by recommending appeal to the court decision... with a court decision. Pertaining to this matter I am prepared to acknowledge a correction: That the appeal... that the appeal was not... was not and is not a delay tactic, but a right the City of Winnipeg has. This is an acknowledgement of the need... of the need to correct my media statement, but in no way should it be interpreted as an apology. And E) To treat City staff respect... with respect and professionalism in the future. This statement by Miss Pytel is being made with the contention that my holding our CAO to account was somehow disrespectful. That is false as my call to hold him accountable on this matter, which I had the courage to publicly speak to, was done so regarding his position as CAO and not that as the individual himself, Mr. Jack. It should be pointed out that both EPC Members of Council and non-EPC Members of Council privately shared their thoughts on the matter... on this matter, both before and after the news article appeared in the CBC, that were similar to mine if not exactly the same. In other words, what I said publicly is what some Members of Council other than myself are stating privately. Yet the one Member of Council who has had the courage to speak out, to share these real concerns with the public, is now the Member of Council who is being subject to a potential reprimand here today. Therefore, I have responded to Miss Pytel's contentions. The City of Winnipeg Charter Act, which she is not familiar with, supersedes the Code of Conduct and it insofar as the need for Members of Council to hold the CAO accountable. And as a non-Member of EPC, and as a Councillor versus the Mayor of Winnipeg, my ability to hold the CAO accountable is truly limited greatly, and where acting and speaking directly to media is often the only recourse. Therefore, I did nothing wrong, and I therefore refuse to apologize based on what I have said here to you today. I take the words of Miss Jamie Pytel very seriously, including her statement and the use of the word "harassment", and wish to inform this Council that the matter is being reviewed by my own legal counsel with the... with the potential that I may seek an apology from Miss Pytel and/or damages for said statement. With that in mind, I respectfully request that the matter be laid over today to the December meeting of Council for your consideration as the discussions with my legal counsel is taking place presently. In light of the fact that I am discussing the matter with legal council, I have been advised to decline any questions on this matter here today and to simply make the statement which I have just made. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, just to reiterate, you are not taking any questions. There are questions from Council. You are not taking them today.

Councillor Wyatt: That is correct.

Madam Speaker: Thank you.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Question, Councillor Gilroy, you said for the Administration?

Councillor Gilroy: Yes. Just because I have raised this at Governance...

Madam Speaker: Yes. Just who are you putting the question to?

Councillor Gilroy: Probably to our... to our... to the Clerk. Yes.

Madam Speaker: We do have the Integrity Commissioner Jamie Pytel on the line.

Councillor Gilroy: Okay. Just to the Clerk, though. Or to you, Madam Chair. Like, I guess, like...

Madam Speaker: If you could rise in the Chamber, please. Thank you.

Councillor Gilroy: Oh, sure, yes. Yes. I guess my question would be... is, like, how do we deal with these matters if somebody does not... does not do what the Integrity Commissioner has asked them to do? And I think that we, as a Council, need to have a decision made from Governance on how to move forward with this. So, I guess that is what I would like...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gilroy, thank you for that...

Councillor Gilroy: Okay.

Madam Speaker: It is not a question directed to anyone right at the moment, okay?

Councillor Gilroy: I think we need to know and understand for this meeting.

Madam Speaker: Yes. You can speak with... You can ask the Integrity Commissioner. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Yes, Madam Speaker. I would point out that our own Code of Conduct that we voted on, adopted as a council, states in there the obligations and options that are available to Council when it comes to how to deal with this matter. If a Councillor does not respond to or act in line with, for lack of a better word, the recommendations of the Integrity Commissioner then Council has the option and opportunity to act in accordance with our own Councillor Code of Conduct. So, at some point here we would have the Integrity Commissioner online. But I would be looking to introduce an amending motion, Madam Speaker, at some point.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Now we do have Jamie Pytel on the line, the Acting Integrity Commissioner, and questions can be posed to her in order to clarify the complaints' process or the process followed in this specific investigation. That is what you can pose questions on, okay? Yes, Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I understand that the Councillor did not want to take questions, however, would there not be an opportunity for questions that were going to be asked of him to be posed? Maybe I can seek clarification on that?

Madam Speaker: No. I do not see any reason. There is no one answering the question.

Councillor Duncan: I appreciate that, Madam Speaker. However, when somebody chooses to decline at answering a question, that means that question is being posed. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: We are going to move onto questions of the Integrity Commissioner at this point. Okay. Councillor Eadie. I have a speaker's list already, okay. Councillor Gilroy, did you want to pose your question to the Integrity Commissioner on... as I said...

Councillor Gilroy: You know, I will let others speak, because I think the Mayor answered my question, so.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Yes. Councillor Mayes, then Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Mayes: A two-part question, not to the Integrity Commissioner. Is a... When is a motion for layover in order? And the second part of that question would be is one able to lay this over to an unspecified date? That date being after the decision of the Manitoba Court of Appeal in the litigation that is all over this file, the Parker Lands, and after that decision is made by the Court of Appeal.

Madam Speaker: There is a motion that is going to be circulated. First, we are going to have questions from the... to the Integrity Commissioner.

Councillor Mayes: Is that a motion to lay it over?

Madam Speaker: I will let the Mayor speak to that. He does have a motion. It will be circulated. It is essentially not dealing with the item today, I understand, Mr. Mayor. Okay. Let's take the questions. Any questions to the Integrity Commissioner? No? Okay. Thank you. Okay. Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: I have a question for the Acting Integrity Commissioner.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I would just... the Acting Integrity Commissioner did evaluate and put forth where the violations were. I am wondering how did... how did the Acting Integrity Commissioner determine what kind of power a Councillor Member of City Hall... Winnipeg has in terms of what is... what Councillor Wyatt is being found by the Integrity Commissioner to be guilty of?

Madam Speaker: Okay. Miss Pytel, have you heard the question?

