

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
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MADAME SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING. MR. CLERK, DO WE HAVE A QUORUM?

CLERK: YES.

MADAME SPEAKER: I CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER. IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 11.1 OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG PROCEDURE BY-LAW NO. 50/2007, THE SPEAKER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT WE ARE IN TREATY ONE TERRITORY, THE HOME AND TRADITIONAL LANDS OF THE ANISHINAABE (OJIBWE), ININEW (CREE), AND DAKOTA PEOPLES, AND IN THE NATIONAL HOMELAND OF THE RED RIVER METIS. OUR DRINKING WATER COMES FROM SHOAL LAKE 40 FIRST NATION, IN TREATY THREE TERRITORY. WE WILL NOW HAVE THE OPENING PRAYER. PLEASE RISE IF YOU ARE ABLE. WE WILL HEAR FROM COUNCILLOR EMMA DURAND-WOOD.

COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD: AS WE GATHER HERE TODAY, WE SEEK TO BE EVER MINDFUL OF OPPORTUNITIES TO RENDER SERVICE TO FELLOW CITIZENS TO OUR COMMUNITY. KEEPING IN MIND ALWAYS ENDURING VALUES OF LIVEN DOORING EFFORTS ON THOSE THINGS WHICH FUTURE GENERATIONS BUILD ON CONFIDENCE. WE ARE ON THE TRADITIONAL HOMELAND OF THE NATION. LET US STRIVE TO MAKE A BETTER WORLD.

CLERK: SHARMA, GILLINGHAM, ALLARD. BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, DURNAD-WOOD, EADIE, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES. ORLIKOW. SANTOS AND COUNCILLOR WYATT.

MADAME SPEAKER: LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR COUNCILLOR ROLLINS. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE OUR PAGES. WE HAVE VICTOR PUZHEVICH FROM NELSON MCINTYRE COLLEGIATE AND JOANNA DALONOS FROM MURDOCH MACKAY COLLEGIATE. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY. [APPLAUSE]. WE WILL MOVE TO MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS. MR. MAYOR, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: IT IS SPRINGTIME. WE ARE GLAD TO SEE CREWS OUT ON THE STREETS IN COMMUNITIES DEEPLY INVOLVED IN SPRING CLEANUP. THAT BEGAN APRIL 19. WE ARE HALFWAY COMPLETE. CREWS COMPLETED 75% LOCAL RESIDENTIAL STREETS PROGRESS ON MAJOR ROUTES. DOWNTOWN BLITZ. DEBRIS PICKED UP. PARKS CLEANED. 700 GRAFFITI TAGS REMOVED. BASICS TO MAKE SURE WINNIPEG IS CLEAN, SAFE, WELCOMING AS WE HEAD TO SPRING AND SUMMER. WE ASK RESIDENTS TO CHECK FOR PARKING RESTRICTION TO HELP CREWS FINISH THE JOB. I ASK EVERYONE TO TAKE THAT EXTRA MOMENT ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY OR THE BUSINESS THEY OWN AND JUST CLEANUP THE SIDEWALK AND THE LITTER ALONG FENCES TO HELP US ALL ENSURE OUR COMMUNITIES

ACROSS THE CITY LOOK CLEANER, BETTER, FASTER. COMMUNITY FREE CLEANUPS ARE ALL OVER THE CITY. I WANT TO THANK THE ORGANIZERS OF THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY CLEANUPS HAPPENING AROUND WINNIPEG. I WILL JOIN DOWNTOWN BIZ NEXT WEEK. WE CAN ALL HELP WINNIPEG LOOK ITS BEST.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MAYES MORNING ANNOUNCEMENT.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: IT IS ONE OF MY TRADITIONS TO CONGRATULATE WINNING TEAM FOR THE REACH FOR TOP TOURNAMENT. PLAYING FOR THE BRIAN MAYES TROPHY. I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT SISLER WON FOR FIRST TIME IN COUPLE YEARS. POWERHOUSE SECOND AND RICHMOND THIRD IN TIEBREAKER. ALL THREE ARE INVITED TO NATIONALS. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS AND I WILL KICK OUT TO HELP RICHMOND AND HOPE COUNCILLORS WILL CONSIDER REQUESTS. IT IS A GREAT INVITATION. IT IS GREAT CELEBRATION ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I RISE BECAUSE THIS IS THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY ON THE LOSS OF COUNCILLOR SCHREYER. THIS WAS THE MEETING THAT IF YOU RECALL WE CANCELED. I WOULD ASK FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO REMEMBER OUR COLLEAGUE.

MADAME SPEAKER: APPRECIATE YOUR SENTIMENT. WE ALL MISS HIM DEARLY. APPRECIATE YOUR REMARK.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: MOMENT OF SILENCE, MADAM SPEAKER?

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL RISE YOU ARE ABLE FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE. [MOMENT OF SILENCE]. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN, MORNING ANNOUNCEMENT.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS YEAR BEING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL, ONE OF THE MORE PROMINENT HIGH SCHOOLS IN WINNIPEG CELEBRATING ALL WEEK LONG WITH ALUMNI GAMES AND RICH SPORTS HISTORY THROUGHOUT THE WEEK AS WELL AS MANY EVENTS TAKING PLACE CULMINATING WITH PANCAKE BREAKFAST SATURDAY FOLLOWED BY SOLD OUT ALUMNI DINNER RAISING MONEY FOR FUTURE INITIATIVES AT OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL ON SATURDAY EVENING. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE ORGANIZERS AS WELL AS STAFF, CURRENT, PAST AND ADMINISTRATION. OAK PARK IS A GEM IN THE CHARLESHOOD NEIGHBORHOOD. I WILL BE THERE TO GIVE REMARKS TO GIVE THEM OUR BEST WISHES. THANK YOU VERY. , MADAM SPEAKER. COUNCILLOR EADIE, MOVE MINUTES MARCH 26?

COUNCILLOR EADIE: SO MOVED.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. MOVING TO DELEGATIONS. FIRST UP IS DAVID GRANT TO BE HEARD ON NUMBER OF ITEMS AS LISTED ON THE AGENDA. DAVID GRANT. WELCOME.

DAVID GRANT: THANK YOU. ON EPC 4. WELCOME REPORT HAS ALREADY BEEN DELAYED FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. NOW ANOTHER SIX MONTHS. IS THIS KICKED DOWN THE ROAD TO HIDE FROM VOTERS? I HAVE HEARD THAT. WE HEAR THIS AN IMPORTANT POLICY. SPEAKING TO HOW THE WORLD SEES OUR CITY. ITEM 4. WE ARE PROMISED APPENDIX A. IT IS MISSING. HIDING WHAT THIS ABOUT. YOUR TEAM IS

TOO COMPETENT TO FORGET THE KEY REPORT. ANY EXPLANATION FOR MISSING DOCUMENTATION THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE SERIOUS ETHICAL VIOLATIONS? GOVERNANCE ONE. AUDIT IS NOT SIMPLE MATH PROCESS. TO BE EFFECTIVE THE PROCESS MUST UNCOVER WHAT SKILLED PERSON HAS TRIED VERY HARD TO HIGH. TO EXPECT SUCCESS CITY MUST NOT USE CHERRY PICK THE PEOPLE AND LAWYERS. ESSENTIAL TO INCLUDE THOSE WITH CAREERS TO UNCOVERING EVIDENCE. THOSE WITH CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF CITY BUSINESS WOULD BE BETTER CHOICES. THEY HAVE SELF-IDENTIFIED AS DELEGATES HERE. DO YOUR VOTERS WANT DESCENT SILENCED? DO THEY WANT PROBLEMS HIDDEN FOREVER? DO YOU WANT TO ENABLE THE NEW GROUP TO BE EFFECTIVE? GOVERNANCE 3. TEMPORARY INTEGRITY LAWYER? WHY IS THIS TILLED. FROM NOW UNTIL ELECTION WHEN THIS PERSON WOULD BE WORKING THEY WOULD BE FORBIDDEN FROM INVESTIGATING REPORTING BY CITY HALL RULES. ETHICS RULES WERE TO FIND WRONGDOING THAT WOULD NOT AFFECT CAMPAIGN FOR RE-ELECTION. THIS RULE PLACES EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE GREAT CONFLICT OF INTEREST. THAT IS HOW THE RULES WERE WRITTEN YEARS AGO. NOT HERE TO DISCUSS THAT. IT SEEMS ANY FEES PAID FOR THIS INTEGRITY WORK IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS WILL BE WASTED DOLLARS. THE OTHER ONE THAT IS RAISED. WHY IS THIS WORK DONE BY THE SAME COMPANY AS PREVIOUS ETHICS PERSON? WHY ARE NORMAL COMPETITIVE PUBLIC PURCHASING RULES NOT FOLLOWED? WHY PAY FOR A PERSON AT PARTNER LEVEL AT MAJOR LAW FIRM? LAW IS SIMPLE. REQUIRES NO ADVANCED SKILLS. SIMPLER WAYS TO PROVIDE THIS. EPC 7. SAFETY COMMITTEE. WINNIPEG HAS SERVICE PROVIDERS DEPARTMENTS TO KEEP US SAFE. WINNIPEG COMMITTEE FOR SAFETY WCFS SEEMS TO BE REDUNDANT. WE ARE TOLD JUSTIFICATION FOR THE COMMITTEE TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF RELATED ISSUES. IT IS FAILING TO DO THAT. MEMBERS INVEST TIME AND TALENT IN THIS GROUP. TAXPAYERS INVEST A LOT OF MONEY. ITS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ONLY PRODUCT. THERE ARE NONE TO BE SEEN, NONE ON THE AGENDA OR MINUTES. BY BEING SILENT THEY ARE WORTHLESS. OUTREACH FOLKS AT THE OUTREACH POLICE DO MORE TO ENHANCE AWARENESS. I ASK YOU TO DENY REQUEST. Q1. EACH IS WELL FUNDED. WHY SHOULD OUR TAX DOLLARS BE WASTED IN DONATION TO THIS MEETING. EPC 11. WE NEED WATER RATE INCOME. SO MUCH MORE STILL TO BE DONE. NUMBER ONE. WATER RATES IN 2025 FAR BELOW COSTS OF WATER SEWER SERVICES IN WINNIPEG. 11 REDUCES FURTHER. NOT SUSTAINABLE. 26 RATE CUT PUTS CURRENT COSTS UPON FUTURE RATEPAYERS. VERY IMPRUDENT. TWO. WE ARE PAYING TO WATER SEWAGE FUND MANY YEARS. PRIOR MAYORS BORE THAT FOR GENERAL FUNDING SO WE WERE TOLD. PLANT IS BEING BUILT AS WE SPEAK. WE WANT TO KNOW. IF NOT THIS YEAR WHEN THERE THAT MONEY BE REPLACED BY THE CITY TO THE SEWAGE FUND? 3. SINCE THEY HAVE NOT PROMISED TO INCREASE FUNDING WISHFUL THINKING TO SAY BILLS WILL BE PAID BY THOSE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. 4. WINNIPEG FAILED TO SEPARATE OLD SEWERS. EVERY BIG RAINFALL DUMPS HUGE AMOUNTS OF SEWAGE. I PUBLISHED WHAT I ACCOMPLISHED IN THE NATIONAL TREATMENT MAGAZINE.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. GRANT, THAT IS TIME FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.

DAVID GRANT: COULD I HAVE 20 SECONDS?

MADAME SPEAKER: SURE.

DAVID GRANT: THAT WAS MORE THAN 50 YEARS AGO. WE ASK WHY IS WINNIPEG MORE THAN 50 YEARS LATE PROTECTING ENVIRONMENT? WE TALK ABOUT ELECTRIC BUSES AND BANNING STRAWS WHICH MEANS NOTHING IF SEWAGE IS NOT UNDER CONTROL. I HOPE WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT 50 OR 100 YEARS BEFORE IT IS FIXED.

MADAME SPEAKER: QUESTIONS. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN. NO QUESTIONS TODAY, MR. GRANT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.

DAVID GRANT: THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: NEXT WE HAVE TERRY WACHNIAK OPPOSITION TO ITEM 5 EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE APRIL 21, 2026. MANAGED ENCAMPMENT PILOT SITE.

TERRY WACHNIAK: MR. MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, I SAID WE SUCCESSFULLY MADE IT TO SPRING. THAT IS NOT QUITE TRUE YET. MAYBE BY THE END OF MAY WE WILL REACH SPRING WEATHER. IN REGARDS TO THIS ISSUE OF MANAGED ENCAMPMENTS AND THE INFORMATION THAT WAS REPORTED TO COUNCIL BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE. SOMETHING WENT SERIOUSLY WRONG. COUNCIL WAS EXPECTING TO HAVE INFORMATION THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED AND THEN ACTION TAKEN. THE ISSUE IS REAL. THE PROBLEM IS REAL. AND THE ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC SERVICE CAME BACK WITH NO LIST OF POSSIBLE SITES. HOW COULD THE COUNCIL MAKE A SERIOUS CONSIDERATION ABOUT THIS WITHOUT THE MOST BASIC INFORMATION BEING PROVIDED? THE QUESTION HAS TO BE WHY? WHY DID THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY CHOOSE TO REFUSE A REQUEST BY AN ORDER OF COUNCIL AND NOT PRODUCE A LIST? THE MAYOR SAYS COUNCIL IS SUPREME. YET WE HAVE A PRIME EXAMPLE RIGHT HERE OF THE MOST BLATANT REFUSAL TO ACT ON THE REQUEST OF COUNCIL. THIS COUNCIL MUST FIND OUT HOW AND WHY THAT HAPPENED. MAYOR TOLD US THAT WE HAVE A SPECIAL PERSON DEDICATED FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE TO STUDY HOMELESSNESS AND ADDICTIONS IN WINNIPEG. HIGHLY COMMENDABLE. JARROD BAKER, RESPECTED, WELL CONNECTED TO THE FRONT LINES PERSON IS IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE. WITH HIS POSITION HE WAS LEFT OUT OF THE LOOP, NOT CONTACTED AT ALL TO PROVIDE THE LIAISON INFORMATION FOR THE MAYOR OR THE ADMINISTRATION ITSELF. FURTHER, THE MAYOR SUPPORTS THE ADMINISTRATION IN NOT PROVIDING A LIST OF POSSIBLE LOCATIONS. THE ADMINISTRATION IS SAYING BEFORE WE CAN LOOK FOR POSSIBLE LOCATIONS WE HAVE TO CONSULT WITH THE PUBLIC, CONSULT WITH THE LAW DEPARTMENT, BEFORE WE CAN LOOK AT POSSIBLE LOCATIONS THOSE ARE EXCUSES FOR NOT DOING THE JOB. YOU HAVE TO FIND OUT WHO MADE THE DECISION TO OVERRIDE COUNCIL AND I WILL CALL IT ADD ADMINISTRATETOR SABOTAGE. THE COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REPORT BACK WITHIN 60 DAYS IF THERE WAS ANY REASON, ANY ISSUES THAT THIS COUNCIL SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF SO THAT THEY COULD HAVE SOMETHING UP AND RUNNING THIS SPRING WHEN WE KNOW THE NEED IS GOING TO BE THERE. IF YOU WANT TO HAVE LESS HOMELESSNESS AND YOU WANT THE PEOPLE HOMELESS TO BE OUT OF THE PARKS AND OFF THE RIVERBANKS, MANAGED ENCAMPMENT IS THE ONLY WAY TO GO. ONCE YOU HAVE THEM THERE YOU CAN DIVIDE THOSE WORKING POOR THAT CAN'T AFFORD SHELTER FROM THE PEOPLE WITH MORE SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS AND ADDICTION PROBLEMS. IF SOMEBODY HAS A PET AND THEY DON'T HAVE AN ADDICTION PROBLEM AND THEY ARE HOMELESS. WE CAN FIND SOMEWHERE FOR THEM TO LIVE. BUT FINDING THEM. IF YOU CHASE THEM OUT OF THE PARKS, YOU ARE MOVING THEM INTO PLACES WHERE THEY CAN'T BE FOUND AND THEY ARE HIDING. DERELICT BUILDINGS, GARAGES, PLACES THAT WE CAN'T HELP THEM FROM THERE. THEN WINTER COMES AGAIN. WHEN WE HAVE SOMEBODY THAT IS AN EXPERT.

MADAME SPEAKER: THAT IS YOUR TIME. WE CAN TAKE QUESTIONS. QUESTIONS FOR OUR PRESENTER? NO QUESTIONS TODAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

I WILL LOOK AT WHAT THIS COUNCIL HAS TO SAY. UNANIMOUSLY, EPC CHOSE TO DO NOTHING.

MADAME SPEAKER: NEXT DELEGATION IS VICKY IN OPPOSITION TO ITEM 12 OF REPORT OF EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 21, 2026 REGARDING COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS. WELCOME. YOU HAVE FIVE MINUTES.

VICKI POIRIER: HI. I FOLLOWED CITY HALL MEETINGS FOR MANY YEARS. I HAVE TAKEN AN ACTIVE ROLE IN VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS. RUSS WYATT HAS PROVEN TO BE THE BRAVEST MEMBER OF COUNCIL. I DO NOT ALWAYS AGREE WITH HIS POSITION ON CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS WHEN I DO HE IS THE ONLY VOICE OF DISSENT ON COUNCIL. THERE IS A REASON THE LAW LIMITS COUNCIL POWER TO REMOVE A MEMBER ELECTED TO SERVE ON COUNCIL. AT MEETINGS ANYWHERE SPEAKING IN DISSENT IS AN ENEMY OF THOSE IN CHARGE. I HAVE SEEN BULLYING, UNJUST EXPULSIONS. MANITOBA LAW PROTECTS THEM FROM BEING VICTIMS OF SIMPLE DISAGREEMENT AND THE VENGEANCE THAT CAN RESULT. I HAVE SEEN VENGEANCE RESULTING IN RENEWAL WHICH VIOLATE THE LAW. AN OUTCOME NO ONE SHOULD BE PROUD OF. EVERYONE WHO PUNISHES INNOCENT IS GUILTY THEMSELVES. EVEN OUT HAS RESULTED IN SERIOUS CRIMINAL CHARGES HAS SHOCKED SOME. WE ARE IN ME, TOO ERA. SOME CASES THAT IS GOOD. THIS IS AN ERA WHEN PRINCIPLES OF BASIC JUSTICE IGNORED. DATES END BADLY IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT WAYS. JUSTICE SYSTEM HAS FLAWS BUT CAN DECIDE INNOCENCE OR GUILT UNTIL THE COURTS DECIDE NO ONE SHOULD BE PUNISHED. THEY HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE COURTS. THEY MAY BE DISAPPOINTED. COURTS IN WINNIPEG TAKE YEARS TO DECIDE SIMPLE MATTERS IS NOT FAULT OF ANYONE AT CITY HALL. THOSE MANAGES JUSTICE SYSTEM FAILED IN THAT REGARD. OFFICIALS IN OTTAWA AND WINNIPEG SHOULD REDUCE DELAYS. RUSS IS PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY THEREFORE TREAT HIM AS INNOCENT. IN CIVILIZED SOCIETY WE DO NOT ONENISH INNOCENT PEOPLE. THE LAW SAYS TO DO SO. ANYONE GOING BEYOND SANCTIONS IN THE LAW MAY NOT DESERVE TO BE IN CHARGE. I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST MR. WYATT. GOOD LUCK AND STAY STRONG. IN EARLY 1980s I LIVE AT 21 MAY FAIR PLACE. I WENT TO A FEW PARTIES AT THE SUITE. TALL, SWIM, LONG VERY LONG BLONDE HAIR. PETERNY GRAND WAS IMPRESSED HOW TALL I WAS. NEVER THOUGHT OF THROWING SAMMY OR PETE UNDER THE BUGS DURING ME, TOO. WHEN I HEAR ALLEGATIONS AGAINST RUSS WYATT I AM REMINDED OF MANY EXTORTION SCAMS WE HEAR ABOUT. PLEASE TREAT RUSSELL AS INNOCENT BECAUSE HE IS. ALSO, CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TEAM WHO WON THE BRIAN MAYES TROPHY.

MADAME SPEAKER: QUESTIONS FOR THE DELEGATION. SEEING NONE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. MOVING TO REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE. MR. MAYOR FIRST REPORT DATED APRIL 1.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU. I MOVE ADOPTION OF ITEMS 1-10. PULLING 11, PLEASE. IF THERE IS AN AMENDMENT ON 12.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: 5.

MADAME SPEAKER: WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: 1, 2, 4.

MADAME SPEAKER: WELCOMING WINNIPEG POLICY REVIEW.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: 6. 11 AND 12 ARE PULLED ALREADY.

MADAME SPEAKER: QUESTION ON ITEM 3, 7-10. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. ITEM 1, MADAM CLERK.

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

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: WAITING TO HEAR FROM COLLEAGUES.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I RISE ON THIS ITEM SIMILAR TO NEXT ITEM. RECENTLY WE HEARD ABOUT A TWO YEAR DELAY ON LICENSING OF TREATMENT PLANT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. CONCERN I HAVE IS THAT FOR A LONG TIME WE HAVE BEEN TOLD HOW THIS PROJECT HAS TO HAPPEN OVERNIGHT OR WE ARE GOING TO REACH CAPACITY. LAST MONTH WE READ WE HAVE TO YEAR DELAY. WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THAT. IN LIGHT OF TWO YEAR DELAY. COULD WE HAVE TWO YEAR DELAY ON 300% INCREASE ON WATER SEWER RATES? CAN WE BACK THAT UP ON RESIDENTS. MORE TIME ON LICENSING. WHY CAN'T WE GIVE TAX RELIEF TO PEOPLE OF WINNIPEG? ALSO, I WILL POINT OUT WE STILL HAVE CONTRACTS WITH THE RURAL MUNICIPALITIES. ANDREWS AND RUSS AND ST. PAUL. WE COULD GIVE THEM NOTICE TO GIVE US CAPACITY IN NORTH END TREATMENT PLAN. YEAR OR TWO YEAR NOTICE. LOSS OF COMPANIES TO BUILD STAND ALONE TREATMENT PLANTS TO GET HOUSE IN ORDER TO HANDLE THEIR OWN RAW SEWAGE AND WE WOULD HAVE NOR CAPACITY. ONE OF THE BIGGEST ADVOCATES IS DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRY WHO IS CONCERNED THEY ARE GOING TO HIT CAPACITY IN THE CITY NOT BE ABLE TO PUT IN NEW GREEN FIELD SUBDIVISIONS WHERE FARM FIELDS WERE ONCE. WE STILL CONTINUE SUBSIDIZING MAJOR INTERCEPTER PIPES. IF YOU HAVE A BREAK IN YOUR LINE GOING FROM HOUSE TO STREET. YOU ARE 100% RESPONSIBLE. YOU ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE ON NEW LOT TO HOOK UP THE LINE. WHEN IT COMES TO THE LINE COMING TO DEVELOPER'S EDGE OF THE PROPERTY WE ARE EXTENDING THAT AT OUR COST AT RATEPAYERS' COST. WHY DOUBLE STANDARD? MAJOR INTER CENTER IS NO DIFFERENT THAN THE LITTLE SEWER PIPE THAT CONNECTS HOUSE OR LOT. NO DIFFERENT. ONE STANDARD FOR DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRY AND ONE FOR EVERYBODY ELSE. I WANT TO NOTE THAT ON TWO FRONTS. THE CITY IS GETTING HAMMERED ON LICENSING. NOBODY SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT AGRICULTURE. CONTRIBUTE 4 TO 6% OF NUTRIENTS INTO THE LAKE. THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY 46% OR SOMETHING RIDICULOUSLY HIGH THEY ARE DUMPING FROM LAGOONS, SEWAGE FROM HOG PLANTS AND ILOs RIGHT INTO THE LAGAN AND SITS IN THE LAGOON WITHOUT SPECIAL TREATMENT AND INTO THE RIVER. WHEN WE HAVE A NEWED THAT ALL WASHES TO THE WATER BASIN OF LAKE WINNIPEG. WHY IS IT STRUGGLING? NO REGULATIONS ON FARMERS, AGRICULTURE, NO UPGRADES OF OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IN THEIR LAGOONS. IT IS ON US BECAUSE WE HAD A BOLT BREAK AND IT WAS HEADLINE NEWS. WE KNOW, MADAM SPEAKER. NETLY CREEK MARSH WOULD REMOVE 9 TO 14% NITRATES NATURAL. AS KIDNEYS TO LAKE WINNIPEG. THAT IN AND OF ITSELF NO ONGOING MAINTENANCE COST LIKE THE TREATMENT PLANTS. INCREASED OPERATING COSTS. NO OPERATING COSTS WITH THE REHABILITATED NETLEY MARSH. THESE WOULD REDUCE BURDEN ON TAXPAYERS OF WINNIPEG. WE COULD AMORTIZE DEBT FURTHER WITH SUPPORT OF

PROVINCE? WHY ARE WE HAMMERING HOMEOWNERS AND DRIVING THEM OUT OF HOUSES? A LOT OF FOLKS WITH THE BILL THAT WENT UP 300% LAST YEAR ARE FACING THAT CHOICE NOW. THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAME SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM? MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: ON THIS ITEM AS WITH ALL NORTH END PLANT ITEMS, THE EXTENSION OF SEEM LINE THE PROVINCE GRANTED IS CONSISTENT AND REALISTIC WITH THE WORK BEING DONE. ONE OF THE DELAYS THAT IS A DELAY FOR YEARS GETTING THIS PROJECT COMPLETED WAS LACK OF CERTAINTY ON FUNDS. BY CONTINUING WITH ALL PROJECTS, HEAD WORKS, BIOSOLIDS TO NEW TREE CURRENT REMOVAL. IF -- NUTRIENT REMOVAL IF WE PROGRESS WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. WE ARE LOOKING AT 2032 DEADLINE TO GET THAT PROJECT COMPLETED ACCORDING TO WHAT THE STAFF SAID. GRANTING OF EXTENSION OF LICENSE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE AMOUNT OF WORK LEFT TO BE DONE. BEST WAY TO MITIGATE ANY FURTHER COST INCREASES ON THE PROJECT IS TO LOCK UP FEDERAL PROVINCIAL FUNDING GET IT CERTAIN AND IN PLACE. WE ARE WORKING HARD TO DO THAT.

MADAME SPEAKER: CALL THE QUESTION. ITEM 1. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. NOTED. COUNCILLOR WYATT OPPOSITION. ITEM 2. ORLIKOW AS WELL.

CLERK: MEGA CAPITAL PROJECTS SUMMARY REPORT. BIOSOLIDS FACILITIES.

MADAME SPEAKER: THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCIL LATER ON IN THIS AGENDA TO PROVIDE WINNIPEG WATER AND SEWER RATEPAYERS A BREAK BY FREEZING THE RATE FOR 2027 SUBJECT TO GETTING PROVINCIAL FEDERAL FUNDING FOR PHASE 3. I THINK WE ARE ALL CONCERNED ABOUT WATER SEWER RATES TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO MAINTAIN MEASURE AFFORDABILITY WHEN IT COMES TO THE WATER SEWER RATES. AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THE MOTION BEING BROUGHT FORWARD.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: MADAM SPEAKER, THANK YOU. THANK YOU TO THE MAYOR. THE FREEZE IN 2027 IS GOOD NEWS. IT IS A FREEZE WHERE RATES HAVE GONE UP 300%. NOT A REDUCTION OF RATES WHICH IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD BE CONSIDERING. I WILL STATE THIS. ALL ARGUMENTS ON LAST ITEM ARE THE SAME. THE CONTRACTS WITH THE RNS COULD BE TERMINATED WITH NOTICE. DEVELOPER ARE GETTING ONE SET OF POLICIES AND REST OF CITIZENS ANOTHER SET WHEN IT COMES TO HAVING TO PAY AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN HOOK UPS. INTERCEPTOR HOOK UP IS A BIG COST AND ALSO BIG GREEN FIELD DEVELOPMENT. IT IS RELATIVE. WHY DO WE CONTINUE TO SUBSIDIZE THAT? I HAVE NO IDEA. CREEK MARSH IF WE GOT THAT GOING OVERNIGHT IT WOULD START TO GROW AND WOULD START TO REMOVE THE NUTRIENTS. WHY ARE CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG BEING PICKED ON? THAT IS HAPPENING HERE. OUR MUNICIPALITIES ARE SCOT-FREE BECAUSE THEY FLY BELOW RADAR SMALLER COMMUNITIES. CONTRIBUTING TO SEWAGE IN THE WATERSHED. WE ARE PICKED ON. CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG. MADAM SPEAKER, WHEN IT COMES TO AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY VERY IMPORTANT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE TODAY EMPLOYED IN THE ARTS AND THAT AGRICULTURE. THAT IS INTERESTING. A LOT OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE. MAYBE WE HAVE TO HELP THEM WITH REGARDS TO THE PROCESSES THEY HAVE. TO TRY TO GO GREEN, GO NON-GMO AND STOP USING NUTRIENTS THAT RUN INTO THE WATERSHED. USE ARTIFICIAL PHOSPHATE-

BASED OR NUTRIENTS COME MASSIVE MULTINATIONALS AND FEEDING INTO OUR WATERSHED WHERE WE COULD START TO LOOK AT GREEN OPTIONS FOR THE PROVINCE. WE ARE NOT MOVING ON THAT AT ALL. WE ARE THE ONES GETTING HAMMERED. WE ARE CAUSING THE LAKE WINNIPEG TO DIE. NO. LOOK AT IN YOUS. IMPACT ON LAKE WINNIPEG IS VERY SMALL COMPARED TO AGRICULTURE AND THOSE SOUTH OF THE BORDER. THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS. BIOSOLIDS I WILL SAY AGAIN AND COUNCILLOR EADIE SAYS THEY ARE DOING IT IN BC. AS MY MOTHER SAYS JOHN GOT A NEW BIKE I NEED A NEW BIKE. MY MOM WOULD SAY IF HE JUMPED OFF THE BRIDGE WOULD YOU JUMP OFF, TOO.

MADAME SPEAKER: THE CLOCK STOPPED.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: DOES THAT MEAN IT IS RECORDED OR WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. CLERK WILL LOOK INTO THAT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I WILL NOT COMMENT IF IT IS NOT BEING RECORDED.

MADAME SPEAKER: WE WILL TAKE A BRIEF RECESS. WE ARE HAVING NETWORK DIFFICULTIES.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: DO I HAVE THE FLOOR WHEN WE COME BACK IN.

MADAME SPEAKER: YOU CERTAINLY DO.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MADAME SPEAKER: WE ARE RECONVENING. WE ARE ITEM 2. PROJECT SUMMARY REPORT. CONTINUING WITH OUR SPEAKERS. COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: YES, I AM NOT SURE WHEN THE SCREEN CUT OUT. THIS PROJECT IS LINKED TO THE OTHER PROJECT WE HAVE GOING ON REGARDING THE UPGRADES OF THE NORTH END TREATMENT PLANT ITSELF. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE INCREASE IN RATES WERE CRUCIAL TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN AND TO PAY FOR IT, YET WE NOW HAVE TWO YEAR DELAY ON ONE PROJECT. MADAM SPEAKER, THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS WE ARE STILL PROVIDING SEWER SERVICES TO RURAL MUNICIPALITIES. THOSE SEWER SERVICES ARE ACTUALLY A CONTRACT THE GOES BACK A NUMBER OF YEARS. THREE MUNICIPALITIES I BELIEVE RIGHT NOW ARE RECEIVING SERVICES. THIS WOULD FREE UP CAPACITY. AT THE TIME I REMEMBER WHEN WE EXTENDED THE CONTRACTS THERE WAS ASSUMPTION 25% CAPACITY OR MORE AT THAT TIME WITHIN THE PLANT. WE ARE NOT AT THAT POINT NOW. THOSE CONTRACTS, THERE IS CANCELLATION, TERM INFLATION TO BUILD WHAT WE NEED. THE DEVELOPER IS STILL RECEIVING INDIRECT SUBSIDY WHERE WE ARE PAYING FOR THE MAJOR INTERCEPTERS CONNECTING TO DEVELOPMENTS. MADAM SPEAKER, WE KNOW WHEN HOMEOWNERS HAVE TO PAY FOR THE HOOK UP TO THEIR OWN HOUSE, FARMERS IN THIS PROVINCE, IMPORTANT FOR THE PROVINCE, CRUCIAL, BUT THEIR INDUSTRY IS HAVING AN IMPACT ON WATERSHED. BIOSOLIDS PLANT. VANCOUVER IS DOING IT. REALITY IS WE ARE BUILDING PROBABLY ONE OF THE HIGHEST END TERMS OF TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS ON THIS PLANT. WE DON'T NEED TO BUILD THE LAMBORGHINI WHEN WE CAN BUILD A FORD AND DRIVE DOWN THE COSTS. WONDERFUL PLANT WHEN IT IS WORKING. THE COST IN LIGHT OF ALL OF THE OTHER COSTS WE HAVE TO BALANCE AS CITY FOLKS ARE FACED WITH IS HUGE. THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS, MADAM SPEAKER. I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF. I KNOW THIS IS A TOUGH PROJECT AND IT IS A GREAT PROJECT. THE MAYOR HAS WORKED HARD TO GET