Jamie Pytel: Yes, I have heard the question, thank you. Thank you, Councillor Eadie. I think the way that Councillor Wyatt has depicted my comments on power is slightly different than what I said in my report. My report mentions a power differential, just in terms of being a Councillor versus being a member of the staff, and what you can and cannot say publicly as a staff member. And it is well established in Integrity Commissioner Code of Conduct reports across the country that... and I take... and I take this into account, that Councillors, whether they have the hire... the ability to immediately hire or fire, which do not... I never suggested he did, they do have more power to speak publicly, and as did Councillor Wyatt. And staff, which obviously have less ability to get into a public debate with them in the media. That was the only comment that I was making about a power differential.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question?

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Acting Integrity Commissioner. Please refresh our memories... definition of harassment.

Jamie Pytel: In my report I mirror the language from your Code of Conduct, and the findings mirror that language. I am just going to that language right now, and it talks about... I'll just get to it. Apologies, my screen is frozen quite conveniently at this moment. So I can't get through it. Your Code of Conduct is the language that I was applying. Members must not use or attempt to use their authority for the purpose of intimidating, coercing or influencing staff with the intent of interfering with such staff duties. Members must not maliciously or falsely impugn or injure the professional or ethical reputation or their prospects of... or practice of staff, and they must at all times show respect for staff's professional capacities. Members have a duty to treat members of staff without abuse, harassment, or intimidation. The definition of harassment is any behaviour, whether a single incident or a course of conduct, that a reasonable person should have known would be unwelcome and that is inappropriate, demeaning, humiliating, embarrassing, or otherwise offensive, including but not limited to verbal or written insults, abuse, or threats, or bullying.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Third question, Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: Third question, Madam Speaker. Thank you for reminding us, Acting Integrity Commissioner. So, at the beginning of the definition in there it talks about a Councillor's authority. Were you considering that part of the definition in terms of having authority over, like... Councillors of Winnipeg have authority over our employees who are our executive assistants. Did you utilize that authority perspective at all when determining the harassment?

Jamie Pytel: So in my view, and this is how I landed on the findings, is Council is on a... is a Member of Council that... for which the complainant reports directly into Council. I was concerned that the Councillor was making statements to try to intimidate the CAO or City Manager in terms of the steps he was taking. For instance, with the potential dismissal of an employee and using his public platform as a Councillor. In that sense, the authority, right? And I stated right in my

report that I acknowledged that, in my view, it should have been done in private with this kind of feedback, and that this person reports to all of Council.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next is Councillor Gilroy. Okay. No further questions? Councillor Schreyer rise up.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have never asked any member of the Administration or anyone around here to resign. Ever. However, when it comes to the... and thank you for our Acting Integrity Commissioner, for being here Zooming in from Edmonton. Thank you very much. And to answer some questions, and for your weighing in with your perspective on this. Happens to be that Council votes for or against a candidate for CAO. My only real involvement is, you know, in terms of having any real obvious hand in, that I can understand, influence over the CAO is only in the hiring or choosing not to hire. And when we make that vote we can make our... we can make comments here, officially on the record...

Councillor Rollins: (inaudible) Do you have a question?

Councillor Schreyer: Yes. Absolutely...

Councillor Rollins: You're entering into debate.

Councillor Schreyer: No, I would like to have...

Madam Speaker: ... Councillor...

Councillor Schreyer: ... I would like to question. I would like an answer to my question...

Madam Speaker: ... Yes, thank you. Councillor Schreyer, just to reiterate, this question to clarify the complaints process. Yes, which you were doing that I believe. Or the...

Councillor Schreyer: ... That is exactly what I was doing...

Madam Speaker: ... Or the process followed... or the process followed in this specific incident... investigation.

Councillor Schreyer: Yes, well when we hire the CAO. Or we can choose to vote for or against the candidate. And so, we have, comments. We may comment. We may talk for eight minutes. And in the process, we may say good things about the candidate, or we may say bad things. Are we allowed to do that? Because we...

Madam Speaker: ... Councillor Schreyer, I do not know that that is the line of questioning that we should be posing here...

Councillor Schreyer: How can we speak to these candidates about their job? If we are voting against them, may we give our explanation...

Madam Speaker: ... Question please.

Councillor Schreyer: Are we allowed to give an explanation for why we choose not to vote in favour of a candidate for CAO?... Yes, it is, because those are comments about those people...

Madam Speaker: Thank you. That is not a question about process. Let's stay on task here. Councillor Rollins, followed by Councillor Allard.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you for being available to Council today, and it is nice to meet you virtually, and thank you for your service to this city. My question pertains to your recommendation. And in the recommendation, you outline a date, that looks to be December 12th meeting of Council, for Councillor Wyatt to make an apology. It is the last paragraph, I believe, in the recommendation. Can you confirm that that would be our next upcoming meeting is December 12th? Could you confirm that at the time of writing, that you anticipated that that would be the timing of Councillor Wyatt's apology?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Jamie.

Jamie Pytel: Yes. The idea was to have this meeting today for Council to consider and then give Councillor Wyatt time to consider whether he would issue an apology, and if one was not forthcoming, then Council would need to resume

to... again, this is... this is all in Council's hands. It is just a recommendation that Council may want to resume. So, trying to give a timeframe... I have seen in other jurisdictions I have worked, not just in Edmonton but many other ones, where this is just left open and then there is no time limit on how long the Councillor has to consider issuing an apology. So that was the thinking around those timeframes which, again, is in Council's hands.

Councillor Rollins: And then, with respect to your report, you note that the respondent's comments were made in public so a public apology for the conduct being made is appropriate. And then you outline several components of what an apology would include for Council. And, in particular, an acknowledgement that there was disrespect, harassment of Mike Jack, now Deputy Minister Mike Jack, in a media article that was found to have breached the Code of Conduct...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins, is there a specific question? The report is in front of us. So, we see that.

Councillor Rollins: Yes, I apologize, Madam Speaker. I am getting to the question. It is just sheer fatigue from the last three days. So, in your structure you note a structure for the apology, and at the last you indicate to Council that, should an apology not be forthcoming, that you have a further recommendation. Can you, talk to that?

Jamie Pytel: The typical progression in Code of Conduct sanction hearings is... would be to start with an apology. At least in my experience. But it is in, again, it is in Council's hands. And give the Councillor an opportunity, if they choose, to engage in that apology. And the suggestions I make about what the content of that apology would contain are really to make sure that the apology is meaningful to the actual findings. That that apology, as long as it was acceptable to Council... It is Council's Code of Conduct, so, these are just recommendations. If the Councillor is unwilling to apologize or accept accountability, then Council may consider issuing a letter of reprimand. Obviously if they agree with the findings.