FUNDING. HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET FUNDING IN PLACE. FAMILIAR, TOMORROW IS THE FIRST DAY TO REGISTER TO RUN FOR MAYOR AND BE I UNDERSTAND HE IS. THERE IS A FREEZE IN TERMS OF ANNOUNCEMENTS ON PROVINCIAL FUNDING. I AM NOT SURE OF THE RULES FOR THE MAYOR'S RATE. I THINK THAT IS THE CASE NO NEW FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR. THAT IS SOMETHING I THINK IS GOING TO BE NOTED HERE. WE HAVE WAIT UNTIL CONFIRMATION UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTION PERIOD. THAT MEANS POST-OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR. THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS, MADAM SPEAKER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AGAIN, BIGGEST POINT ON THIS PROJECT I WANT TO REITERATE IS THE FACT WE ARE DOING A VERY HIGH END PLANT WHERE WE COULD DO SOMETHING MORE MODEST AND STILL PRODUCE THE SAME RESULTS. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER COUNCILLOR MAYES FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. COUPLE OF COMMENTS ON THIS FILE. I AM UNAWARE OF ANY FREEZE OF ANNOUNCEMENTS TRIGGERED BY MAY 1ST OPENING MAYORAL NOMINATIONS, REGISTRATIONS. IT DOES REMIND ME IT IS TIME EVERY FOUR YEARS TO BRING IN THE MOTION WITH SOMEBODY TO PUT IN SELF-IMPOSED FREEZE ON COUNCIL. THIS IS THE MAYS INITIATIVE OF 2018 THAT WE REPEATED LAST TIME. IT IS HONOR SYSTEM NO ANNOUNCEMENTS LAST 60 DAYS WITH LAND DEDICATION AND OTHER FUNDING. MUST GET TO THAT AT NEXT MEETING. BIOSOLIDS, VALUABLE PROJECT, GOOD WORK BY FORMER MAYOR BOWMAN AUGUST OF 2022 ANNOUNCING MORE MONEY UNDER THIS MAYOR. WE WILL BE TALKING LATER TODAY ABOUT BUY LOCAL PROVISIONS. A GREAT DEAL OF MEDIA ATTENTION AND SMALL CONTRACT REGARDING GULF SERVICES. THIS AND THE NUTRIENT REMOVAL ARE BIG CITY CONTRACTS, HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. I HOPE WE GET PROGRESS ON MAY OR'S ELECTION PLEDGE PROMOTING BUY LOCAL ON CERTAIN BIG TICKET ITEMS. THIS IS ONE. WE HAD SOME DEBATE ABOUT THIS IN 2024. AS YOU RECALL REMEMBER THE DESIGN CONTRACT WAS AWARDED ON THIS. THE BUILD CONTRACT HASN'T BEEN AWARDED. IT IS COMING IN, I BELIEVE, SEPTEMBER TO COUNCIL. AT LEAST I THINK THAT IS THE GOAL OF MR. SHANKS AND COMPANY. KEEP THAT IN MIND AS WE GO FORWARD. THE REAL IMPORTANT BUY LOCAL PROVISIONS WILL BE AROUND THESE HUGE PROJECTS WORTH HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. WE HAVE TO NAVIGATE FURTHER WITH NUTRIENT REMOVAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BY CANADIAN STANDARDS. GOOD PROBLEM. IF IT MEANS MONEY IN HAND TO GO FORWARD WITH THIRD PROJECT. ALSO, FINAL NOTE. PLEASED TO SEE REPORT FROM CHIEF CONSTRUCTION OFFICER THAT IS A COMMITMENT FROM THIS MAYOR I WAS PLEASED TO SUPPORT. AS OF NEXT MEETING WE WILL BE ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND BY-LAWS PASSED. COUNCIL WAS TO REPORT PUBLICLY TO COUNCIL. NEXT MEETING WE WILL ASK DIRECT QUESTIONS. POSITIVE CHANGE. I SUPPORT THIS. KEEP IN MIND AS WE BARREL TOWARDS THE BUY LOCAL PROVISIONS IN MANY CAMPAIGNS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. MOSTLY I RISE, OF COURSE, I SUPPORT THIS. I ROSE IN ORDER TO CLARIFY COMMENTS FROM OTHERS WHETHER OR NOT THINGS ARE AS GO AS IT SOUNDS. COUNCILLOR MAYES COVERED OFF THE THING ABOUT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS. I THINK IT IS 90 DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY IS THE PERIOD OR 60 AS BRIAN MIGHT HAVE SAID. COUNCILLOR MAYES MAY HAVE SAID TO BE CLEAR I WAS AT RED RIVER BASIN COMMISSION. THEY HAVE A FISH FRY FUNDRAISER, MADAM SPEAKER. I BELIEVE ONE OR TWO COLLEAGUES WAS THERE. WE RECEIVE REPORTS ABOUT THE MARSH AND THE OTHER SIDE. THE MARSH GOES OVER TO THE WEST SIDE

AROUND SCANTERBERRY. MADAM SPEAKER, IT IS CLEAR IN THE PRESENTATIONS THAT HAPPEN, MADAM SPEAKER. NOT QUITE SURE YET WHAT KIND OF NUTRIENTSES, THE LEVEL TO BE RENEWED. FOLLOW THE PROJECT. IT IS GOING TO WORK. IT IS NOT PANACIA RESOLVING ALL NUTRIENTS THAT COME THROUGH THERE. WINNIPEG PRODUCES THE MOST RAW SEWAGE TO BE PROCESSED IN THE PROVINCE, LARGE AMOUNT, MADAM SPEAKER. THERE ARE LAGOONS AND SO ON, BUT MY HOPE WOULD BE THE NETLEY MARSH AREA WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE AT LEAST THOSE FARMER NUTRIENTS ON CROPS FROM FLOWING INTO THE RIVERS ESPECIALLY THE CLOSER THE FARMS ARE TO IT. IN TERMS OF MR. GRANT PUTTING IN A FILE HERE. I JUST WANT TO DISPEL SOMETHING. TO SAY CITY HALL DIDN'T REALIZE THE SCOPE AND SO ON REGARDING THE NORTH END WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTRE. I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS BASING HIS INFORMATION FROM. I KNOW THAT UNDER MAYOR KATES THERE WAS CONTINUED ARGUMENTS LIKE COUNCILLOR WYATT IS PRESENTING. COUNCILLOR WYATT IN FORMER PARTS OF HIS CAREER HAS BEEN IN POWERFUL POSITIONS WITH THAT MAYOR. GIVEN THAT, THERE IS A CHANCE TO CHANGE THE INTERCEPTOR THE WAY THOSE ARE PAID FOR, BUT I KNOW WATER AND WASTE WHEN THEY ARE LOOKING AT WATER RATES AND STUFF AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE, MADAM SPEAKER, YOU KNOW YOURSELF THERE WAS AN INTERVENOR BEING REQUESTED BY GREENFIELD DEVELOPERS TO RUN AT THE NORTH PART OF OUR CITY AND IT WAS DENIED THAT PROJECT. WHAT HAD TO HAPPEN WITH THAT GREENFIELD THEY HAD TO HAVE BIGGER SEWER MAINS. THE DEVELOPERS PAID FOR THAT. THE DEVELOPERS, BUILDERS PAID FOR THE NEW SEWAGE PIPE AND SO ON. IT IS PRIVATELY ZONED UP TO THE SEWER MAIN. THAT JUST HAPPENS TO BE THERE IS NOTHING IN BETWEEN AS WITH YOUR WATER. YOU HAVE A WATER INVOLVE AT FRONT OF THE PROPERTY. THAT IS WHERE THE CITY SIDE IS AND YOUR SIDE IS FROM THAT VALVE, YOUR SIDE OF THE VALVE TO YOUR HOUSE. THESE ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES WE HAVE AS PRIVATE HOMEOWNERS. IN TERMS OF YOU CAN CALL IT CADILLAC. IT IS VERY CLEAR IF YOU READ THESE REPORTS. A LOT OF VALUE ENGINEERING GOING ON. REGULATION THE PROVINCE ARE VERY CLEAR ABOUT HOW THINGS GET DONE, WHAT LEVELS ARE ALLOWED TO BE USED. THE REGULATOR, MADAM SPEAKER, I WAS TALKING TO THE FORMER HONORABLE GORD MCINTOSH MINISTER OF CONSERVATION WHEN 2003 REPORT WAS WRITTEN THAT SAID WE HAD TO USE BIOLOGICAL REMOVAL OF NUTRIENTS FROM THE SEWAGE. IN THERE HE TOLD ME THE STORY HOW MAYOR KATES WAS WORRIED YOU ARE GOING TO FINE US FOR NOT MEETING REQUIREMENTS? UNDER REGULATIONS WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO THOSE REGULATORS. IF WE VIOLATE WHAT REGULATORS SAY, WE GET FINED. WHO IS GOING TO PAY FINES? IT IS THE TAX AND WATER BILL PAYERS. THAT IS WHO PAYS FOR IT. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THIS STUFF IS PROCESSED APPROPRIATELY. THERE ARE ST. ANDREWS AND NORTH ST. PAUL THAT SAYS YOU DON'T HAVE THE INTAKE AT WATER POLLUTION CENTRE. CENTRE POINT NORTH DEPENDING ON BUSINESS THERE WE DON'T KNOW SEWAGE VOLUMES COULD BE HUGE AS ELSEWHERE AROUND WINNIPEG IN OUR INDUSTRIAL AREAS. LAST POINT I WILL MAKE ALSO, WE DO TAKE SLUDGE IN THE OLD DIGESTERS RIGHT NOW. WE TAKE AND PROCESS. WE TAKE SEWAGE THAT IS TRUCKED OVER TO THAT PLANT FROM ALL- AROUND NORTH OF WINNIPEG IN RURAL AREAS. THEY PAY A FEE TO PUT THAT IN THERE. THERE IS SOME FROM THERE, MADAM SPEAKER. FROM THE RURAL AREAS. I WOULD NOTE EAST SAINT PAUL THEIR SEWAGE PROCESSING IS PRETTY WELL AT CAPACITY. SLUDGE, MADAM SPEAKER, WE HAVE AGREEMENT WITH EAST ST. PAUL TO TAKE SLUDGE, AND THAT GOES TO DIGESTERS AS WELL. IT DOES HAVE EFFECT ON CAPACITY. THE PROJECT AS SCOPED AND IT IS ALL HERE. IT IS ABOUT MANAGING RISK, MADAM SPEAKER. WHEN I HEAR PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC TALKING ABOUT WE NEVER UNDERSTOOD THE SCOPE AND SO ON. THAT IS A FALSEHOOD, SOMETHING THAT WE DEAL WITH. THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU.

MR. MAYOR, BACK TO YOU.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: FIRST I WOULD POINT OUT THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED THIS NEW

REPORTING PLAN AND PROCESS, WE NOW HAVE THE PHASES OF THE NORTH END PLANT REPORTING TO COUNCIL MONTHLY. EVERY COUNCIL MEETING WE WILL HAVE NORTH END PLANT REPORT. WE WILL DISCUSS AND DEBATE AS COUNCIL. THAT WASN'T THE CASE BEFORE WE IMPLEMENTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDIT TO MAKE SURE THIS REPORTING PROCESS IS HONORED AND IMPLEMENTED. THAT IS A GOOD THING. WE ARE TALKING AS COUNCIL ABOUT NORTH END PLANT AND THREE PROJECTS OR PHASES. HIGHLIGHT ON THIS ITEM. BIOSOLIDS FACILITIES. CLASS TWO PROCESS CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE ANTICIPATED NEXT MONTH IN MAY OF THIS YEAR. AWARD OF DBA CONSTRUCTION OF BIOSOLIDS IS ANTICIPATED IN JULY OF 2026. BIG NEWS COMING FOR THE NEXT COUPLE MONTHS RELATED TO PROJECT 2. AS TO COUNCILLOR FROM TRANSCONA'S COMMENTS HOW WE BUILD AND THE DEGREE TO WHICH WE CONSTRUCT, CAN WE GET AWAY LESS THAN TOP VERSION? ANSWER NO. THE PROVINCE SHALL LEGISLATION TO BIOLOGICAL METHODS APPLICATION OF BEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGIES. CLAUSE 5. NUTRIENTS MUST BE RECOVERED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE THROUGH APPLICATION OF BEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGIES. WE DON'T HAVE LIBERTY OR DISCRETION TO GO WITH PLAN B TO HOW WE CONSTRUCT THIS PLANT. THAT HAS BEEN CLEAR SINCE THIS LEGISLATION WAS PASSED A LONG TIME AGO. I WOULD POINT OUT TO THE COUNCILLOR FROM ST. VITAL REFERENCED BUY LOCAL IN THIS. I AM NOT SURE HE IS ASKING QUESTIONS LATER ON. I WILL REMIND ALL COUNCILLORS INCLUDING ST. VITAL MY ELECTION PLATFORM 2022 WAS ABOUT FAIRNESS FOR LOCAL BUSINESS BY-LAW, NOT ADVANTAGE BUT FAIRNESS. WE WILL TALK ABOUT THAT LATER. NOT ABOUT GIVING PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO LOCAL BUSINESSES MAKING SURE THEY ARE ON FAIR FOOTING CERTAINLY WHEN IT CAME TO GOLF COURSE FOOD SERVICES. RP WAS PRESENTED IN SUCH WAY LOCAL COMPANIES DID HAVE FAIR ACCESS TO THAT OPPORTUNITY.

MADAME SPEAKER: I WILL CALL THE QUESTION ON ITEM 2. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. TWO NOTED IN OPPOSITION. MADAM CLERK ITEM 4.

CLERK: WELCOMING WINNIPEG POLICY REVIEW.

MADAME SPEAKER: PULLED DOWN BY? MR. MAYOR TO INTRODUCE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: WAIT TO HEAR FROM MY COLLEAGUES.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? CALL THE QUESTION ITEM 4. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. TWO NOTED IN OPPOSITION. ITEM 5.

CLERK: MANAGED ENCAMPMENT PILOT SITE.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR TO INTRODUCE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WILL WAIT TO HEAR FROM COLLEAGUES.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GILROY. GO AHEAD.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: I AM DISAPPOINTED IN THE DELEGATION EARLY THIS MORNING SPOKE A LOT TO MY WORDS WHY I AM DISAPPOINTED IN THIS. I DO FEEL THAT AS CITY WE ARE REALLY NOT BEING PROACTIVE ON HOW WE ARE DEALING WITH THE ENCAMPMENT ISSUE. I FEEL WE ARE AT A POINT WHERE WE WILL SEE OUR HIGHEST LEVELS OF HOMELESSNESS YET. THAT IS ACCORDING TO WHAT OUR

HOMELESS EXPERTS ARE SAYING OUT ON THE STREETS. I PERSONALLY HAVE A LOT OF HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS IN MY WARD AND DEAL WITH HOMELESSNESS IN MY WARD. I WANT TO SHIFT AND CHANGE THE WORD FROM HOMELESSNESS TO ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. THAT IS WHAT I AM WITNESSING. I AM NOT WITNESSING THE PEOPLE THAT CAN'T AFFORD HOMES. I AM WITNESSING PEOPLE IN DIRE STRAIGHTS, MADAM SPEAKER. THEY ARE THE VOICE LESS AND THEY CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. I AM WITNESSING THAT THIS IS IMPACTING MY COMMUNITY IN DROVES. I AM WITNESSING THIS IS IMPACTING MANY INNER CITY NEIGHBORHOODS AND HAS FALLEN ON A FEW INNER CITY WARDS STRUGGLING TO MANAGE AND DEAL WITH THIS. IN MY OWN AREA WHEN I AM ASKING WHY WE ARE NOT MOVING PEOPLE OFF AREAS THAT ARE COMMUNITY GARDENS AND PLAY SITES ON A POLICY THAT WE NOT TOO LONG JUST PASSED AND WHY WE ARE NOT ADHERING TO THAT POLICY BECAUSE IT IS DIRECTED FROM THE MAYOR AND THE MINISTER. WE CANNOT BE RELYING ON COMMUNITIES ALREADY BURDENED WITH THE CHALLENGES OF POVERTY TO NOT ACT ON THESE ISSUES, MADAM SPEAKER. WHEN WE LOOK AT PROACTIVE MEASURES, MADAM SPEAKER, WE LOOK AT PUTTING KIDS INTO RECREATION PROGRAMMES, DOING ALL THOSE GREAT THINGS IN THE SAME AREA WHERE WE ALLOW ENCAMPMENTS TO BE, MADAM SPEAKER. SAME AREA WE JUST HAD A POLICY AND DIRECTIVE WE ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE THEM IN, MADAM SPEAKER. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE A DESIGNATED AREA. IT IS NOT ABOUT HOUSING ANY MORE, THIS IS ABOUT THE ABILITY OF MANAGING ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH. WE KNOW BECAUSE WE HAVE EXPERIENCE. WHEN WE PUT PEOPLE INTO A HOUSE WITH THOSE EXPERIENCING IT IS EBB AND FLOW OUT OF HOUSING THAT IS WHAT WE ARE SEEING. WE WILL SEE A LOT OF GANG ACTIVITIES IN ENCAMPMENTS. THAT IS WHERE PEOPLE LOOK FOR MONEY TO DEAL WITH ADDICTIONS FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND GATHER. WE ARE SEEING PEOPLE THAT ARE HOUSED ARE LEAVING THE HOUSING THEY HAVE AND COMING TO THE ENCAMPMENT TO BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY THEY ESTABLISHED, THE ADDICTION THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND SOMETIMES EVEN THE GANG LEVEL ACTIVITY AND VIOLENCE THAT HAS HAPPENED. IT IS UP TO US AS A CITY TO TRY TO MANAGE THIS FOR RESIDENTS TO FEEL SAFE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. WE ARE NOT DOING THIS, MADAM SPEAKER. I WANTED SOMETHING WHERE THE PROVINCE WOULD COME ON BOARD AND BE PROACTIVE PARTNER. THEY DON'T WANT TO DO THAT. I THINK IT IS LEFT TO THE CITY. I DON'T THINK WE CAN ABANDON THIS, MADAM SPEAKER, BECAUSE I THINK WE ARE ALREADY SEEING OUR OWN SERVICE PROVIDER MAIN STREET PROJECT IS TALKING ABOUT EMERGENCY. MAYBE WE NEED TO CALL EMERGENCY. THAT WOULD COST THE CITY MORE MONEY, MADAM SPEAKER. THAT IS BECAUSE OF A LACK OF WILLINGNESS TO DO WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO MOVE PEOPLE TO AN AREA DESIGNATED, PROVIDE DIGNITY LIKE TOILETRIES, GARBAGE PICK UP AND NOW, I AM ABANDONING THE NOTION THAT IS MAN AGED. MAYBE WE DON'T HAVE THE PROVINCE INVOLVED ANY MORE. WE HAVE DESIGNATED AREAS THAT WE HAVE OUTLINED THAT ARE CLEAR CONCISE BECAUSE RIGHT NOW THEY ARE NOT CLEAR AND CONCISE, MADAM SPEAKER. WE HAVE PROVIDED OUTLINES. WE ARE NOT FOLLOWING SO WE NEED TO MAKE THEM CLEAR AND CONCISE. WE ALSO KNOW THIS IS NOT GOING AWAY ANY TIME SOON. AS WE STRUGGLE IT IS THESE VERY COMMUNITIES THAT ARE ALREADY STRUGGLING THAT ARE BEARING THE BURDEN OF THIS STRUGGLE, MADAM SPEAKER. I KNOW THAT IT WILL GLOW AND I THINK YOU WILL SEE MORE SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES TO SEE THIS. THE CHALLENGE ALONE WE ARE STARTING TO SEE THAT CHALLENGE GROWING AND GOING TO SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES. MY HOPE IS THAT WHEN THAT HAPPENS THAT COMMUNITY WILL THEN BECOME MORE ENGAGED BECAUSE IT WILL BE IN THEIR BACKYARDS, MADAM SPEAKER. RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM AND FRONT AND CENTRE IN THE MINDS OF THE FAMILIES AND BE THE COUNCILLORS THAT ARE REALLY HAVING TO NOW HAVE TO MANAGE THIS, MADAM SPEAKER. I THINK WE ARE NOT BEING PROACTIVE BY PICKING AN AREA. WE ARE NOT BEING PROACTIVE BY MAKING SURE WE ARE PROVIDING GARBAGE AND WASHROOMS ON SITE. THAT WOULD PUT A LOT OF STRESS-RELATED ISSUES OFF COMMUNITIES SEEING PEOPLE DEFECATING IN COMMUNITY GARDENS, IN