Councillor Rollins: And one final question...

Jamie Pytel: ... And the letter of reprimand... and may I say the letter of reprimand, I would suggest, could publicly mirror what the suggested apology, like you said.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next question, Councillor Rollins. If any.

Councillor Rollins: Sorry, I just lost my train of thought. Do you... You point... Oh. In our Code of Conduct, it points to that obstruction of the Integrity Commissioner is also, you know, problematic within our Code. It is incorrect to represent a Code of Conduct that stems from the Municipal Act of our Council as anything but a Council publication. Is that something you would agree with?

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Rollins, speaking just about the process, please, of the Integrity Commissioner and this specific investigation. That is the end of the scope. Any further questions? Councillor Allard, then Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Allard: Yes, thank you. It is specifically on the... on the, I guess, the reporting relationship between a Member of Council and the Chief Administrative Officer, so I have pulled some text from the city of Winnipeg charter...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Allard, do you have a question on process for this investigation...

Councillor Allard: Yes...

Madam Speaker: For the Integrity Commissioner?

Councillor Alard: Yes, and my apologies, I, as some of my colleagues, is a... is a little bit tired from the last few days, but...so, the...I would like to...I guess the question, and perhaps it has been posed, but perhaps it was posed by the Councillor who spoke earlier. But was the City of Winnipeg Charter the test of whether or not the Councillor had influence on the hiring and firing? Because I, you know, from experience and from the City of Winnipeg Charter, the question is: Was the Winnipeg Charter used as the... as the document to determine what the relationship was between the individual Councillor and the employee? Given that Executive Policy Committee supervises the CAO and the Mayor may suspend the CAO, but no regular member of Council could do that, so.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Jamie, can you speak to that?

Jamie Pytel: I am happy to answer this. And I think that what my words are being taken and used in a different way than what was in the report. The authority, as I said earlier, talks about just generally being in the public and being able to speak to Council. This is about staff working in public office, and in possibly a political office, that they might spend

their entire career doing this. And the City and the public is not going to know the ins and outs of the Charter. And I did look at the Charter. What they will expect is... Or what staff should be able to expect is that their Councillors are not publicly asking for them and suggesting that they be fired, whatever the process may be. So, I did not say that he had the ability to fire him. I said he was threatening his employment publicly and suggesting that he did not have proper professional capabilities. And your very Code says that that is offside the Code expectations. I think this is meant to distract from what I actually said, which is that he is clearly in a... on a different platform and has different authorities and he clearly was saying something that was contrary and meant to damage the City Manager's or the CAO's professional capacities in how he was seen publicly, and that information would remain in the public sphere indefinitely. And if, in my view, when I made the finding, it seemed as though the language would have no meaning if something like this did not actually mirror things like questioning somebody's professional capabilities, which is the language in your Code of Conduct. So, I think we are... The Charter is being used as a distraction, and I do not think it applies here. What I was applying is the Code of Conduct, which has very clear language about how staff should be treated.

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have been ruled in this Chamber as having impugned motives a number of times, even though I still believe I have not impugned motive in this Chamber, because I think there is a difference between voting for oranges or voting for a...

Madam Speaker: ... Question, Councillor Allard?

Councillor Allard: Well, I think I heard, and please correct me if I am wrong, but I think I heard the... I think I heard the Integrity Commissioner speak of the intent or the reason why this argument is being raised. And I would think that might fall into the category of impugning motive. I am just... That is what I think it actually is.

Madam Speaker: Okay, question?

Jamie Pytel: Yes, and I am not suggesting that. I do not mean to suggest that. I just want... If there is going to be questions about the process, and I really want this Council to understand how I arrived at my findings, and so I am trying to clearly say that is not how I arrived at my findings and not suggesting motive at all, just suggesting that there may be a misinterpretation of how I arrived at my findings.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you. Councillor Mayes, followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Mayes: It is getting late. Good question by Councillor Allard. The term obstruction got used at some point. Though, is there some allegation here that something that the investigation was obstructed? There was some obstruction.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes, on process, clarifying the complaints process...

Councillor Mayes: How is that not a process question?

Madam Speaker: We are getting into the detail... Mr. Clerk? It is the preamble. Go ahead.

Councillor Mayes: In the process of investigating, was there some allegation of obstruction against Councillor Wyatt?

Jamie Paytel: No.

Councillor Mayes: Okay.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer?

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. According to a decision made by an appeal court of Manitoba which said, officially, that the evidence of a former CAO, while the CAO, that his dereliction of duties is nothing short of staggering. That is an official statement by an Appeals Court of Manitoba about a CAO while he was CAO. Happens to be that that was able to happen over a period of years with nobody doing anything about it. Here, however, Councillor Wyatt asked for his resignation. He was not told about any integrity...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer...

Councillor Schreyer: His integrity at the time was in question...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, specific question about process?

Councillor Schreyer: Well, sure. I mean, that was the process at the time 12 years ago.

Madam Speaker: You are questioning the findings. To the process?

Councillor Schreyer: Well, I agree with the Supreme... Well, that was our court. That was a legal opinion. So that is process...

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor?

Councillor Schreyer: We...we have...

Mayor Gillingham: The Integrity... sorry. The Integrity Commissioner is not on trial here, right? So, this is just questions of process. So, if the Councillor has a question related to the process, then... I think you have been really instructive, Madam Speaker, very clear in managing this long meeting, and thank you. I think your request and directions have been clear and they should be followed. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. I think that concludes our questions. Thank you, Miss Pytel, for your time. Mr. Mayor, there is a motion to circulate?

Mayor Gillingham: Yes. Please feel free to circulate the motion. Then... I will wait until everyone has it, and then I will speak to it in a moment.

Madam Speaker: It is Motioned four on this topic, moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Speaker. Mr. Clerk, would you read it into the record?