PUBLIC PARKS. MADAM SPEAKER, IT IS A HUMANITY ISSUE. HAVING ACCESS TO PUBLIC WASHROOMS. HAVING AN AREA DESIGNATED WOULD ALLOW OUR SERVICES TO KNOW WHERE THEY ARE GOING, TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS THEM. WE ARE ALREADY PROVIDING THE SERVICES WITH CLEANING UP GARBAGE, SENDING FIRE AND PARAMEDICS, POLICE OFFICERS, PROVIDING THE SERVICE ANYWAY. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE AN AREA THAT IS OUTLINED WHERE WE CAN TRIAGE PEOPLE TO, WE CAN AT LEAST SAY YOU CAN GO HERE AND YES, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO MANAGE IT OURSELVES. YES, ONCE IN A WHILE THE POLICE HAVE TO GO BY AND WE HAVE TO SEND CITY STAFF TO CLEAN UP GARBAGE. YES, THERE IS COST FOR A WASHROOM. THAT WOULD PUT LESS BURDEN ON BUSINESSES THAT ARE REALLY STRUGGLING WITH SOME OF THE ISSUES AROUND ENCAMPMENTS. THEY ARE SHUTTING THEIR DOORS. WORRIED ABOUT CLOSING BUSINESSES AND COMING TO US FOR SOLUTIONS AND WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR ANY. I DON'T KNOW, MADAM SPEAKER, IF THE BE-ALL AND END-ALL IS ENCAMPMENT SITE. I MIGHT BE WRONG. OTHER PEOPLE HAVE SAID IT IS NOT WORKING IN OTHER CITIES. MY COMMUNITY IS STRUGGLING, NOT HEARD. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE THEY SHOULD BE IN COMMUNITY GARDEN AND PARK WHERE KIDS ARE PLAYING OR BY COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR EADIE, FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I WILL BE SUPPORTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THIS REPORT. IT TALKS ABOUT US NOT DOING MANAGED ENCAMPMENT TO HOUSING. NOBODY MENTIONS THAT THE FULL GOAL OF MANAGED ENCAMPMENT IS TO GET PEOPLE INTO HOUSING AFTER THEY GET TO PROPER SUPPORTS AND ARE ABLE TO MOVE THROUGH. MADAM SPEAKER, IN TALKING TO PEOPLE OUT AND AROUND AND ACTUALLY I REALLY APPRECIATE COUNCILLOR GILROY'S SPEECH REGARDING THIS REPORT. AGAIN, I WILL SAY IT AGAIN. IT IS TOO BAD THE PROVINCE DIDN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN MANAGED ENCAMPMENT SITE FOR HOUSING WHEN THEY DO GET HOUSING THERE IS PREP. AS WE HEARD NOR THE NEWS, MADAM SPEAKER, THERE ARE ISSUES WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS AND THEY FIND HOUSING. IN THE NEWS WE HEARD 300 IN A POLISH MANNER IN MY WARD. NOT AS BAD AS MANITOBA HOUSING 12 STORY AT SELKIRK AND POWERS. THAT IS VERY DIFFICULT WHERE MANITOBA HOUSING IS ATTEMPTING TO HOUSE SOME PEOPLE FROM ENCAMPMENTS AS WELL AS PEOPLE ALREADY LIVING IN THERE ARE LIVING IN PRETTY EXTREME POVERTY. RENT GEARED TO INCOME. THE ISSUES THAT ARISE WITHOUT PROPER SUPPORTS AND STUFF IS SCARY. SOME OF THAT STUFF CAN BE PREPPED AT MANAGED ENCAMPMENT SITE FOR INDIVIDUALS. IT DOES TAKE TIME. YOU PUT HOUSING FIRST THEN TRY TO GET WHAT THEY NEED. THE DIFFICULTY IS WHEN YOU MOVE A WHOLE GROUP OF ENCAMPMENT OR ONLY MOVE PART OF IT, WHAT HAPPENS THEY HAVE FRIENDS OUT THERE. TO BEAT ADDICTIONS IT IS OFTEN SAID THAT YOU NEED TO BE REMOVED FROM THE SITUATIONS WHERE YOU END UP DOING THESE DRUGS. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE FRIENDS AND THEY SOCIALIZE AND THAT IS THE WAY IT GOES. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN GREAT THIS YEAR, MADAM SPEAKER, IS GOING TO BE THE WORST YEAR WINNIPEG HAS SEEN YET. WHEN I SPEAK ABOUT THIS, BUSINESSES DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DEAL WITH HOMELESSNESS AND ADDICTION STUFF QUITE OFTEN. THERE IS THE SOCIALIZATION, BLACK MARKET FOR DRUGS AND SO ON AND SO NORTH. WE HAVE BEEN HEARING FROM THE NORTH END WOMEN. IT IS AMAZING HOW MANY NARCAN KITS THEY HAD TO USE IN WHAT PERIOD OF TIME. DEALING WITH 786. IT IS A SMALL WOMEN'S CENTRE THERE DEALING WITH AND HELPING WOMEN IN THE NORTH END. IT IS REALLY ADDICTIONS PROBLEM THAT IS DRIVING AND POVERTY THAT IS DRIVING THE RETAIL. I HAVE BEEN CHASTISED FOR NOT KEEPING 7-11s THERE. IT IS NOT GOOD. MANY PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN THAT ILLEGAL ACTIVITY ARE LIVING HOMELESS AND TRYING TO FEED THEIR ADDICTIONS. WHERE WE HEARD 300 SOCCER PEOPLE WERE STEALING COPPER OUT OF THE PLACE WHERE THEIR FRIENDS LIVE. MADAM SPEAKER, THIS

SITUATION IS NOT GOOD. A BIG PORTION OF DEALING WITH RETAIL CRIME. NO NEW IDEAS. WE NEED TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF THE SITUATION WHERE THEY ARE DESPERATE FOR MONEY TO FEED ADDICTIONS OR MAKE MONEY FOR WHATEVER REASON. IT IS ALL CONNECTED. MANAGED ENCAMPMENT SITE YOU WILL HAVE PEOPLE NOT ON THE SITE ALL DAY. PEOPLE AREN'T IN THE ENCAMPMENTS THEMSELVES ALL DAY. IF THEY ARE IN ST. JOHN'S PARK THEY GO TO MAIN STREET TO LOOK FOR MONEY AND ACTING OUT BECAUSE THEY HAVE. THEY HAVE SEVERE ADDICTIONS AND MENTAL ILLNESS. MANAGED ENCAMPMENT SITE WOULD DEAL WITH THAT AND MOVE PEOPLE FROM WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW WHEN THEY ARE TOLD TO TAKE UP TENTS OR WHATEVER. GO ABOUT YOUR DAY AND GET THEY CAN BACK. IF YOU HAVE MANAGED ENCAMPMENT SITE YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT AS MUCH. ONE ENCAMPMENT SITE WOULD NOT BE A SOLUTION TO WINNIPEG'S PROBLEM. WE ARE TALKING THE NUMBERS ARE GROWING AND IT WON'T BELONG BEFORE WE HAVE OVER 100 ENCAMPMENTS. THEY ARE SETTING UP NORTH IN MY WARD. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY ARE IN OLD KILDONAN, TECHNICALLY THEY ARE. ENCAMPMENT OUT BEHIND NORTH END WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTRE. OPEN LAND. NO RESIDENTS AROUND THERE. THE GARBAGE AND MESS IS AWFUL. WE DO NEED TO MANAGE IT SOMEHOW. I WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT. I AM DISAPPOINTED THE PROVINCE DOESN'T SEE MORE HOLISTIC WORKING WITH DIFFERENT GROUPS TO DO WHAT THEY HAVE GOT TO DO, FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS. SOME SAY YES, SOME SAY NO AND SO ON. MR. WOZNIAK WAS REFERRED TO WHERE WOULD YOU DO IT? IF THERE IN NO PARTNER SHIP TO PAY FOR IT. WE CONTINUE TO HEAR ABOUT FINANCIAL WOES FOR BIG PROJECTS AND DEALING WITH THAT STUFF. I HATE TO SAY IT IS KIND OF THAT WAY, ALTHOUGH BEING THE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT TYPE, I WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THANK YOU TO COUNCILLOR GILROY FOR HER WORK. I SHARE HER DISAPPOINT NET. THE REPORT IS QUITE THOROUGH AND SAYS NEAR THE END NOT SUPPORTING THE PILOT PROJECT AT THIS TIME. MORE WORK TO BE DONE. HOPEFULLY THIS IS NOT LOST AND MORE WORK IS DONE ON IT. PERHAPS FUTURE MOTIONS ON IT. I APPRECIATE FOR THE REASONS GIVEN TOWARD END OF REPORT DEEMED NOT VIABLE IN SHORT TERM. I DON'T THINK THAT CLOSES DOOR COMPLETELY. THANK YOU TO COUNCILLOR GILROY FOR CONTINUING TO RAISE CONCERNS IN THIS AREA.

MADAME SPEAKER: NO FURTHER SPEAKERS. MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU TO STAFF FOR ANALYSIS AND THIS REPORT. I AGREE WITH COUNCILLOR GILROY ON A COUPLE MATTERS THAT ADDICTION IS DRIVING A LOT OF WHAT WE SEE ON THE STREETS. IT IS SOMETIMES ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE OR DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO BE SUCCESSFULLY HOUSED BECAUSE OF THEIR ADDICTION. WITH WRAPAROUND SUPPORT SOMETIMES WE SEE PEOPLE STRUGGLING AND ENDING UP ON THE STREETS. IT IS FRUSTRATING. I DON'T THINK THERE IS A COUNCILLOR NOT FRUSTRATED. I APPRECIATE SOME WARDS ARE MORE AFFECTED THAN OTHERS WITH HOMELESSNESS AND ADDICTION. I CANNOT FIND STRONGER WORDS TO REJECT COUNCILLOR'S ASSERTION WE ARE NOT DOING ANYTHING OR NOT FOLLOWING ENCAMPMENT PROTOCOL. OUR CITY STAFF IS FOLLOWING AND IMPLEMENTING ENCAMPMENT PROTOCOL ADOPTED BY COUNCIL. WE ARE WORKING TO MAKE SURE THAT IS IMPLEMENTED. WE HAVE A REPORT TALKING ABOUT THE FACT SINCE WE IMPLEMENTED THIS PROTOCOL AS COUNCIL, OVER 20 PUBLIC PROPERTIES HAVE BEEN CLEANED UP. WE RUSHED PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, BACK TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AS WELL BECAUSE OUR STAFF IMPLEMENTED PROTOCOL, WORKED WITH FRONT LINE PROVIDERS TO GET PEOPLE INTO PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY HOUSING TO CLEAN UP THE SITES. 58 OTHER SITES, 60 OTHER SITES HAVE BEEN CLEANED. OUR BYLAWS ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HAVE BEEN AT 199 SITES TO PROVIDE ON SITE

INSPECTIONS. 182 SIGNS POSTED WARNING ENCAMPMENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED HERE. MY OWN STAFF HAVE BEEN ON SITE WITH CAN COUNCILLOR FROM McINTYRE MAKING SURE THAT SITE DOES GET CLEANED UP. I KNOW STAFF IS WORKING DIRECTLY WITH THE COUNCILLOR. TO SAY THAT OUR STAFF IS NOT IN ANY WAY IMPLEMENTING OR FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL ENCAMPMENT PROTOCOL IS NOT FACTUAL. I DO REJECT THAT PREMISE IN THE STRONGEST TERMS. TO HAVE MANAGED ENCAMPMENT WOULD REQUIRE PARTICIPATION FROM THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA WHO ARE NOT FOCUSED ON THAT. THEY ARE WITH THE HOME STRATEGY. WE PARTNER. NOT APPROPRIATE STRATEGY. THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS MADE. WE ARE COMING TO SUMMER MONTHS WHERE MORE PEOPLE ARE COMING OUT OF SHELTERS THEY WERE AT OVER THE WINTER AND WANT TO GET BACK ON THE STREET. THIS AS WE KNOW IS COMPLEX PROBLEM. NOT THE ONLY CITY FACING THIS. I TALKED TO OTHER MAYORS AND COLLEAGUES TALKED TO OTHER COUNCILS FACING SIMILAR PROBLEMS. IT TAKES A RANGE OF INITIATIVES TO GET HELP THEY NEED. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH OTHER PARTNERS TO SEE THIS HAPPEN. WE WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THIS YEAR TO HAVE OUR STAFF DOING GOOD WORK IMPLEMENT COUNCIL ADOPTED ENCAMPMENT PROTOCOL.

MADAME SPEAKER: CALL QUESTION ON ITEM 5. IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. OPPOSITION? WE HAVE RECORDED VOTE. IN FAVOR PLEASE RISE.

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

MADAME SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: ALLARD, DURAND-WOOD, GILROY, MAYES, ORLIKOW AND WYATT.

CLERK: VOTE 9-6.

MADAME SPEAKER: ITEM 5 PASSES. NEXT ITEM, MADAME CLERK.

CLERK: ITEM 6. AGE FRIENDLY WINNIPEG ACTION PLAN.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WAIT TO HEAR FROM COLLEAGUES.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK ON THIS AND TO BE ABLE TO VOTE.

MADAME SPEAKER: ITEM 6 IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. THAT IS CARRIED. MADAME CLERK.

CLERK: 11. WATER AND SEWER RATE RELIEF AND DEBT PAYMENT.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: A MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BROWATY SUPPORTED BY COUNCILLOR EADIE. I SUPPORT IT AS WELL. IN LIGHT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REPORTS MORE REVENUE TAKEN IN THAN BUDGETED. SITING REALLY DRY SUMMER IN 2025 AND MORE ACCURATE WATER METER READINGS. IT GIVES US OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE SOME BREAKS FOR RATEPAYERS IN WINNIPEG THAT HELP WITH AFFORDABILITY ONE OF WHAT IS PROPOSED FREEZE ON 2027 SEWER VOLUME RATES AT 2026 RATES. SUBJECT TO UPGRADE PROJECT 3 FUNDING. ALSO TO SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS AFFORDABILITY BY

SETTING ASIDE \$1.1 MILLION FOR UTILITY BILL ASSISTANCE AND REPORTING BACK TO COUNCIL IN 180 DAYS. TAKING REMAINDER OF FUNDS AND DIRECTING THAT BUDGET VARIANCE TO OFFSET DEBT. THIS WILL MEAN LESS DEBT REQUIRES FOR PROJECT 3 OF THE CITY'S PORTION OF FUNDING. I SUPPORT THIS INFORMATION. I THANK THE COUNCILLORS FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I WOULD LIKE TO REFER THIS TO WATER AND WASTE COMMITTEE. I DON'T KNOW THAT I CAN SPEAK TO THAT. NOT THAT I DISAGREE WITH ALLOCATION OF FUNDS HERE. THERE IS NO REPORT ATTACHED TO IT THAT SPEAKS TO RATE IMPACTS. ALL WE HAD WAS REPORT TO FINANCE THAT INDICATED SURPLUS DUE TO POSTAL STRIKE AND PAYMENTS COMING IN THAT WEREN'T IN 2025 THAT CAME IN 2026. YOU RUN SOME RISK OF SURPLUS NOT AS BIG AS IT FIRST APPEARS. WATER AND WASTE COMMITTEE SET RATES. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO APPEAR. WE HAD RATE REPORT AND GOOD DEBATE ABOUT THAT. WHEN RATE IS CHANGED 2027 WE FIRST DEBATE AT WATER AND WASTE COMMITTEE. THAT HAS NOT HAPPENED. WE HAVE ALREADY HAD JURISDICTION OVER CERTAIN ITEMS WITH THAT MOVED TO THE MEGA PROJECT ITEMS. 2024 WATER AND WASTE HAD SOLE JURISDICTION. THAT IS AT EPC FRANKLY, YOU HAVE A WATER AND WASTE COMMITTEE FOR A REASON. THIS IS THE REASON. WE SHOULD REFER IT TO THE COMMITTEE. NO GREAT URGENCY. 2027 IMPACT. FREEZE WILL BE HAPPEN THEN. IF MONEY IS USED TO FOR DEBT, FINE. IF WE ALLOCATE \$2 MILLION RATHER THAN \$1 MILLION TO PEOPLE WITH FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES THAT IS WORTH DEBATING. WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC. THIS WAS MADE PUBLIC 10 DAYS AGO. WE SHOULD HAVE RIGHT TO DEBATE AT WATER COMMITTEE. THERE IS NO REASON THAT IT CAN'T WAIT ANOTHER MONTH.

MADAME SPEAKER: REFERRAL SORRY. MAYOR YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO REBUT.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THIS DOESN'T JUST COME TO EPC, IT COMES TO COUNCIL. WE DEBATED PROJECTS ONE AND TWO. PROJECT THREE AS WELL. TOM SPARROW WAS HERE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECTS ONE AND TWO. I THINK IT IS STRAIGHTFORWARD. I DON'T SUPPORT REFERRAL. IT IS STRAIGHTFORWARD. INFORMATION IS BEFORE US IF WE WANT TO FREEZE SEWER RATES IN 2027.

MADAME SPEAKER: WE WILL VOTE ON REFERRAL. IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. MR. CLERK.

CLERK: THE NAYS HAVE IT.