Motion No. 4
Moved by Mayor Gillingham,
Seconded by Councillor Sharma,

BE IT RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Integrity Commissioner be amended as follows:

- *Amend Recommendation 2 by deleting the words "prior to" and replacing them with "at the"*
- *Add the following new Recommendation 3*
 - "3. *That should the Respondent not issue a public apology at a Council meeting, that the report be reconsidered at the December 12, 2024 Council meeting to consider a public reprimand and/or the removal of a Councillor from Committee in accordance with Section 26. iv. of the Members of Council Code of Conduct By-law 19/2018.*

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor? Would you speak to the motion?

Mayor Gillingham: Yes, thank you. What this is... This amending motion really is kind of spelling out in greater detail, in fact, what the Integrity Commissioner's recommendations are. And clarifying by the Amending Recommendation two by deleting the words prior to and replacing them with at the. I think the intention is that the Councillor would make a public apology at Council. So, we just clarified that. But then the third recommendation is really simple, actually. What it is, it mirrors our Code of Conduct that we adopted as a Council, that we agreed upon, that if in this case a respondent Councillor fails to apologize and, as a Council, we have a decision to make. It is up to Council. Council will make the decision as to what to do next. According to our own Code of Conduct, these are the two options that are available, I guess, or an option to do nothing, but these are the two options that are available to Council: A public reprimand or removing the Councillor from... the Councillor from Committee. I read this. Probably most of us have. I read this report and take it very, very seriously, as I think we should take any Integrity Commissioner's report very seriously. I was thinking about the fact, I think around this Council Chamber there is five of us, myself included that at one point or another have gotten a phone call, an email, from the Integrity Commissioner with instructions one way or the other. In my case, it was to remove a post that I put up because it had contravened our Code of Conduct according to the Integrity Commissioner and the Integrity Commissioner's finding. I did that. We adopted a Code of Conduct, Madam Speaker, as a Council because we truly believe we are not above scrutiny. We are not above someone looking over us and us holding one another to account. And we established the Integrity Commissioner for that reason. I think it is important that we realize that in this, in the roles that we have, and I know we do realize this. Permit me to point it out

again, is that there is several relationships that we manage on a regular basis as Council. One of the greatest, most important relationships is the relationship that we have with the Public Service. There is a power imbalance. Of course there is. That is the structure of City Council and City Governance. And I think it is incumbent upon us always to do our jobs with respect to others, to do our jobs with respect and integrity to others. We are an employer of about 10 thousand employees. We need to be the kind of place where people want to go to work. We need to be the kind of place where people's professional credentials, experience, and integrity is respected. Now that does not mean the Public Service, the 10 thousand employees that we have, are faultless. Not by any stretch of the imagination. That does not mean that some of them are not at times, perhaps, underperforming. Not in any way. But we do have mechanisms by which we hold the Public Service to account, as is part of our job. There are mechanisms to hold our CAO to account, and through the CAO, to hold every employee in this city to account. Now we might not think they are effective enough. Then that is up to us to change. We might not think that they get to the bottom of things fast enough. That is on us to change. But I think it is important to us, in the midst of our debate, in the midst of sometimes being animated discussing things, whether it is in this Council Chamber or in the public, that we govern ourselves. That we act with integrity and respect. And that we realize every time we take an action, make a comment, on the other end of that comment, on the other end of that action, is a real person with real credentials, real integrity. Someone's mom, someone's dad. Someone's spouse, someone's brother, someone's sister. I think from time to time we do... that we do cross the line. I think from time to time we don't govern ourselves, our comments and our actions, as we should. I want us to be the kind of Council that works hard, holds people to account, gets the best out of our Public Service, but gets the best out of one another as well, and so I think we should always take these matters very seriously. I think we owe it to the staff that works for us to provide them the support that they need, on the other hand, to get the best out of them, to hold them accountable through the processes and mechanisms that we currently have. If we do not like the mechanisms, if we do not think they are good enough and strong enough or effective enough to hold people to account, then it is on us. We have the opportunity, dare I say the obligation, to make sure that the structures are in place to hold people accountable to get the performance that the people of Winnipeg deserve. So, I think what this motion does, I am asking for this amendment. I am asking for my colleagues' support on this to give our colleague the time in the next Council meeting to fulfill the recommendations that the Integrity Commissioner has put forward, and then, failing that, then it is on us to determine what next steps would be. Thank you.

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

Councillor Rollins: Thank you. I can not support the motion before us today. And I can not, not because I disagree with the Mayor's statements in terms of what the Public Service deserves to see. Our civil servants have a fundamental role in serving Winnipeg. They effect our orderly completion of proceedings like we have had in the last three days, it feels like... It feels like this... It feels like it has been a three-day Council meeting. They really affect the order and completion of our city and the business of Council. When I reviewed the Integrity Commissioner report posted on November 15, set for today, I saw that Councillor Wyatt was to issue a public apology for publicly disrespecting and harassing Mike Jack in the media. I saw an acknowledgement of unacceptable and contrary to Code of Conduct comments that were in the media, that were unfair, inappropriate and personally attacked our former CAO, now-Deputy Minister Mike Jack. And corrected misinformation that the CAO was acting to the detriment of the city regarding a Property and Development legal matter, and a misunderstanding of the role of CAO and that, further, Councillor Wyatt needed to recommit treating all staff with respect and professionalism. I view both the comments of November 14 that were made prior to this meeting by Councillor Wyatt in a series of media interviews he did concerning his refusal to apologize, which he repeated today, to be... to fly in the face of what the Integrity Commissioner wants us to consider here today. Their recommendations, and these were all made in advance of this discussion... He wrote... he made media comments that repeated the very behaviours that were involved in the report in the media in the last few days. He made them again today. Moreover, he made... he... I think there is... that there is in his logic some real faults. The Integrity Commissioner recommended a timing of Wyatt's apology following the next meeting or on the December meeting of Council, but given what took place in the media, and taken together with Wyatt's conclusions that, you can read in appendix C, that is oblivious, in my opinion, to the Municipal Act, its requirements of the Code of Conduct, and they are comments that he repeated again today. The comments, I think is important to note, is that he sees nothing wrong in continuing to defame Mike Jack and Property and Development staff. He repeats the very language today within appendix C that you can read of the Integrity Commissioner report and in the media last week that she found to be offensive, disrespectful, threatening, and an attack on the capacities of the members of the Public Service. I believe that it is another contravention of the Code, not once, not twice, but three and four times. So, I think, actually time is of the essence, because he shows no end to disrespect the Public Service, so I can not support the Mayor's motion. In line with this, I will ask you to consider this section that guides you, Madam Speaker, and our presiding officers on decorum in this chamber. It occurred to me, Madam Speaker, that I should get up and actually try as a point of order to stop the fourth time he was going to repeat the behaviour from within the Chamber, because this chamber and presiding officers have direction to actually stop harassment in the Chamber, to say it is a section that says cease... that the presiding officer has some flexibility to cease and desist that type of behaviour that would repeat the defamation of Mike Jack, that would repeat the problems that lead to the finding of harassment. He told us at the very sentence...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Rollins, I can appreciate what you are saying. I cannot unilaterally decide on something like that today. We do have a report in front of us...

Councillor Rollins: I will make my point, Madam Speaker. I am not asking... I am trying to make the point that I don't think that this sends a message to the Public Service that time is of the essence when it is not once, it is not twice, it is three times and four times that someone is determined to continue the harassment according and break the Code of Conduct. So, I do believe that we should consider that section 9 of our procedural by-law that contemplates harassment and ejection should an offending member not immediately cease and desist from further acts of harassment, and I have no confidence given what was said that that will be ceased... that behaviour will cease. I have none. And, in particular, I think we should consider further action, as circumstances warrant, language from section nine, to maintain order and decorum in the Chamber, and that we consider that as a path to ejecting him for a month, perhaps longer, but for a month. I think there are strictures of that within the Municipal Act that does allow for ejection, within the Municipal Act. It is not in our Code, but I also would ask that we formally remove Councillor Wyatt from Property and Development SPC. In line with section 60 that is in our Code. Why? Because I do not believe the behaviour will cease, and it is really difficult for me to jive that this Council who has the power and the organizational meeting of Council to confer and agree...

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Are you wrapping up or did you need more time?

Councillor Rollins: Yes, to confer and agree, because it is implicit agreement that a member who is harassing specifically pertaining to Property and Development, that a member of this Council...

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins...

Councillor Rollins: ... that is agreed for all of us that is on the Standing Policy Committee, I am asking this Council that we move swiftly to adjourn. I do believe that time is of the essence...

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow, followed by Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Orlikow: Well, I... First of all, I want to... you know I have been around the block for 30 years on politics now, and I have had experiences with certain trustees and certain Councillors that I have dealt with. I have been brought forward in the past. I had to apologize to a developer, which really left a bad taste in my mouth, but I understood that in, maybe in some way, and without the background, what I could have said, but I can not, and that... it was a really hard call for me. It was a really hard call for me to apologize. The last one I did, but again, I was worried about what Council would do. It was political. It was hot. So, I might as well just suck up my morals and my beliefs and say, you know what, I am not going to do it. I will go apologize. That is what I have been told to do. I was not pleased about it. I felt I was defending the neighbourhood and doing what he actually asked me to do, but regardless, that time has passed. But I never had this. Never had something like this where we have already... this motion here, there is a third option we have in here, which I am actually going to support it. I am going to support the Mayor's option today. I think it is... he is trying to shoot somewhere in the middle, but it is very... it is also chilling to the Councillors and all of us that either you apologize, or you get this. It is like... The other option is we do not do anything. That is an option. We do not have to take the recommendations of the Integrity Commissioner. I do not think I am with that, but again, we could just say, okay, Councillor Wyatt has points. Maybe we will give him the extension. I think that is fair, but to put in here that if you do not do it, we are going to do these two things...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, just to clarify the motion, it is basically putting the discussion again on the table next Council meeting and that you can read that it says Council...

Councillor Orlikow: To consider.

Madam Speaker: To consider, that is right.

Councillor Orlikow: But it doesn't say consider doing nothing. It says consider these two options. That is a chilling part of this thing as a person who would be reading this. Councillor Wyatt will read this later on. He goes, well I do not really want to apologize, but now they have chilled me out, I am scared of what they are going to do to me later, so I am going to do that now. It is called chilling. That is what you do. That is a very common term. I am not saying what I would choose to do, but I prefer it has... it gets referred over. Now Councillor Rollins wants to go for the jugular and do what she believes in. That is fine. That is her...

Councillor Rollins: I do not think that is a fair characterization.

Councillor Orlikow: Sorry, what characterization?

Councillor Mayes: You were saying he would defame the people, Councillor Rollins, and that is...