MADAME SPEAKER: NEXT. COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: MAYBE WE DON'T NEED COMMITTEES. EVERYTHING COMES TO COUNCIL. WHY HAVE COMMITTEES? HAVE EVERYTHING COME TO EPC AND COUNCIL? WE HAVE COMMITTEES FOR SOME REASON. YOU WOULD THINK FOR WATER AND WASTE TO DEBATE RATES. HERE WE HAVE PROPOSAL IN FRONT OF US. SOME TOWARDS DEBT RELIEF AND LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS HAVING DIFFICULTY. THIS COUNCIL HAS PUT FAR MORE ONUS ON FEES AND RATES THAN PREVIOUS COUNCIL. ALLOWED US TO KEEP PROPERTY TAX INCREASES AT LOWER LEVEL. WE DID HAVE RECORD HIGH INCREASE FOR LAST 30 YEARS IN 2025. A BUDGET I VOTED AGAINST. WE ALLOCATED A GREAT DEAL INTO THE RATE STRUCTURE THAT OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE BEEN BASED ON INCOME. SUCH AS GARBAGE RECYCLING FEES INCREASED SHARPLY. THAT USED TO BE ON PROPERTY TAXES. NOW WE HAVE ALLOCATED IT. WHETHER HOUSE IS WORTH \$100,000 OR A MILLION DOLLARS YOU PAY SAME

FOR GARBAGE. NEW FEE FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES. INFINITY INCREASE. THERE WAS NO SUCH FEE PREVIOUSLY. THAT WAS AT COMMITTEE WE HAD CHANCE TO EXPLORE THESE IDEAS. NOT SURE WHY WE HAVE COMMITTEES IF YOU HAVE THE CHANCE TO DEBATE AT COUNCIL. WE HAVE PROPOSAL IN FRONT OF US. RATE RELIEF IS PARTLY DUE THE SURPLUS TO FACT PAYMENTS CAME IN LATE DUE TO POSTAL STRIKE. DO WE HAVE A SURPLUS OF THAT MUCH? WOULDN'T THAT HAVE FED INTO DEFICIT PREVIOUS YEAR? WE SHOULD HAVE PROPER DEBATE. CAN WE AFFORD RATE FREEZE WITH PRESSURES COMING IN CSO AND VERY HEAVY OBLIGATIONS AROUND BE NORTH END SEWAGE TREATMENT PLAN. WE COULD HAVE HEARD AT COMMITTEE AT SOME LENGTH. WE WILL NOT BE GIVEN THAT CHANCE. I WILL TRY TO RAISE THE CONCERNS PEOPLE RAISED IN THE PAST. THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE WATER AND SEWER RATES. YOU CAN FREEZE FOR ONE YEAR. THAT WILL ARTIFICIALLY INCREASE IT IS NEXT YEAR. THE FREEZE IS ENTIRELY TO QUOTE THE PREMIER WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? IT IS AN ELECTION YEAR. FREEZE IS A FREEZE UNLESS WE DON'T GET A BILLION DOLLARS FROM FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED THROUGH SOME PROGRAMME TO FUND SOME PART OF PROJECT 3. PROVINCE HAS NOT DONE TO THEY ARE PAYING FOR PROJECT 2 THROUGH ALLOCATION UNDER THE STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE BASKET. PROJECT 2 AT \$30 MILLION PER YEAR BY PROVINCE OUT OF OUR POCKETS. I WOULD REFER YOU TO APPENDIX G OF BUDGET WHICH LAYS OUT THE BUDGET TOWARDS ROADS. \$30 MILLION WE HAVE NOT HAD DEBATE. IF PROVINCE PAYS HALF BILLION, THEN THERE IS HELL TO PAY WE WON'T HAVE MONEY TO DO ANYTHING EXCEPT SEWAGE TREATMENT IMPLICATIONS FOR ALL SORTS OF ITEMS. NOT VERY STRAIGHTFORWARD. WE DON'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEBATE AT COMMITTEE. WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT MONEY TOWARD PROJECT 3 AND DEBT THAT IS INCURRED. THAT IS THE REASON WHY I VOTED FOR LAST BUDGET COMMITMENT TOWARD PROJECT 3. FROM THE MAYOR AND HOPEFULLY FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS WILL FOLLOW SUIT. A RATE FREEZE AFTER IS THAT RIGHT INCREASE IN RECENT YEARS IS TO QUOTE THE PREMIER AN ELECTION DATE. WE WILL ANNOUNCE TODAY WE ARE FREEZING RATES IN 2027 IF WE GET THE \$1 BILLION. WHAT IF WE DON'T GET IT? I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE WE COULD HAVE DISCUSS THE AT 2027 BARRING THE BILLION DOLLAR GRANT. HOW MUCH TO LOWER INCOMES? \$1.1 MILLION. WHY NOT MORE? WE DON'T KNOW. WE DIDN'T DEBATE. NO REPORT FROM STAFF SAYING WE DECIDED THIS IS REASONABLE ALLOCATION. WE COULD AND SHOULD BE SETTING ASIDE AMOUNT FOR CSO RESERVE. THAT FUNDING IN THIS TERM OF OFFICE WE HAVE CUT 50 YEARS OFF. WE WILL BE HOME BY 2047. COUNCILLOR EADIE HAS AN EYE ON THIS AS WELL. DONE BY 2047 REQUIRES INFLATION ADJUSTMENT FROM \$30 MILLION. IT TAKES A MILLION A YEAR. WE ARE GOING FORWARD WITH CSO. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SEEN A RESERVE TO ENSURE WE KEEP THAT GOING. WE ARE NOT GETTING HELP FROM OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. 10 DAYS FROM FRIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT BE, 12 DAYS FROM FINANCE, MOTION AT EPC AND AT COUNCIL. VOTE HOWEVER YOU WISH. NICE IF WE HAD A REPORT. WHY ONLY \$1 MILLION FOR LOWER INCOME MEASURES. RATE FREEZE IF WE GET \$1 BILLION. WE HAVE NO GUARANTEE THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IS COMING IN FOR PROJECT THREE. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE THAT. IT IS A PROJECT WE NEED TO DO. WE ARE STARTING TO HAVE AN INTELLIGENT ADULT DEBATE ABOUT NEED FOR RATE INCREASES. WE KNEW THROUGH THIS INITIATIVE FOR THE NORTH END PLANT THIS EFFORT OUT OF A FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT SHOWING A SURPLUS. HURRAY, WE WILL FREEZE RATES IN 2027 UNLESS WE GET A MILLION DOLLARS. WE ARE NOT GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY BUT MAYBE WE SHOULD THINK COMMITTEE STRUCTURE. THINKS STRAIGHTFORWARD IF OUR OPPORTUNITY TO BE BAIT IS HERE THAT IS FINE. SNUB SOME RESPECT GIVEN TO COUNCILLORS. MOST OF US ARE ONLY ON ONE COMMITTEE AND TAKE THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES SERIOUSLY. WE WILL REVERT THAT.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: I AM IN SUPPORT. I AM GOING TO SPEAK TO, WELL, ASIDE FROM RATE ISSUE SURPLUS FROM WATER AND WASTE IS ALL FINANCIAL. ASIDE FROM SETTING WATER RATES, WE ALWAYS SEE BUDGET LIKE RELATED BUDGET DOLLAR REQUESTS AND SUCH GOING STRAIGHT TO EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE. IN THIS CASE IT IS THROUGH COUNCILLOR BROWATY, CHAIR OF FINANCE WHO RECEIVED REPORT THAT EXPLAINED THE EXTRA REVENUE \$67 MILLION FOR VARIOUS REASONS. OVER ALL 1.5% INCREASE WATER CONSUMPTION OVER WHAT WAS BUDGETED FOR IN TERMS OF INCREASES IN USAGE GIVEN WE ARE BUILDING A LOT OF NEW HOUSING IN THIS CITY, MADAM SPEAKER. EVERYBODY NEEDS WATER TO LIVE IN THEIR HOMES. I JUST WANT TO SPEAK TO WHAT WILL BE COMING TO WATER AND WASTE IS CHANGES RELATED TO HAVING THIS \$1.1 MILLION FUNDS TOWARDS THAT PROGRAMME. TOMORROW WATER AND WASTE IS HAVING THE MAY MEETING. SIGNIFICANT REPORT ABOUT THE H2O PROGRAMME. THIS MILLION DOLLARS WILL LAST MORE THAN ONE YEAR. THIS IS GOING TO HELP PEOPLE WHO JUST MEET THE CRITERIA OF THAT PROGRAMME. THAT CRITERIA OF THE PROGRAMME WE DID EXPAND. THE PREVIOUS YEAR THERE WERE 38 INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES WHO RECEIVED SOME DOLLARS THROUGH HTO PROGRAMME TO OF SET COSTS OF WATER BILLS THEY COULD ILL AFFORD TO PAY. WITH CHANGES WE MADE IN THE FIRST QUARTER AFTER THOSE CHANGES. THERE HAS BEEN 27 REQUESTS FOR \$14,000 SOMETHING. 38 IN THE PAST WAS AROUND \$12,000. WITH LOWER NUMBER BUT ONLY QUARTER 27 PEOPLE. THERE WILL BE MORE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PROGRAMME. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE WILL SEE IT. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT THERE IS AN INCOME LEVEL CUT OFF IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE OR NOT. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT. IF IT IS SINGLE INDIVIDUAL I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CEILING FOR QUALIFYING TO BE A LIVING WAGE, WHICH I SUPPORTED IN MY LAST ELECTION AND WILL ALWAYS SUPPORT PEOPLE BEING ABLE TO EARN A LIVING WAGE RATHER THAN MAKING LESS MONEY, HAVING TO GO TO FOOD BANKS AND HAVING TO DO THIS AND THIS. \$1.1 MILLION WILL BE HELPFUL. I WILL LEAVE IT TO COUNCILLOR BROWATY TO TALK MORE ABOUT CASH VERSUS DEBT. THANKS.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ONE OF THE NEW INITIATIVES OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TRACEY GRAHAM TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF INFORMATION RECEIVED AT FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR QUARTERLY REPORTS. CONFUSION WHEN CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS CAME OUT IN MAY OR JUNE AND SHOWED CITY MADE A PROFIT. IT TOOK GENERAL FUND AND UTILITIES AND CONSOLIDATED ENTITIES LIKE CONVENTION CENTRE. WE DON'T CONSOLIDATE EVERYTHING BUT WE HAVE STARTED OUT QUARTERLY REPORTING ON WATER AND WASTE AND TRANSIT. THOSE WEREN'T DONE PREVIOUSLY. WHAT HAPPENED WAS IN APRIL THE QUARTERLY REPORT INDICATED THERE WAS ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY TO \$67 MILLION. THAT IS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY. IT WAS DETERMINED AT EPC BECAUSE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS WE HAD A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO PAY FOR A PORTION OF CITY'S COMPONENT DIRECTLY WITH CASH. NORMALLY SURPLUS WOULD GO TO RETAINED EARNINGS IN THE UTILITY. WE CAN GIVE THEM DIRECTION. WE DECIDED TO TAKE THREE PRONGED APPROACH. ONE, PAY FOR GOODS WITH CASH \$50 MILLION. PROVIDE FOR THOSE PEOPLE HARD UP ON WATER AND SEWER BILLS SUPPORT THROUGH H2O PROGRAMME. THIRDLY AS AFFORDABILITY HIT EVERYBODY ESPECIALLY HARD. 1.88 GAS. I TOOK THE BUS THIS MORNING. AFFORDABILITY IS REAL. AFFECTS WHAT PEOPLE PUT ON THE TABLE, SHELTER. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE SMALL AMOUNT OF RELIEF IN 2027. COUNCILLOR WYATT WAS TALKING ABOUT WANTING TO GO BACKWARDS. WE HEARD A DELEGATION SAYING KEEP THE MONEY. THIS IS A BALANCED APPROACH AND RIGHT APPROACH. WE CAN HAVE THAT DEBATE RIGHT HERE TODAY ON THE FLOOR OF COUNCIL.

MADAME SPEAKER: NO FURTHER SPEAKERS, COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: IF WE HAD A DISCUSSION WHICH I CAN'T RECALL HAVING ONE. REGARDLESS OF THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE DIDN'T MOVE THIS FORWARD TO SAY DO THIS. THE CHAIRMAN DID BY THEMSELVES. IS THAT GOOD OR BAD? NOT THAT GOOD BECAUSE I WOULD HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW DID THAT MONEY? HOW WOULD YOU REACHIEVE THAT MONEY? TODAY IT IS TOO SIMPLISTIC. USE WATER, USE TONS OF WATER. WE WILL MAKE MORE MONEY FROM THAT. THAT IS ENVIRONMENTALLY HORRIBLE, TAXES OUT OUR SYSTEMS, BREAKS OUR PIPES. LIKE CAL CAM WHO HAVE MAJOR PROBLEMS WITH WATER PIPES. THEY SAID NO MORE WATERING LAWNS ON THESE DATEDS. WE ARE TRYING TO REDUCE WATER. WINNIPEG WE WANT YOU TO USE MORE -- USE MORE WATER SO WE CAN MAKE MORE MONEY. COUNCILLOR BROWATY HAS AN IDEA. UP TO EPC NO REPORT. OF OF \$67 MILLION. NO REPORT? OKAY. SOUNDS GREAT. LOWER RATES NEXT YEAR IF THESE GUYS DO THIS. SOME PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO LOWER THE RATES. THEY WANT TO KEEP IT TO PAY FOR IT. SOME WANT IT LOWERED MORE. THERE IS DEBATE. COUNCIL NEED GOES TO DEBATE THIS. NOT JUST PROMISING FOR THE ELECTION. WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH RATING GOING UP TOO FAST AND HARD AND IMPACTING THE PEOPLE WHO ARE POORER. WE ARE NOT HAVING DEBATE? WHY? NOT URGENT. MAYBE DELAY FROM COVID MAILING. IS THAT TRUE? I DON'T KNOW. I HEAR THIS FROM ONE PERSON. THERE IS NO REPORT. I WAS GOING TO GIVE COUNCILLOR EADIE A CALL. IT DIDN'T WORKOUT. DID THE REPORT NOT GET ATTACHED. THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED, WHY, RECOMMENDATIONS? NO. THREE OR FOUR PEOPLE IN MAYOR'S OFFICE AND EPC THAT DECIDED THIS WOULD BE A GREAT IDEA. YOU KNOW WHAT? WE CAN DEBATE IT TODAY. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO DEBATE. YES OR NO. IF YOU DON'T VOTE FOR IT YOU ARE INCREASING RATES FOR POOR PEOPLE IN WINNIPEG. WE ARE LOOKING AT 33% COST SHARE? RIDICULOUS TO SPEND SO MUCH MONEY WHERE FEDS AND PROVINCE SHOULD SPEND MORE. RIDICULOUS. WE WILL DO THIS, HOWEVER SOMEBODY HAD A MOTION COUNCILLOR MAYES. YOU HAVE GOT TO PAY 75%. WE WILL PAY 25%. THAT WOULD BE GREAT. THEY GET THE BENEFIT AND GROWTH FEES. HEAVEN FORBID WE DO GROWTH FEES THEY GET ALL MONEY FROM GROWTH. STOP GROWING. WE CAN'T AFFORD GROWTH. IT IS CRUSHING THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. EVERY TIME WE EXPAND NEW SUBURB, NOT ENOUGH POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRE PEOPLE. GROWTH IS GREAT, GOOD. THAT IS WHERE WE ARE AT. A LOT OF DEBATE HERE FOR \$67 MILLION. WE SHOULD BE HAVING FULL INFORMATION TO MAKE A DEBATE. BASIC DECENCY OF COUNCIL REQUIRES THIS. URGENT? NO. SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO SPEED THINGS THROUGH. NOTE URGENT. WE HAD A NICE MOTION TODAY GOOD DEBATE. \$67 MILLION DEBATE. FEELS GOOD, GREAT. WHAT FELT GREAT A WHILE BACK? POLICE HEADQUARTERS. WE RAN THAT THROUGH REAL FAST. WE SHOULD HAVE ASKED MORE QUESTIONS. I SHOULD HAVE ASKED MORE QUESTIONS SELLING POLICE HEADQUARTERS? WOULD WE HAVE CUT IT? NOW WE HAVE NO DEBATE. I FIND THAT SO UN-DEMOCRATIC. WE ARE ELECTED BY BODIES OF PEOPLE IN WARD. , YES OR NO VOTE. I WOULD PREFER MORE MONEY TO HELP POOR PEOPLE WITH FEES. IF WE CAN DO MORE, I WOULD LIKE TO DO MORE AND KEEP THE DEBT AND INCREASE THAT. MAYBE THAT WOULD BE A BETTER OPTION. WE HAVE NO TIME TO DEBATE. WE ARE JUST GIVE EARN THIS. I APPRECIATE TIMELINES. I AM REALLY SHOCKED THERE IS NO REPORT SO WE CAN HAVE A GOOD DEBATED HOW WE WILL SPEND THIS MUCH MONEY. I AM DISAPPOINTED.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO FREEZE RATES. WE ARE LOOKING AT VERY UNCERTAIN TIMES IN TERMS OF INFLATION AS COUNCILLOR BROWATY ALLUDED TO. GAS AT \$1.88. I NOTICED ON THE WAY IN THIS MORNING. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WITH HIGHER GAS RATES THAT WILL TRICKLE DOWN TO EVERY AREA OF AFFORDABILITY. AS THE MAYOR INDICATED EARLIER. IT WAS A DRY SUMMER LAST YEAR. I KNOW THAT MYSELF FOR MY YARD I WAS UTILIZING A LOT MORE CONSUMPTION THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER MONTHS TO KEEP MY LAWNS AND GARDEN AREAS WELL IRRIGATED. THIS IS A SOURCE OF PRIDE FOR US. WINNIPEGGERS WE

CARE FOR OUR YARDS AND DWELLINGS THROUGH LANDSCAPING EFFORTS THAT HE DOES REQUIRE WATER. NEW WATER METERS ARE INTO HOMES THAT ARE MORE ACCURATE IN THERE BILLING CYCLE I AM NOT SURPRISED WITH THE \$67 MILLION SURPLUS. WE HAVE WATER METERS MORE ACCURATE. AGAIN, THE RECOMMENDATION HERE IS TO FREEZE RATES AND THEN UTILIZE THOSE EXCESS FUNDS FOR THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMMES WE HAVE. I AM ENCOURAGING MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THIS. AFFORDABILITY IS AN ISSUE ALL WINNIPEGGERS, THOSE IN MANITOBA AND CANADIANS ARE GRAPPLING WITH. THIS IS A WAY TO ADDRESS THAT TO MAKE SURE WINNIPEGGERS ARE NOT PAYING TOO MUCH FOR WATER SERVICES MEETING THEIR NEEDS.

MADAME SPEAKER: MORE SPEAKERS. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT IS WONDERFUL TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE ENGAGED IN WATER AND WASTE. AFTER YEARS OF PUSHING THINGS THROUGH EVERYONE IS STANDING UP WITH AN OPINION ESPECIALLY WHEN IT AFFECTS POCKETS OF WINNIPEGGERS. THIS IS STRAIGHTFORWARD \$67 MILLION SURPLUS. WE UNDERESTIMATED USAGE. DO YOU WANT TO GIVE WINNIPEGGERS A BREAK 4.7% INCREASE ON SEWER USAGE OR NOT? IF YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO DEBATE AT COMMITTEE TO BROKER WHAT YOU WANT OUT OF THIS, SHAMING ON YOU. WINNIPEGGERS NEED A BREAK TOTE. THEY ARE BEGGING NOT TO INCREASE AT EVERY COUNCIL. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCIL TO DO JUST THAT. WHEN THEY SAY WE DON'T KNOW THE COST. YOU APPROVED THE NEW PICK DEBT UPWARDS OF \$50 MILLION GOING TOWARDS DEBT THAT WINNIPEGGERS HAVE TO PAY. FOR THE POOR PEOPLE WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY THEIR BILLS, WE ARE 10 FOLD AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO H2O PROGRAMME. THIS IS A WINNER FOR COUNCIL AND WINNIPEGGERS TO GET THINGS DONE INSTEAD OF DEBATING AND DEBATING AND RECEIVE AS INFORMATION. STEP UP, COUNCIL. LET'S GIVE WINNIPEGGERS A BREAK.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR BACK TO YOU TO CLOSE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: IT IS RICH WE DON'T GET TO DEBATE THIS. WE JUST PASSED LAST MONTH AN IN-HOUSE COLLECTION WITHOUT A REPORT. IN HOUSE COLLECTION WORTH MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON WHATEVER IT IS, THE COMPOST. NO REPORT. NOW SUDDENLY WE NEED A REPORT. THIS ITEM PUBLISHED ON AGENDA TWO WEEKS AGO. I ASK THOSE UP IN ARMS HOW MANY CONVERSATIONS THEY HAD WITH CFO RAISING CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT DETAILS OF THIS. TO COUNCILLOR DUNCAN'S POINT, THIS IS GREAT NEWS OPPORTUNITY. NOTHING TO DO WITH ELECTION YEAR. IN 2025 THE CITY GREW MORE WATER ISSUES WHEN WE BUDGETED MORE THAN WE TOOK IN. NOW IS OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE WINNIPEGGERS A BREAK. IN WORDS OF COUNCILLOR DUNCAN STEP UP. I CALL FOR RECORDED VOTE.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR PLEASE RISE.

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

MADAME SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: COUNCILLORS DOBSON, DURAND-WOOD, GILROY, MAYES.

CLERK: VOTE 10-4.

MADAME SPEAKER: ITEM 11 PASSES. COUNCIL IS GOING TO TAKE RECESS NOW.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: ITEM 12 ON THAT ITEM IT IS BEFORE THE COURTS. AND THEREFORE I WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE. I HAVE RESPECT FOR THE CHAMBER. I BELIEVE IN THE RULE OF LAW. I BELIEVE I AM PRESUMED INNOCENT BEFORE THE RULE OF LAW. OUT OF RESPECT FOR THE CHAMBER, I DON'T WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ITEM THAT IS PARTISAN AND POLITICAL. I WON'T BE HERE FOR DISCUSSION OR VOTE. I WANT TO PUT COUNCIL CHAMBER ON NOTICE IF YOU ARE TAKING A BREAK NOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR WYATT. WE WILL TAKE A BREAK AND RECONVENE AT 1:15 P.M. THERE ARE COMMITMENTS OVER THE NOON HOUR. THAT IS WHY WE ARE BREAKING AT 11:45 A.M. THANK YOU. WINNIPEG CITY COUNCIL.

MADAME SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. I WOULD LIKE TO RECONVENE OUR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 30, 2026. REPORTS OF ITEM 12. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

CLERK: COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

MADAME SPEAKER: AMENDS MOTION. MR. MAYOR TO INTRODUCE AND YOU CAN SPEAK TO THE MOTION AS WELL.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THE MATTER IS STRAIGHTFORWARD. AMENDMENT JUST ADDS TWO COMMITTEES INADVERTENTLY OMITTED. THE AMENDMENT IS AMEND 1 ADDING TRANSCONA BIZ IMPROVEMENT AND TRANSCONA-WEST JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

MADAME SPEAKER: SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: THE MAYOR AND I MIGHT DISAGREE ON ENCAMPMENTS HOW WE MANAGE IT. THIS IS ONE THING THAT WE CAN AGREE ON. I JUST WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I THINK THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE. IN A PIVOTAL MOMENT FOR A DECISION HERE. AS COUNCILLORS, POLITICAL LEADERS WE NEED TO BE SETTING A HIGHER STANDARD THAN WE ARE, MADAM SPEAKER. I THINK WE HAVE TO ALSO FALL IN LINE WITH WHAT WE ARE DOING IN OUR OWN WORK FORCE. IF A MEMBER OF OUR WORK FORCE WAS TO HAVE A VERY CRIMINAL OFFENSE CHARGE LIKE THIS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR INNOCENCE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT WILL COME OUT IN DUE COURSE. WE ALL AGREE EVERYONE IS INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY. WHAT WE SHOULD AGREE ON IS THAT WE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME SET OF STANDARDS AS OUR PUBLIC SERVICE. OUR TEACHER THAT WOULD BE GOING INTO WORK. WOULD WE WANT A TEACHER TO GO IN IF THEY HAD A VIOLENT CRIMINAL ASSAULT LIKE THIS GOING THROUGH THE COURTS? WE KNOW, MADAM SPEAKER, FOR IT TO GET TO THIS, IT BECOMES A VERY SERIOUS INCIDENT. THIS IS NOT AN ACCUSATION. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT RIGHT NOW THE COURTS FEEL THERE IS ENOUGH EVIDENCE FOR IT TO GO TO A COURT SO THAT IS VERY, VERY DIFFERENT, MADAM SPEAKER, THAN A GOSSIP MAIL OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT OR OUR OWN FEELINGS ABOUT THE PERSON. WHAT THIS IS ABOUT IS MAKING SURE WE HAVE THE SAME SET OF STANDARDS THAT WE WOULD SET IN ANY PROFESSIONAL BUSINESSES LIKE IN OUR OWN CITY ADMINISTRATION WHERE WE WOULD MAKE SURE THERE WAS A LEAVE SO THAT PERSON COULD DEAL WITH THE MATTER WHILE THEY ARE GOING THROUGH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. SAME WAY IF WE WERE

HAVING PEOPLE THAT WERE GOING TO WORK IN OUR SCHOOLS, MADAM SPEAKER, OR IN MANY OTHER BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT WINNIPEG, MADAM SPEAKER. I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT AS POLITICAL LEADERS WE HOLD NOT ONLY THE SET OF STANDARDS THAT SHOULD BE HELD TO HIGHER ACCOUNT BUT WE HAVE AN ADDITIONAL ACCESS AND A SENSE OF POWER THAT MAY BE OTHERS SEE UPON US. WE DO INFLUENCE WHEN WE ARE A CHAIR OF A COMMITTEE OUR COORDINATORS, OUR ADMINISTRATORS WORKING WITH US. THE ABILITY TO ASK FOR MEETINGS. THOSE ARE REALLY THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ALSO MAKING SURE THAT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND STAFF AND RESIDENTS ON THE COMMITTEES FEEL SAFE IN THE WORK ENVIRONMENT.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR GILROY. COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I WANT TO POINT OUT ONE ITEM REMOVAL FROM THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE. I WILL VOTE IN FAVOR. I DON'T WISH THAT TO BE SEEN AS SETTING A PRECEDENT. THE RULE IS THAT EVERY COUNCILLOR CAN IT IS ON AT LEAST ONE STANDING COMMITTEE. I WAS LEFT WITHOUT ONE BETWEEN JULY AND LATE OCTOBER OF 2024. NOT BY MY CHOICE, BUT TOLD YOU CAN GO LIKE YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. THAT IS VERY DIFFERENT. THIS IS A SPECIAL SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING VERY SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS, BUT I WOULD NOT WANT SOMEONE TO ARRIVE FROM ST. VITAL AND BE TOLD THERE IS NO SPOT ON ANY STANDING COMMITTEE BECAUSE EVERYONE ELSE HAS TAKEN THEM OR YOU DIDN'T WIN VOTES TO GET ON THE STANDING COMMITTEE. I AM PREPARED TO VOTE FOR THIS TODAY. I DO THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE PRINCIPLE, PRECEDENT, CONVENTION THAT EVERY COUNCILLOR GETS TO SIT ON AT LEAST ONE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE.

MADAME SPEAKER: WITH THAT MR. MAYOR DO YOU WISH TO CALL?

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: CALL THE QUESTION, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAME SPEAKER: CALL THE QUESTION ON AMENDING MOTION 1. ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: GILLINGHAM, ALLARD, BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, GRANT WOOD, EADIE, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, ORLIKOW, SANTOS AND MADAM SPEAKER COUNCILLOR SHARMA.

MADAME SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED THESE RISE.

CLERK: 14-0.

MADAME SPEAKER: CALL THE QUESTION ON THE MAIN ITEM AS AMENDED. YOU WANTED RECORDED VOTE, COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS?

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: YES.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR RISE.

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

CLERK: 14-0.

MADAME SPEAKER: THE ITEM CARRIES. NEXT WE HAVE MOTION 2. MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DOBSON. SECOND COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW. AUTOMATIC REFERRAL TO EPC REGARDING HOME OWNERSHIP. MOTION 3. MOVED BY DOBSON. SECOND MAYES. FUNDING FOR NEW PICK. AUTOMATIC REFERRAL TO EPC NOW MOVING TO BY-LAWS. SECOND AND THIRD READINGS MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: TO BE READ SECOND TIME. 77, 80, 24 OF 2025.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.
77, 80, 24 OF 2026.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I DON'T KNOW IF I SAID 2026 ON BY-LAW 24. DID I HAVE IT RIGHT? THE CLERK HAD IT RIGHT. BY-LAW 24 OF 2026 IS WHEN I INTENDED.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE BY-LAWS, 7, 80 OF 25 AND 24 OF 2026 BE READ THIRD TIME TO SIGNED AND SEALED.
CARRIED.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE THAT BY-LAW 41 BE READ FIRST TIME.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. AYE, CARRIED.

CLERK: BY-LAW 41 OF 2026.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: BE READ SECOND TIME.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. NOTED IN OPPOSITION.
BY-LAW 41 OF 2026.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: RULE 52 OF BY-LAW 50 OF 2007 BE SUSPENDED AND BE READ THIRD TIME TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. OPPOSITION IS NOTED. QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE MAYOR. 30 MINUTES ON THE CLOCK PLEASE. ANY QUESTIONS. COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: ABSENCE OF COLLEAGUES I HAVE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS. MY FIRST QUESTION WHICH I NOTIFIED THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF. THE GRILLING OF THE MAYOR IS NOT WHAT I SAID. I WOULD ASK ABOUT A PROVISION IN HIS ELECTION PLATFORM I WOULD LIKE IMPLEMENTED. CURIOUS. I WILL READ PROVISION. FAIRNESS FOR LOCAL BUSINESS BY-LAW. PLEDGE FAIRNESS FOR LOCAL BUSINESS BY-LAW GIVES DISCRETION ON KEY BIDS FOR ECONOMIC BENEFIT. AWARDED POINTINGS BASE ON LOCAL TAX EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS SELECTIVE LEO MAJOR BIDS. WHICH I

SUPPORT. I DON'T THINK THE GOLF COURSE WAS MAJOR. WERE THERE LEGAL ISSUES? IT TALKS ABOUT FREE TRADE? IT WAS IN HIS PLATFORM. WERE THERE LEGAL ISSUES SLOWING IT DOWN OR SOMETHING ELSE? CAN WE GET TO THAT? I SUPPORT THE PROVISION AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT BROUGHT IN GIVING WEIGHT TO NOT EXPERIENCE AS THE MAYOR SAID IN HIS PROVISION ABOUT FAIRNESS. CAN WE MOVE FORWARD OR LEGAL ISSUES WITH THAT PLEDGE?

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU. JUST IN BROADER THAT COMMITMENT MADE IN 2022 HAD THREE PARTS. THE FIRST TWO-PARTS WERE ABOUT ACCOMMODATIONS FOR SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATIONS. ALSO ABOUT VEHICLES FOR HIRE. WHAT IT WAS AND WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED THOSE TWO PORTIONS BECAUSE LOCAL COMPANIES WERE AT DISADVANTAGE WHEN IT CAME TO LOCAL HOTELS. ACCOMMODATIONS PEOPLE DOING AIRBNB MORE ADVANTAGE THAN HOTELS. RIDE HAILING COMPANIES SUCH AS UBER, FOR EXAMPLE, DIDN'T HAVE SAME REQUIREMENTS THAT TAXI INDUSTRY HAD. LOCAL COMPANIES WERE ADDIS ADVANTAGE WHICH IS WHY IT WAS ABOUT FAIRNESS FOR LOCAL BUSINESS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE ON LEVEL PLAYING FIELD. THIRD PORTION CITY TENDERS. UNDER THE OVERSIGHT, GUIDANCE OF UNFAIRNESS WHERE CITY, LOCAL COMPANIES WERE AT DISADVANTAGE. CAN WE LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD? I WOULD POINT OUT AND MANY MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL APPROVED THIS LAST TERM IN 2022 BEFORE THE ELECTION. THAT IS A SOCIAL PROCUREMENT PLAN WHICH GAVE OUR CITY STAFF AND WE HAVE THE REPORT FOR 2025 FROM LAST WEEK AT EPC TALKED ABOUT WORK OUR STAFF IS DOING TO MAKE SURE LOCAL COMPANIES UNDERSTAND BID OPPORTUNITIES AND EDUCATED HOW TO BID FOR OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL. NOT PROVIDING ADVANTAGE TO LOCAL COMPANIES BUT MORE SO MAKING SURE THEY ARE EQUIPPED AND READY AND UNDERSTAND WHAT PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THEM. AS I STATED IN GOLF SERVICES, FOOD SERVICES. LOCAL COMPANIES HAD EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. A FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON THAT WORK. AS FAR AS THE BYLAWS, THE LAWS RELATED TO PROCUREMENT RULES. PROCUREMENT OBLIGATIONS, TRADE AGREEMENTS, WE KNOW WE HAVE TO COMPLY WITH PROVINCIAL FEDERAL TRADE AGREEMENTS. WE CANNOT GIVE A LOCAL COMPANY PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW BROUGHT FORWARD THE MOTION WHICH I SUPPORT TO ASK THE STAFF TO SEE WHETHER THERE IS MORE TO BE DONE WITHIN TRADE AGREEMENTS TO ASSIST LOCAL COMPANIES TO MAKE SURE THEY GET THE OPPORTUNITY AS WELL. I AM SUPPORTIVE OF THAT MOTION, HAVING THE STAFF LOOK INTO IT. WE DO ALSO LIVE IN LIGHT OF RIGHT NOW A POLICE HEADQUARTERS INQUIRY GOING ON. FORMER C.E.O. OF THE CITY WILLFULLY IGNORED FAIR PROCESSES, RFP PROCESSES AND GAVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO ONE COMPANY OVER OTHERS. COUNCILLOR IS NOT ASKING FOR THAT. WE HAVE TO BE USE DISH US IN ANALYZING HOW WE DO IT. MAKING SURE WE CONTINUE TO ABIDE BY TRADE AGREEMENTS WE ARE SUBJECT TO AND MAKING SURE LOCAL COMPANIES HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO THEM TO BID ON CITY WORK. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW BROUGHT FORWARD THE MOTION. I WILL HEAR FROM STAFF TO SEE WHAT THEY DISCOVER.

MADAME SPEAKER: SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THE VEHICLES FOR HIRE. I WANT TO RETURN TO CITY TENDER PART. I DIDN'T ASK WHAT WE VOTED OPEN IN 2022 ELECTION PLEDGE POST DATES ANY VOTE WE WOULD HAVE HAD ABOUT THAT. WINNIPEG AND MANITOBA ARE PARTY TO SEVERAL FREE-TRADE AGREEMENTS. IN EVENT BIDDERS ARE NOT COMPETING ON LEVEL PLAYING FIELD WILL GIVE CITY DISCRETION ON KEY BIDS.