Councillor Orlikow: Okay, so again, that is not the... She would like to have another option on top of this, the third option. So, prior to Councillor Rollins's comments, I am back on to this one now. But I just want to point out that I feel this is a little chilling to the people that are out here. There is the option of doing nothing. I do not think that is the best option. But again, the Mayor has taken a path that I think is reasonable. Let's take a break. We are all pretty tired. I know that I believe personally, though, it is a... when I have done it in the past, it has worked sometimes. Not all the time, but you have a progression of... you have a progression. You do not just go to the big one at the end. You have a progression of either a letter of reprimand, and you hope that works, because you have to respect each of us as colleagues. So I am not saying how I will vote because, again, I mainly am stuck in my public hearing mode, but again, I do find it is a little bit chilling, but I also find Council Rollins' comments very chilling, to say you do this or you... you must apologize even if you do not believe in it or this is what we are going to do to you. I do not agree with that. I think this is already a problem, so based upon what I have heard from Councillor Rollins, I am going to be supporting the Mayor's amending motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Orlikow. Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am going to rise, first of all, and thank the Acting Integrity Commissioner for undertaking a very difficult evaluation of the complaint filed by Mr. Jack, Madam Speaker. So, I have kind of formulated my own personal opinion so far, but I just... wow. So, in my first term, I think three times I went to the media saying that the CAO must resign based on the failure of some major projects. To think that I would not be allowed to offer that opinion out to the media and explain why, accurately, though, Madam Speaker, accurately, without any accusations of which I note in this one there is a false accusation that should be apologized for, and I would say I think that the Councillor should be happy that a civil suit was not filed for, what is the term? Liable, in terms of accusing the CAO of something. I will be voting for the Mayor's option because I think people really need to think this through, and we do not have to take the Integrity Commissioner's... Acting Integrity Commissioner's at full heart to decide what should be done on it. What I was sad to hear was I did not hear that it was an apology for accusing the CAO of doing something that was actually not in the CAO's interest, but in our, all of our interests, and I think the CAO took appropriate action. But so I am really concerned, and the discussion about authority, and I have heard over actually, not just over the last three days, but I have heard over time, I have heard how we discuss the issue of "my staff". The people who work for the City of Winnipeg, the Officers are technically "our staff" because Council has, well, I mean, the Mayor is the Chief Officer. The Chief Officer means that they have authority over the clerk, the CFO, the auditor, the CAO. They are the boss. The Chief Officer. And what happens is you have an Executive Policy Committee made up of the support team that supports the Chief Officer and the Mayor of this city to undertake business. When I hear the word "authority," I only have direct authority over my staff, and I should never be harassing my staff. Ever. And have due respect. I also, as a City Councillor, must have some, you know, professional respect, a level of kindness, but in my... I am able to interpret, intelligent elected person on Council, where I think it should go. I am not going to say where I am going on this. I am supporting the Mayor's motion. But we need to keep in mind and in context, I have had to go to the media because I was ignored by the Mayor, by EPC, for quite a number of years, Madam Speaker. Sometimes you can only bring your opinion to the public in the media and let them consider. But from my perspective one should not make false statements, which there was one in this which was determined and evaluated by the Acting Integrity Commissioner. So, I think we do need some time to consider what action we are going to vote to take in the case that Councillor Wyatt does not apologize. I am going to just conclude by one thing. I was found to be guilty of the Winnipeg Police Board Code of Conduct. Not on a similar matter. However, I did something that was in the public interest in releasing to the media some information about the Police Service trying to take over half of the old exhibition grounds. And if that was not in the public interest, for the people to know, to just all of a sudden be, pop, good-bye, take off, right? So, in that case, yes, it was difficult. I apologized, but I guess it was kind of a false apology because I said I would do it again. But well, it is a different basis though, right? It was release of information that was in the public interest. But I was told I was not able to do that. Anyway, I will leave it at that. It is not easy to apologize, as Councillor Orlikow has referred to. For me, I did have to apologize, but, oh, it hurts. So, Councillor Wyatt, I hope, will come to the... he is going to review it with his lawyer, although I do not know that I would be spending money on a lawyer. I think we are all intelligent enough to consider it, and had the apology been offered, we would not be considering it December 12 with this motion from the Mayor, what actions to take. So I will leave it at that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes?

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. Very good comments by Councillor Eadie and Councillor Orlikow. I will support the motion. Thank you to the Mayor and to Councillor Sharma for putting that forward. And, after all, Councillor Wyatt did request that we lay it over, so it seems to me a good way home on that to get it to the next meeting. I do not know how I

would land, though, at that next meeting. Councillor Orlikow said, well, what if I want to take a third way? And I may want to do that, so we will see what comes of it. There are some other things to say, though. I will say, I have a degree in public administration. I was a provincial civil servant for three years, so I have been on both sides. I have now been an elected official in two different levels of government for almost 17 years, so I think I have seen both sides of this. There are some pretty easy breaches here when I refer to something on a live mic as an effing... not with the word F, as a gong show. I think we have breached the language. Go, well, he was right, and I apologized and got mostly favourable emails, ironically, after that. But no, that was easy. That was clear. But then there are the more complicated matters we deal with, right? So how do we tackle this? We will give Councillor Wyatt some more time to think about that. Unbelievably messy fact situation here, right? And firstly, Mike Jack is not here anymore. Mike Jack has a new job. I view Mike Jack as a friend. I think highly of Mike Jack. I wish he would have stayed on as CAO, I will say all of that. I view Councillor Wyatt as a friend. I disagree with him at least half of the time, but I also get the way he operates, and he makes some valid criticisms, so. But the situation at hand here, right, is litigation that resulted in a finding of fault of two City employees for either misfeasance or malfeasance. I can not remember which. I think malfeasance, maybe it was misfeasance. Pretty high standard. Councillor Wyatt saying, well, some action should be taken, I think he had the right to say something like that. There is nuance about what wording was used, what allegations were made. Somewhat ironic there are some people here who did not want Mike Jack to stick around. If you parse through old Council minutes, you can probably find some pretty stern criticism of Mike Jack as CAO from some people around this table. Now that did not necessarily trigger a complaint, and it is a complaint-based system, but it is worth noting that. Personally, I thought Mike Jack did a good job as CAO. So, let's just remember that context. It is in the context of litigation where the City's on the hook for millions of dollars, unless successful at Appeal. There were two people found guilty of misfeasance, unless that is cleared up at Appeal. The other thing, frankly, and I will say it because Councillor Orlikow's name got dragged through that pretty publicly, pretty badly, no chance for him to respond. He was not a party. I do not think he was made aware that the people's defence were... I was just doing what Councillor Orlikow wanted. I might have made that defence myself if I were in the hands of the... if I was in the role of a former civil servant. I might well have done that. That is your job as a defence lawyer is to throw stuff out there, so, but it was classically unfair to Councillor Orlikow who had no chance to defend himself and could not appeal because he was not a party to the whole proceeding. So that is the underlying messy fact situation. And then we have a civil servant... former civil servant, Mr. Jack, claiming that these comments breach the Code, and yet we were discussing an action where the city will be on the hook for millions of dollars due to the actions of civil servants, or a former civil servant in one case, and those civil servants... You see the point here. It is not the best, cleanest fact situation in which to allege misbehaviour by Councillor Wyatt. I am conscious of what Councillor Orlikow was saying too about a chilling effect. Councillor Eadie gave some good examples. You know, I got an email once accidentally from somebody, I am not sure what it was about, and another staff was in there saying Mayes always goes against infills because he does not want complaints. And I just finished voting after a three-hour hearing with two of my colleagues here voting for a very contentious infill project of about 90 units at what was then Bishop Grandin and River, a decision I still stand by. So, I did not take that too well when somebody puts that in writing that I always vote against it, or words to that effect. And the apology I got was I am sorry you took that as criticism. So maybe Councillor Wyatt can take that as a guide for a kind of apology he might want to issue, or, you know, we can not write the words for him, but if that is the quality of apologies we get, then yeah, it is concerning as an elected official to have that. It is concerning when you see public servants on social media saying let's all get certain Councillors to change their vote and we need this policy changed and we need a bridge built here, and you go: that is directly contradicting the position of the Winnipeg civil servants. You are directly telling people to come out and vote against me or lobby against me or try to embarrass me because I am adopting the position of your bosses. I remember talking to Mr. Kiernan and saying what do you want me to do? Do you want me to trash you publicly? Because that is what your staff are telling the public I should do, or do you want me to back you up? That is why we need one voice from the civil service, otherwise you have that dynamic which is completely unfair to the elected officials. Mr. Kiernan took some action. Thank you to Mr. Kiernan on that. The reason why I almost broke down, frankly, I did break down into tears when we opened the St. Vital Park Toboggan Slide was a four-year battle with the civil service to get that damn thing built. It was a toboggan slide. It should not have taken four years. But the funding that was needed was then going to be moved to other wards, but I was not going to be told and on and on it went, and no one apologized for anything, and people were pointing at the other. It is parks says it's finance, finance says it is parks. I never got an answer on that. I got the money saved, luckily. Councillor... then-Councillor Gillingham and, I think, and certainly then-Mayor Bowman backed me up on that. So, yeah, we have all had battles with the civil service where frankly we can not always get complete forthright behaviour. And we have all had to deal with that, and we have won some and we have lost some, I imagine, so Councillor Wyatt is going to have to decide what he wants to do. And if he does not issue some form of apology, we are going to have to decide what we have to do. But I do want to echo some of Councillors... I mean, I have had a much easier ride of it than my colleague here, Councillor Orlikow, quite frankly, and it was on this particular file. So, let's lay it over to the next meeting. I would agree with the Mayor, and we will have a debate then and maybe Councillor Wyatt can put something together that will resolve this. It is a complaint-based system. One can not really fault Mr. Jack. I also want to say it is not helpful for Councillor Wyatt if he did leak, if he did provide confidential information because Mr. Jack was, I thought, not bad at briefing us and not making us sign these ridiculous non-disclosure agreements like we have had to do on the police pension legal opinion and other matters, which I find deeply insulting and, frankly, almost child-