MADAME SPEAKER: WHAT IS THE QUESTION?
FREE-TRADE AGREEMENTS WE WILL WARD POINTS. CAN THE MAYOR PLEDGE TO BRING FORWARD HIS

ELECTION PLEDGE SO WE CAN DO THAT? PLATFORM ACKNOWLEDGES WE SIGNED FAIR-TRADE AGREEMENTS. IT SAYS WE WILL DO THIS ON CERTAIN KEY PROVISIONS. GOLF WASN'T ONE OF THEM. ON THE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS IMPLEMENTED. IT SOUNDS LIKE WHOEVER DRAFTED THIS KNEW WE SIGNED FREE-TRADE AGREEMENTS. WE CAN TILL DO THESE MARRIAGE SURES TO GIVE LOCAL BIDDERS A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: MY RESPONSE IN THE EVENT BIDDERS MAY NOT COMPETE ON LEVEL PLAYING FIELD. THIS IS ABOUT FAIRNESS, NOT GIVING ADVANTAGE TO ANY COMPANY OVER THE OTHER. WHERE THERE ARE DISADVANTAGES. I CITED THE COMMITMENT AROUND ACCOMMODATIONS AND VEHICLES FOR HIRE. I COMMEND COUNCIL FOR THOSE CHANGES. THIS TALKS ABOUT UNDERSTAND WHAT WE HAVE AND CAN AND CAN'T DO UNDER THE TRADE AGREEMENTS. WE HAVE A MOTION. IF THERE IS ACTION AFTER THAT WE CAN DISCUSS THAT AS A COUNCIL.

MADAME SPEAKER: OTHER QUESTIONS? THIRD QUESTION COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I AM NOT SURE I HAVE AN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION. ELECTION PLEDGE TALKED FREE-TRADE AGREEMENTS WE WILL NEVERTHELESS ON KEY BIDS HAVE PROVISION WHERE ANY BITDERS CAN GET POINT BOYED ON LOCAL TAX AND EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. THE PLATFORM WAS WRITTEN KNOWING THERE WAS FREE-TRADE AGREEMENTS IN PLACE. THE PLEDGE WAS WE WILL DO THIS. IT IS NOT ABOUT AND I AM NOT LOOKING FOR ADVANTAGE. FAIRNESS WOULD BE GIVING LOCAL RECOGNITION TO BENEFITS.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I APPRECIATE FOCUS ON 2022 PLATFORM. WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED OR STARTED 80% OF THE CAMPAIGN COMMITMENTS IN THE 2022 PLATFORM. LONGING FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION. HAVING STAFF LOOK. WE NEED INFORMATION BEFORE WE DETERMINE IF WE NEED TO MAKE CHANGES. THIS CLEARLY STATES. THIS COMMITMENT WAS ABOUT FAIRNESS. NOT ADVANTAGE. MAKING SURE LOCAL COMPANIES HAVE FAIR OPPORTUNITY. IN THE CASE OF GOLF SERVICES CONTRACT. IT CAN BE SAID AND YOU SHOULD BE REMINDED OF THE FACT EVERY COMPANY HAD FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON THAT WORK.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THE MEDIA CALL ME UP TO SAY PEOPLE IN ST. VITAL ARE COMPLAINING. I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR THE QUALITY OF GRAPH EL LANES. A MILLION DOLLARS TO THE MIXER. WE ARE NOT GOING TO DO THAT. I HAVE TROUBLE WITH THAT NOT EXPRESSLY IN THE BUDGET IN LIGHT OF WE ARE TOLD PUT IN YOUR IDEAS FOR BUDGET EVERY FOUR YEARS. WE WERE TOLD WE WEREN'T GOING TO BE ASKED THIS YEAR. IT IS DIFFICULT TO BE TOLD YOU GET IT IN THE BUDGET, STAFF DON'T WANT TO DO IT. CAN THE MAYOR JUST CONFIRM THAT HIS OFFICE SHARES MY CONCERN WITH THE STAFF DECIDING NOT TO IMPLEMENT PROVISION IN THE BUDGET. HOPEFULLY HIS STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH CAO WHO HAS DONE A FINE JOB ON THIS FILE WITH MY OFFICE TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS ON GRAVEL LANES. REMEMBER UNDER THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ONLY TWO ITEMS SHOW NO ITEM AT ALL. ONE THE MAYOR'S PLEDGE ABOUT UTILITY FOR ENERGY. OTHER ONE ON GRAVEL LANES. WILL YOU CONTINUE TO WORK TO GET SOME ACTION. GRAVEL LANES HE DEALT WITH SOME AS COUNCILLOR. HE CAN SPEAK TO HIS FRUSTRATIONS. WILL YOUR OFFICE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE CAO? ONE OF THE REASONS WE ARE AROUND THE TABLE TO COME BACK AND CONTINUE THIS WORK TO IMPLEMENT IMPROVEMENTS ON GRAVEL BACK LANES AND OTHER FOCUSES. SURFACE

IT TO SAY WE WORK ON THAT MATTER. I TAKE THE LIBERTY OF MENTIONING WHEN IT COMES TO NEWPCC THERE WILL BE A FOCUS ON BUY CANADIAN TO GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT BIDS FORWARD AND PROVIDE SERVICE AS WELL.

MADAME SPEAKER: SECOND QUESTION, COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: UNRELATED TO FIRST QUESTION. IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE STARTING FRESH ROUND, I WILL WAIT.

MADAME SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: I AM INDEBTED TO THE MAYOR'S STAFF FOR CLARIFYING THE POINT THE MAYOR MADE IN HIS SPEECH WE SHOULD BE DEBATING IN REFERENCE TO SHOULD. WE SHOULD BE DEBATING WHICH OF OUR BUS LINES WOULD BE THE FIRST TO CONVERT TO LRT. WHEN DOES HE ENVISION THAT? SHOULD WE BE DOING IT IN THIS TERM OF OFFICE. SHOULD WE HAVE THAT DEBATE? WHEN IS THE TIMEFRAME TO DEBATE THAT? WE SHOULD BE DEBATING IT. WHEN SHOULD WE BE DEBATING? WHICH LINES SHOULD BE CONVERTED TO LRT?

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: NO DATE ON THAT. I.O.U.T THIS COUNCIL HAS DONE A LOT OF GOOD WORK MAKING SURE THAT, A, WE MADE THE IMPORTANT DECISION TO SET TRANSIT UP TO ADJUST OUR NEW TRANSIT SYSTEM. IT IS ABOUT THE KIND OF SPINE WE NEED IN THE FUTURE. MANY MEMBERS HAVE MADE CHANGES AROUND BALLS AND CORRIDORS. TO DENSIFY THOSE SITES. THEY WERE IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS BEFORE WE COULD MOVE TO LIGHT RAIL LRT. SOMEDAY DOWN THE ROAD THAT IS COMING. NO DATE YET OR TIME. FIRST THINGS FIRST WE ARE PUTTING BUILDING BLOCKS IN PLACE. WE HAVE THINGS STARTED WHICH IS WHY WE ARE WORKING TO CONTINUE THAT IN THE COMING YEARS.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MAYES. SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: WE SHOULD HAVE A DATE AT WHICH POINT THAT RUNS TOGETHER. WOULD YOU CONSIDER WHAT OTTAWA DEVELOPED. 1 MILLION POPULATION MOVING AWAY FROM BRT TO LRT SYSTEM. IT IS STARTED IN OTTAWA WITH A LOT OF PROBLEMS. ONE SHOULD THINK ABOUT MOVING TO LCT. THE SOONER WE HAVE DEBATES MORE ADVANCE TIME TO PLAN FOR IT. NO PLAN TO DO LRT RIGHT AN AWAY. WE WOULD HAVE THAT IN THE NEXT TERM OF OFFICE WHEN WE HIT A MILLION PEOPLE.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WISH I HAD A CRYSTAL BALL FOR THAT DEBATE. WE CONTINUE TO PRIORITIZE THESE STEPS NECESSARY, BUILDING BLOCKS TO GET US TO YOU WHERE THE DEBATE AND THE TIMING MAKE SENSE. ADJUST TRANSIT SYSTEM. CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT CSO AND TRANSIT OFFICERS, TRANSIT INSPECTORS TO MAKE SURE TRANSIT IS SAFETY IMPROVING. THERE IS A TIME WHEN THAT WILL HAPPEN. WE WILL MOVE TO SRT. IT WAS THE SYSTEM FOR THE LAST 50 YEARS. THE ONE WE ARE CHANGING TO IS FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS. IT WILL HAPPEN. NO TIMELINE. IT WILL HAPPEN.

MADAME SPEAKER: THAT WAS THREE QUESTIONS. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS. THAT WAS SIX QUESTIONS. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: I WILL BE BRIEF. AT NOON THE MAYOR ATTENDED A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR NEWLY ANNOUNCED RAPID RESPONSE UNIT. I AM WONDERING IF THE MAYOR WOULD CONSIDER COLLABORATING WITH CAO OFFICE TO HOST A COUNCIL SEMINAR TO LEARN MORE ABOUT RAPID RESPONSE UNIT. ON APRIL 21, COUNCILLOR LUKES HELD A INFORMATION SESSION WITH WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE. I AM WORKING WITH MEMBERS OF MY COMMUNITY WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED NIGHT AFTER NIGHT. GARAGES BROKEN INTO, CARS RIFLED THROUGH, THINGS LIKE THAT. WONDER OF COURSE THE MAYOR WOULD CONSIDER WORKING WITH THE CAO'S OFFICE TO HAVE A COUNCIL SEMINAR TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RAPID RESPONSE UNIT.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. SEMINARS ARE CALLED BY THE CAO WHO INDICATED HE COULD SPEAK TO THE CHIEF RELATED TO THE IDEA OF HAVING THE SEMINAR. AS THE COUNCILLOR KNOWS BECAUSE HE CHAIRED POLICE BOARD FOR MANY YEARS. MOST OF THE CONVERSATION AND INFORMATION FLOWS TO THE PUBLIC AND MANNER BY WHICH OUR COA ON WORK WITH CHIEF OF POLICE AND POLICE BOARD TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION. I COMMEND CHIEF BOWERS FOR HIS WORK AND LEADERSHIP THUS FAR. I WAS AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY WITH THE CHIEF EMPHASIZED TWO THINGS. MAKING SURE THE PUBLIC GETS CUSTOMER SERVICE. ALL CALLS ARE IMPORTANT. THEY HAVE TO PRIORITIZE CALLS. THEY ARE ALL IMPORTANT CALLS. THIS RAPID RESPONSE UNIT IS A WAY IN WHICH SOME OF THOSE LOWER-TIERED CALLS GET RESPONSE. THE NUMBER OF PROTESTS AND PARADES SEEMS TO BE HIGH AND POLICE RESOURCES ARE PULLED TO DEAL WITH THOSE, TO COVER THOSE PROTESTS AND PARADES. THIS WOULD BE A RESOURCE FOR THE CHIEF SO FRONT LINE OFFICERS CAN CONTINUE WORK IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS AS WELL.

MADAME SPEAKER: FURTHER QUESTIONS? COUNCILLOR MAYES I AM LOOKING TO YOU. DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?

COUNCILLOR MAYES: IF I CAN HAVE A MOMENT. IN THE INTERIM, IN TERMS OF LRT ISSUE, WOULD THE MAYOR SUPPORT MOTION TO DEBATE THE LRT PRIORITIES? WE SHOULD BE DEBATING IT. WOULD HE SUPPORT THAT AS PART OF NEXT STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PLAN POST-ELECTION.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WILL TAKE THAT UNDER ADVISEMENT.

MADAME SPEAKER: THAT CONCLUDES THE QUESTIONS. STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES DATED APRIL 14. COUNCILLOR SANTOS.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: I AM LOOKING TO COUNCIL COLLEAGUE REGARDING ITEM 1. I INTRODUCE REPORT DATED APRIL 14, 2026 AND MOVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1-4.

MADAME SPEAKER: 1 IS PULLED. WINNIPEG REC COMPLEX. COUNCILLOR DOBSON. NUMBER 2. PARAMEDIC STAFF COMPLIMENT. I WILL CALL THE QUESTION ON THREE AND FOUR. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. MADAM CLERK.

CLERK: AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SOUTH WINNIPEG RECREATION CAMPUS PHASE SUN. PROJECT 2020-127. TENDER 63-2025B.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SANTOS.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: THIS IS AWARD FOR NEW SOUTH WINNIPEG RECREATION CAMPUS. GREAT PROJECT MOVING FORWARD FOR THE WAVERLY WEST NEIGHBORHOOD. I DID TAKE A TOUR WITH COUNCILLOR LUKES WHEN I FIRST BECAME CHAIR IN JULY OF 2024 -- I CAN'T REMEMBER. SHE SHOWED ME THE AREA. IT IS A GROWING NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY HAVE ONE COMMUNITY CENTRE SERVING 70,000 PEOPLE. MULTI USE REC-PLEX. I AM VERY HAPPY TO SUPPORT IT. I WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I HAVE WAITED 12 YEARS FOR THIS SPEECH. I RISE TO SPEAK TO THE PUBLIC SERVICES RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO PCL CONSTRUCTION CANADA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW SOUTH WINNIPEG RECREATION CAMPUS PHASE 1 WHICH HAS COME IN ON BUDGET. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN A 20 YEAR JOURNEY OF WHICH I HAVE BEEN ON FOR ONLY 15 YEARS. FOR THE RECORD I WILL RECAP HIGHLIGHTS. TOP OF THE MOUNTAINTOPS TO DEEP DARK CREVICE MOMENTS. 2005 CITY OF WINNIPEG'S RECREATION AND LEISURE AND LIBRARY PROCEDURE IDENTIFIED SOUTHWEST WINNIPEG WAS BELOW THE TARGET OF THE SPACE TO POPULATION RATIO IN 2005. LOW RECREATION SPACE AND HIGH POPULATION BEFORE ONE SHOVEL WENT BE INTO THE GROUND. THIS WAS ESTIMATED 2005. I HARASS THE FORMER CITY COUNCILLOR WHO MOVED ON. 20 YEARS LATER WE ARE ADDRESSING AN EXTREME RECREATION SHORTAGE. LONG JOURNEY. I THANK THE SUPPORT OF WAVERLY WEST RESIDENTS. THE ST. NORBERT, THEN SOUTH WINNIPEG, NOW WAVERLY WEST RESIDENTS. IAN SHAW, CHUCK DAVIDSON. CRAIG SHELDON AND MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH WINNIPEG ACTION TEAM SWAT. TO NAME A FEW, FISHER WANG AND OTHERS ALL GREAT LEADERS WHO ARE INVOLVED OVER MANY YEARS. SEEING THIS PROJECT TO FRUITION IS ONE OF THE THREE KEY CAMPAIGN COMMITMENTS I MADE IN 2014. WHEN I ARRIVED THE CITY HAD NOT IDENTIFIED ANY LAND FOR RECREATION CAMPUS OR FIREHALL FOR THAT MATTER. WHERE THERE WAS EMPTY LAND BUT NO IDENTIFICATIONS. IN 2016, THE 415 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY MANITOBA HOUSING SOLD TO PRIVATE DEVELOPER. TAKES TIME TO PROCESS SALE OF LAND THIS SIZE. ONCE PROCESSED. 20-ACRE SITE WAS IDENTIFIED. PRIVATE EX APPRECIATION TOOK TIME. BASIC PLANNING ON PHASE ONE STARTED. IT HAD TO BE SECURED. TURNING POINT IN 2015 WHEN TERRY DO GOOD WAS ELECTED. THROUGH ADVOCACY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BROUGHT \$31.7 MILLION. MLA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTED \$13.2 MILLION FOR PHASE ONE OF RECREATION CAMPUS. THEN THE PANDEMIC. THINGS PROGRESS AT SLOWER PACE. 2024 CLASS 4 IDENTIFIED MORE FUNDING NEEDED. \$23 MILLION MORE. I WANT TO THANK COUNCIL FOR SUPPORTING FUNDING REQUEST. NOT EVERYONE, BUT MAJORITY DID. I THANK ALL OF YOU WHO DID SUPPORT IT. IN LAST COUPLE DEALS WE ENTERED TRADE WAR ARE A LOT OF DRAMA. I HAVE BEEN ON LARGE PROJECTS BEFORE. I KNEW IT WOULD BE A PROJECT WHERE IT COULD GO GREAT OR NOT GREAT. WE TRAVEL THESE MOUNTAINS AND CREVICES ON LARGE PROJECTS. COUNCILLOR SHARMA YOUR LIBRARY OR CONSTRUCTION OPENING YESTERDAY. YOU HAVE HAD MANY JOURNEYS ON THESE PROJECTS. I THANK THE STAFF FOR COMING UP WITH THE PROJECT. A LOT OF STAFF AND CONSULTANTS INVOLVED. OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS DUE TO FAVORABLE IMMIGRATION POLICIES, WE HAVE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN POPULATION. CANADA POPULATION UPDATE FROM 2024 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WE SEE POPULATION ALIGN IN WAVERLY WEST WARD 71,000 PEOPLE, NOT INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. WE WILL HAVE WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW SOON. WE HAVE WAVERLY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE BUILT IN THE 1970s IN THE WARD. CAN'T BE USED IN THE DAY BECAUSE IT IS CHILDCARE. EVENINGS AFTER SIX AND WEEKENDS. SILVER STONE IS EAST OF THE HIGHWAY IN FORT RICHMOND BY RED RIVER IN THE SECOND HIGHEST POVERTY AREA IN WINNIPEG.