like. Oh, we can not trust you. The 10,000 of us in the civil service do not have to sign one of these, but you lot do. So, to Mr. Jack's credit, we were not doing that. Not helpful, then, if somebody goes and takes it out to the media. So, Councillor Wyatt will have to sort out what he wants to do. But I support the Mayor and the speaker's motion today.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Schreyer?

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank the Acting Integrity Commissioner for putting time into this and for being here today to give a perspective here live at a Council meeting through Zoom from Edmonton. This is an issue of conflict, and bear in mind this... we are dealing with a recommendation. That is what we are dealing with. That is the recommendation by the Acting Integrity Commissioner for which we have to make the decision. There is a conflict here. And we have to make a decision. So, we have to do our job here, just as the Acting Integrity Commissioner did. Just as Councillor Wyatt felt he was doing his job. I am not going to say anything else because otherwise I would be impugning his motivations. So, bear in mind he is not the first member of this Council here of these Members of Council to state that a CAO should resign. Let's make that clear, also. So, I am supporting the Mayor's... the Mayor's motion because we have to make a decision, so that is fair. We have to make a decision. He is showing us a process in his motion by which we will do that, and it is a timeline and it is a reasonable one. And the Integrity Commissioner has made it clear that it is up to us. That was the recommendation by the Integrity Commissioner, and it is up to us to make a decision with that information and whatever information we want to use. Orlikow... Councillor Orlikow called it a hard call, and having said that, it has been. But in the past for him, for others, for different reasons, when integrity comes into question, bear in mind, it is natural sooner or later there is going to be conflict because, bear in mind one thing, these two buildings, the Council building and the Administration building have two separate codes of integrity and conduct and judgement there on. Bear that in mind. So do not be surprised where there is conflict by which we have to make a decision. They have two separate Codes of Conduct. Members of Council and the members of the Administration. But because we work together, and there is some sort of power base, one over the other, and we have to work with both of them. We have to work with each other. We can not be surprised if there is an element of conflict here. Bear in mind, I am going to say it again because it is really, really important, this is why we are going through the process right now of getting the Chief Construction Officer. Why? Integrity, isn't it? Because of what happens when we do not. I am going to say it again. I have never asked for the resignation of anybody, and the CAO.... and I sympathize with Michael Jack. But to some extent, we have to make the point this is not just about him. And this is not just about Councillor Wyatt. We have to admit to the fact that we are going to have to deal with integrity matters over time. I am going to mention again that our former CAO, as a judgement by the Appeal Court of Manitoba said in a statement, a legal statement by the Court, that his dereliction of duty is nothing short of staggering. That was about our previous CAO, in which many of us work with and under.

Councillor Mayes: (Inaudible) the CAO. To be fair to Mr. Jack that is in reference to another...

Councillor Schreyer: (inaudible) No, and it is fair to say. I am not really here to muckrake, but let's say I'm not and you are right. We should say it. That was achievable. And it is important to say thank you, Councillor Mayes. I should have more integrity than to just to say it blindly like it is any CAO. So fair enough. And yet, it did not... that did not happen in a week or a month. That was not a statement. That took years to get to that point. And I am going to make the point that that took the soul and heart out of City Hall, out of the Administration, out of good members of the Administration, out of the newest members of the Administration, our newest bureaucrats, and they had to work under that. And who had the strength to say something about that? That took years. Do you think we are all healed from that? Two years ago in his parting statements to the media Mayor Brian Bowman did not think so. He did not say we are healed from it all. That is how bad it is. How long do you think it is going to take for us to heal the culture of this Administration for what happened because of our CAO? And because nobody did anything about it for how many years? For how many years? And look what it has done...

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, the report is...

Councillor Schreyer: ... My point is Councillor Wyatt had the strength to say it. Now maybe it just speaks to my personality. I get it. But it suited the system. He had the strength somehow, maybe by personality, he could say something. Was he wrong? Well, I am just saying it is not about, maybe, the CAO. It is about process, and sometimes, in democracy it hurts. Sometimes it hurts. So just bear that in mind. And while we have to make a decision, it is not fun. It hurts. And I empathize for anybody, including all members of the administration that had to live through that, and from which we are not yet healed. Alright. Bear that in mind when we, I hope, we pass this and have a fair perspective for this Council to have to make a decision on this, based on the... based on what we think, what we know, and our Integrity... Acting Integrity Commissioner from Edmonton. Thank you. Miigwech.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Councillor Allard? No. Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: Wow. It is the first time I am not ruled out of order and I get to speak. Isn't calling the question always an order though?

Madam Speaker: Not today, Councillor Allard.

Councillor Allard: We are on motion 4?

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Councillor Allard: Okay.

Madam Speaker: And the main item. You can speak to the amending motion.

Councillor Allard: Yes. So first off, thank you to the Acting Integrity Commissioner. I know these are difficult issues to deal with. I heard what Councillor Orlikow said. I guess I urge caution. In terms of the power dynamics, I do not know that, from an outsider's point of view, that you might understand, I guess, how powerful the City Administration is. One of the... one of the first things I was told when I ran for, or when I was elected was, you need two things to be a successful City Councillor. One is, it is almost impossible to get anything done without administration support. I have found that to be more or less true in my terms on Council. And the second was to work with the colleagues. And this is not a colleague thing, as I think Councillor Mayes mentioned. One of those settled between colleagues. Just, I heard... Perhaps I should not paraphrase anyone because of the context, but I think if we were to do anything over and above what is already proscribed... prescribed? Councillor Mayes, I do not know. I think that is a very risky precedent, because if we do that then who knows what we might do next? You know, Councillors are elected. I recall in the case of a citizen of Winnipeg, naming former Mayor Sam Katz in a Court of Queens Bench for violation of the Municipal Act on pecuniary gain in the course of duties of office, something along those lines. The judge ruled, essentially, that maybe, maybe, or yes, there might have been. But there are elections for that. So that is what elections are for. So, I do plan to support the... Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for your motion. I just... I can think of situations where, I mean, you can debate what the right thing and the wrong thing is all day. But there may be situations where the right thing to do may not be in line with the financial wellbeing or the material wellbeing of the City of Winnipeg if something has happened that is not... That there are other considerations than materiality and damages to the City of Winnipeg. So, I could see how. I mean, some Councillors have been here for a long time and seen a lot of things with former administrations. And I do think it is good to have a Code of Conduct. I know that some of the reasons why the Councillor is being asked to do these things for the report is that there was a breach of confidentiality, which we have amended in our Code of Conduct though as is our process, but the old Code is being used. But the old Code said anything not normally available. Any information not normally available to the public shall be considered a breach of confidentiality. And I think a lot of information that we have as a Councillor is not normally available to the public. In fact, probably most of the information that we have, in terms of any private meeting that we have, is not available to the public. So, I did not know I would be speaking today, but I just... I think we need to tread very carefully, because this is a very... it is an important precedent. In the case of Councillor Orlikow, Councillor Orlikow chose to do what was being asked by the Integrity Commissioner. In this case, we, well, do not have that yet from Councillor Wyatt. In other Chambers, the Legislature, and Parliament, you have privilege. And trying to find the quote about privilege. Is it Cromwell? I wish I had the quote. I will have it for next Council meeting, perhaps. But privilege is there for a reason. Privilege is there because, and I know that we do not have privilege. Not only do we not have privilege, but we have bound ourselves to a Code of Conduct that goes over and above privilege. But sometimes, as an elected official, you need to say things are not necessarily favourable to the government. And I get really worried when we start talking about going over and above things that we have already decided will be the rules in which we will govern ourselves.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Thank you.

Councillor Allard: I know it has been... It has been a long day, but I do want to keep speaking. I am not done yet. I just think this is an important... This is a watermark moment for me. I have been investigated by the Integrity Commissioner. It is really not fun. It is like being cross interrogated by a lawyer which, I think, essentially is what it is, private. But, I mean, any number of us, a few of us are more, perhaps divisive than others on some issues. And, I mean, I might be one of those people. Some of my colleagues might be some of those people. But sometimes some of us feel we need to say things that are uncomfortable. And I mean, at Appeals... who was at Appeals with me? Councillor Gilroy you were at Appeals with me, Councillor Dobson, and Councillor Santos. So, we just had a case where it was likely that a city employee had made a mistake that may have caused damages to a neighbouring property. So, I mean, I just did my job which was discussed the issue in front of Appeals Committee. But from my understanding, the materiality of the mistake is probably on the side of the Public Service and, had we chosen to demolish a building because it was not conforming to some type of document that is required to be to be... to be vetted before a permit is issued... The permit was issued. Please correct me if I am wrong. Any of my colleagues are... Perhaps it is just past that time where anybody has the

capacity to listen. But just yesterday...just yesterday, I was speaking in public about potential material damages to the City of Winnipeg, and pointing out that the City of Winnipeg maybe should be, might be, liable for damages. But I think in that context, it is the right thing to do. And so, I think we need to be really careful with this. I will be studying this very closely, and I will almost certainly be using my ten minutes at the next Council meeting to talk about this. But I think we need to be very, very careful with this. I think we need to, perhaps, detach the individual from the issues that we are discussing.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy?

Councillor Gilroy: I would just like to move that we... that we vote. Yes. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Our Deputy Speaker is not here. I wanted to say a few comments. I could hand the Chair to you, Mr. Mayor, for just a moment. Yes.

Mayor Gillingham: I acknowledge...

Madam Speaker: Well, the Mayor... okay. The Mayor can not have the Chair, I guess. Okay. That is okay. I will... Mayor. Mr. Mayor, I will have you close.

Mayor Gillingham: Okay. You know it is simply; I will invite you to... I thank my colleagues for their comments, and I am asking for support on this amending motion. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that, we will vote on the Amending Motion 4. All in favour? Contrary? Councillor Rollins, recorded in opposition. It is carried. Now the main item, as amended. All in favour? Contrary? That is carried. Noted. Thank you. Councillor Santos moves adjournment.

Councillor Santos: So moved, Madam Chair.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.