INTERESTING POINT FOR COUNCILLOR EMMA DURAND-WOOD. I KNOW THEY BENEFITED GREATLY FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS OF BRIDGE WATER. MANITOBA HOUSING DIVISION IN THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA IS DEVELOPER OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS OF BRIDGE WATER. I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND THAT GOING FORWARD. INTERESTING EXPERIENCE. NEEDLESS TO SAY THEY HAVE BEEN THE GOVERNOR. THEY DECIDED TO BECOME LAND DEVELOPMENT TO ACCESS DEVELOPMENT PROFITS. THIS IS IMPORTANT. TO REINVEST AND REVITALIZE HOUSING IN MAKE HOODS IN NEED IN THE INNER CITY. THIS IS A LITTLE KNOWN FACT AND I LIKE TO PUT IT ON THE RECORD. SPECIFICALLY TO BE CLEAR WHEN THE PROVINCE SELLS LAND TO RESIDENT PERCENTAGE OF MONEY FROM THE SALE IN BRIDGE WATER IS COLLECTED IN AREAS OF NEED DOWNTOWN AND INNER CITY. THIS IS IN MOST OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS WHICH I WILL HIGHLIGHT. FUNDING PULLED OUT ANNUALLY OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS AT BRIDGE WATER IS THAT RIGHTING SHORTLY AFTER 2010. 2012-13, THERE WAS THE WEST END COMMONS, UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG APARTMENTS. \$30.6 MILLION IN BRIDGE WATER PROCEEDS DEPOSITED INTO THE ACCOUNT. 2014 AND 2013 AND 2015 AND 2016, 9 MILLION. YEAR AFTER YEAR TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF REVENUE WERE REINVESTED DOWNTOWN. I CAN'T FIND THE TOTAL IN THE REPORTS. REGARDLESS TENS OF MILLIONS, UNIQUE ARRANGEMENT CONTRIBUTING TO CITY HOUSING. BACK TO AWARDED TO RIGHT CAMPUS. TODAY A RELAUNCH INTO WAVERLY WEST, WHICH WE ARE 11,000 RESIDENTS. I WANT TO NOTE YOU DID RECEIVE E-MAIL FROM CFO RELATED TO CHILD CARE FACILITY. A COMPONENT THAT IS OPERATED BY THE PROVINCE.

MADAME SPEAKER: EXTENSION.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: IT SAID THERE WAS A RISK \$9 MILLION WOULD BE TAKEN OUT OF THE SIB STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE BASKET. WE HAVE HAD CONFIRMATION THAT WILL NOT OCCUR. IF YOU DID NOT VOTE BECAUSE YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT RISK OF \$9 MILLION VERSUS LOSING \$100 MILLION. THE PROVINCE CONFIRMED THEY WILL COULD HAVE THE COST OF CHILD CARE FACILITY. IN CLOSING I REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT ON THE PUBLIC SERVICES RECOMMENDATION.

MADAME SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: WE HAVE TO SAVE ONE TO THE TIME CAPSULE. I WILL SUPPORT THIS. I SUPPORTED IT WHEN IT FIRST CAME ON UNDER MAYOR BOWMAN. THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW THINGS WE MANAGED TO WIRE THROUGH FOR THE PROGRAMME WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS AND NORTH END PLANT. I WILL SUPPORT THIS. IT IS NEEDED IN THAT PART OF THE WARD. COUNCILLOR LUKES WAS A GREAT FIGHTER FOR HER WARD AND JEALOUS OF. TRIED TO DO THE SAME SINCE MY DEPARTURE FROM EPC I WILL TALK ABOUT MY WARD AND YOUR WARD. THERE ARE 71,000 PEOPLE. THAT IS THE 2024 FIGURE. SHE FORGOT TO PUT IT IN THAT IT IS BIGGER THAN BRANDON. MY WARD AND YOUR WARD ARE BIGGER THAN BRANDON WHICH IS 49,000. YOUR WARD IS AT 65,000 AHEAD OF ME. THAT WARD IS BIGGEST. WE DISCUSSED WHETHER NO CITY GYMS IN WAVERLY WEST NEIGHBORHOOD. WE NEED TO DO THIS? NO THE WARD AS A WHOLE. THERE ARE EXISTING COMMUNITY CENTRES IN THAT WARD. 25,000 PEOPLE WHO WEREN'T PART OF THE WAVERLY WEST NEIGHBORHOOD WHO ARE APART. I THINK THERE IS WHYTE RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE IS THAT YOURS? WHYTE RIDGE WHICH WE PUT SOME MONEY TOWARD THE SPLASH PAD IN 2022 AS WELL. THERE ARE COMMUNITY CENTRES MAYBE NOT GYMS. EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE JUST AS YOUR WARD HAS INFRASTRUCTURE AND MINE. THERE HAS BEEN GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE CITY. COUNCILLOR LUKES' WARD GROWN BY 22% BETWEEN 2021 AND 2024. YOURS, MADAM SPEAKER. I WOULDN'T ARGUE I AM BIGGEST. IT IS CLEARLY THIRD. NOT FASTEST GROWING, THIRD.

COUNCILLOR LUKES CAN PUSH THIS FORWARD. PLEASED TO SEE LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY. CONGRATULATIONS MADAM SPEAKER ON THAT. I WILL ASK QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLOR BROWATY ABOUT A TWINNING PROJECT ON WARDE AVENUE TO LEAD TOWARD THE REC CENTER. WE DON'T HAVE FUNDING YET OR FOR COUNCILLOR SANTOS TINDAL PARK. WE CERTAINLY COULD DO A ROADS PROJECT IN NEW PART OF BONA VISTA SAGE CREEK AREA. COUNCILLOR LUKES HAS HAD MOST GROWTH. LOOK AT FIGURES FROM 2018 BOUNDARIES, COUNCILLOR LUKES AT 44. I AM AT 49, YOU ARE 47. THE GAP IS CLOSED AND SURPASSED. GROWTH IN OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY OTHER THAN WAVERLY WEST. IF COUNCIL LOOKS AT THINGS, COULD BE INVESTMENT IN WAVERLY WEST TODAY. INVESTMENT IN YOUR WARD, MADAM SPEAKER AND IN ST. VITAL AS WELL. THE BRIDGE IS REHABILITATED. OTHER INVESTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE. IN THAT BONA VISTA SAGE CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD THERE IS GROWTH. NOT COUNTING THE STUDENTS IN THESE POPULATION FIGURES. 14,000 PEOPLE IN THAT NEW PART OF MY WARD. 40,000 FOR COUNCILLOR LUKES NEW PART. I WILL SUPPORT THIS. IF WE TALK ABOUT POPULATION DRIVING NEED FOR INVESTMENTS. WE DON'T HAVE DEVELOPMENT FEES. COURT CASE WAS LOST. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAYS WE CAN'T DO THAT IF WE WANT HAF MONEY. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? WE ARE NOT ABANDONING THEM. WE ARE PUTTING FROM 10s OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO WAVERLY WEST NEIGHBORHOOD. I ASK FOR CONSIDERATION ON EPC, BUDGETS TO SAY, LOOK, WE HAVE GROWTH IN OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY. WE RECOGNIZED THAT PRETTY WELL IN WAVERLY WEST. OTHER INVESTMENTS. PERHAPS NOT IN YOUR WARD, MADAM SPEAKER. WE SHOULD DO SOMETHING IN SAGE CREEK AND BONA VISTA. I MAY NO LONGER BE ON EPC COUNCILLOR LUKES BROUGHT IN A LOT OF PEOPLE AND DID GOOD WORK. WE ARE TO GET THE PROVINCE AND FEDS ON OUR SIDE AS SHE ENUMERATED WITH SOME FAIRNESS TO THOSE FOLKS, SOME HAVE LONG DEPARTED NOW. I WILL SUPPORT THIS. I SUPPORTED THIS PROJECT THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS. I WILL FOLLOW UP WITH COUNCILLOR BROWATY TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MUCH CHEAPER IDEA FOR ROAD TWINNING PROJECT BONA VISTA SAGE CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: MY COMMENTS BRIEF. I STAND TO SUPPORT THIS CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION SOUTH WINNIPEG RECREATION CAMPUS PHASE ONE. I COMMEND COUNCILLOR LUKES TO SEE THIS COME TO LIFE AND GET TO THIS POINT. SHE HAS BEEN A TIRE LESS CHAMPION WHEN IT COMES TO THE NEED FOR AND DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROJECT. IT IS SUPPORTED BY MANY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OVER THE YEARS TO GET TO THIS POINT. I AM COMMITTED TO THIS PROJECT AND SEEING THIS THROUGH. I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS FOR PROVIDING FUNDING. I LOOK FORWARD TO SHOVELS IN THE GROUND AND SEEING THIS NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE, RECREATION CENTRE RISE FROM THE GROUND AND BE BUILT OVER THE COMING MONTHS AHEAD.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: NEXT SPEAKER COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS TODAY. I DO WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE DIVIDE. THERE IS A DIVIDE. IT IS NOT ALL ON US. THERE IS A DIVIDE. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO TALK ABOUT. THIS IS A MAJOR PROJECT AND A LOT OF GEMS. I KNOW THAT EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT BUDGETS. AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE CLOSING POOLS IN OTHER AREAS. AT THE SAME TIME SHERBET POOL IS DIFFERENT BUDGET BUT IT WON'T BE WHEN THIS POOL OPENS. I HAVE TO REDUCE MY HOURS AT THE POOL AND PEOPLE COMPLAIN THEY GO SWIMMING IN THE MORNING TO HELP CUT COSTS. EVENTUALLY WE WILL BE OPENING MORE. THERE WILL BE MORE PROGRAMME DOLLARS NEEDED.

MADAM SPEAKER, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT I THINK IT IS POSH EVERYONE HAS RECREATION. COUNCILLOR LUKES HAS DONE A GOOD JOB ADVOCATING FOR HER COMMUNITY. THAT IS IMPORTANT. RECREATION IS IMPORTANT IN THAT COMMUNITY AS IT IS IN MINE, MADAM SPEAKER. I DO SUPPORT THIS AND I THANK HER FOR THE ENCOURAGING OF THE PROVINCE TO GIVE THE MONEY. IT WAS A CONCERN WE WERE GOING TO LOSE CITY MONEY WE HAVE LOST FROM THE PROVINCE. IN TERMS OF ROAD SAFETY THAT WE WANTED TO COMMIT TO. IT IS IMPORTANT WE HAVE THESE DISCUSSIONS. I DON'T KNOW HOW WE SOLVE THIS BECAUSE I DON'T WANT THERE TO BE A DIVIDE. I THINK ALL OF THESE RECREATIONS ARE NEEDED. BRAND NEW FANCY THINGS ARE A LOT EASIER TO GET PEOPLE ATTRACTED TO THAN OLDER ONES. THAT DOESN'T MEAN OLDER ONES NEED TO GO AWAY WE NEED TO MAKE THEM NEW AGAIN AND KEEP COMMUNITIES REVIVED AND KEEP THOSE COMMUNITIES BEING UPGRADED, MAKING THEM BECOME PLACES WHERE IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE ARE PROUD TO CALL HOME. THAT IS ON ALL OF US AS WELL. I DO SUPPORT COUNCILLOR LUKES, CONGRATULATE HER ON WORK WELL-DONE. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE LARGE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT. I DON'T KNOW THAT I WOULD HAVE IT SO BIG. THE PROVINCE AND FEDS COMMITTED AND I KNOW SHE HAS PUT A LOT OF WORK INTO THIS. I REMIND EVERYBODY THAT WE HAVE TO BE REMINDED OF THAT WHEN WE LOOK AT BUDGETS IN OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT ARE REALLY STRUGGLING. I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE. THANKS, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAME SPEAKER: FURTHER COMMENTS? SEEING NONE. COUNCILLOR SANTOS TO CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: CALL THE QUESTION.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR OF ITEM 1, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: GILLINGHAM, BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, DURAND-WOOD, EADIE, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, ORLIKOW, SANTOS AND SHARMA.

CLERK: 14-0.

MADAME SPEAKER: ITEM 2. COUNCILLOR SANTOS.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: AUTOMATIC REFERRAL FROM FEBRUARY 2026. WE MET LAST MONTH TO TALK ABOUT CITY COUNCIL CALLING ON MANITOBA TO EXPAND PARAMEDIC STAFF COMPLIMENT. I NOTED MAYOR HAD SENT LETTERS TO THE PREMIER REITERATING WE NEED AMBULANCES AND PARAMEDICS. THIS REAFFIRMS ALL OF COUNCIL REQUESTS SIMILAR EFFORTS. WE SUPPORT AT COMMITTEE AND WE HOPE WE CAN ALL SUPPORT MORE AMBULANCES AND PARAMEDICS.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DOBSON.

COUNCILLOR DOBSON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I AM GLAD TO SEE THIS MOTION BEFORE US. MOST CALLS TO 911 SYSTEM REQUIRE PARAMEDICS. INCREASES PARAMEDICS AMBULANCES WILL MEAN THEY CAN DO THE JOB MORE EFFECTIVELY AND HELP THOSE WINNIPEGGERS IN NEED. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MOTION FOR PARAMEDICS AND FOR WINNIPEGGERS, AND I STRONGLY SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: FURTHER SPEAKERS? MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH REQUESTS I HAVE MADE TO PREMIER OF MANITOBA AND HEALTH MINISTER ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL. THE NEED FOR MORE PARAMEDICS AND AMBULANCES AS WELL. AS COUNCILLOR DOBSON JUST POINTED OUT WE KNOW CALLS FOR SERVICE ARE HIGH FOR PARAMEDICS. THEY ARE RUNNING TO MANY, MANY CALLS. IT IS NOT JUST MORE RESOURCES. A COUPLE THINGS WE ARE DOING, OF COURSE, CHIEF SMITH, WHO ANNOUNCED RETIREMENT. HE HAS DONE A GREAT JOB. HE HAS ALSO PUT IN PLACE BECAUSE OF THE BUDGET WE ADOPTED WELLNESS KIND OF GROUP SO THAT THOSE FIRE PARAMEDICS OFF WORK NOW BECAUSE OF STRESS RELATED MATTERS CAN GET WELL AND WHERE POSSIBLE COME BACK TO THE JOB TO GET BACK TO WORK. INVESTMENT AS COUNCIL TO TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE. WE NEED AT THIS TIME TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE CHIEF IN THAT INITIATIVE TO MAKE SURE OUR EMPLOYEES ARE HEALTHY AND STRONG. AS MANY COUNCILLORS KNOW AS WELL AND ARE WELL AWARE OF RIGHT NOW DR. MARIA IS DOING WORK WITH FIRE PARAMEDIC, SHARED HEALTH, POLICE AND OTHERS TO DEVELOP A LOOK AT HOW FOURTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE COULD BE DEVELOPED. WHERE CALLS REQUIRE MENTAL HEALTH WORKER AND DON'T REQUIRE PARAMEDIC OR FIREFIGHTER OR POLICE OFFICER. THOSE CALLS CAN GET DIVERTED FORCE RESPONSE WHEN SOMEONE CALLS 911 WE GET RIGHT RESPONSE TO THE CALL. LOOKING FORWARD TO INFORMATION IN THE COMING MONTHS AHEAD. WHILE I SUPPORT THIS CALL WE DO NEED MORE AMBULANCES FOR THE WINNIPEG FIRE PARAMEDIC SERVICES TO RESPOND TO HIGH CALL VOLUMES. WE ARE MAKING SURE FOLKS ARE HEALTHY AND WE CAN CHANGE THE SYSTEM SO PEOPLE CAN GET RIGHT RESPONSE, RIGHT CALL RESPONDING TO THEM WHEN THEY ARE IN NEED.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SANTOS TO CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: CALL THE QUESTION.

MADAME SPEAKER: QUESTION ON ITEM 2. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. NO MOTIONS, BY-LAWS UNDER THIS COMMITTEE. MOTION 4 TO BE CIRCULATED. MOVED BY GILROY. SECOND BY DURAND-WOOD. TOPIC MILLENNIUM LIBRARY. REFERRAL TO STANDING COMMITTEE. QUESTION PERIOD UNDER THIS COMMITTEE. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHAIR. COUNCILLOR SANTOS? QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE. NEXT IS STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS. COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I MOVE CONSENT AGENDA APRIL 15 MEETING ITEMS 1 AND 2.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. NO MOTIONS UNDER THIS COMMITTEE. MR. CLERK NO BY-LAWS. QUESTION PERIOD. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLOR LUKES? COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. THROUGH YOU TO THE CHAIR. JUST UPDATE ON THE POT HOLE REPAIR SITUATION. WHEN WILL CITY CREWS BE OUT WITH HOT PATCH SOLUTION TO FIX THE NUMEROUS POT HOLES? I DO WANT TO TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK PUBLIC SERVICE STAFF FOR THE 48,000 POT HOLES THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ADDRESS THUS FAR.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: MY UNDERSTANDING ABOUT A WEEK AND-A-HALF UNTIL HOT PATCH. WE WILL JUST WAIT A WEEK AND-A-HALF AND HOPEFULLY THEY WILL BE PATCHED AND NEVER POP OUT AGAIN.

MADAME SPEAKER: NEXT QUESTION. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM SPEAKER. MAYOR SPOKE TO THIS EARLIER. IN CASE OUR CHAIR WOULD LIKE TO GIVE MORE DETAILS ON SPRING CLEANUP PROGRAMME AND WHAT HAPPENS WHAT WINNIPEGGERS CAN EXPECT WHEN THE SPRING CLEANING PROGRAMME IS COMPLETED AND SWEEPING IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS. WE GET A LOT OF COMPLAINTS SOMETIMES AFTER RAIN OR WIND EVENTS TO KEEP NEIGHBORHOODS LOOKING TIDY INCLUDING DOWNTOWN. ANY NEWS TO BE SHARED WOULD BE APPRECIATED. THE MAYOR DID HIGHLIGHT SOME POINTS. CREWS FINISHED. 75% OF THE RESIDENTIAL STREETS. MAKING MAJOR PROGRESS ON THE PRIORITY ROUTES. I WILL NOTE I DO DRIVE AROUND YESTERDAY. ROUNDABOUTS THEY ARE SANDY. I SUGGEST YOU CALL THEM IN AND ASK AN EXTRA SWEEP ON THAT. IF THEY HAVEN'T MOVED VEHICLES AND STREET IS BAD YOU CAN REACH OUT TO THE STREET MAINTENANCE MANAGER. THEY WILL PUT UP SIGNS AND COME BACK TO DO THE STREET. I KNOW THAT I HAVE ONE AMAZING COMPANY THAT IS CLEANING THE SOUTH PERIMETER SECTION WITH GARBAGE. YOU MIGHT WANT TO REMIND YOUR COMMITTEES OR MEMBERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY THAT THEY CAN GET A WAVING OF THE TIPPING FEES AND TAKE GARBAGE TO LANDFILL. BIG SPRING CLEAN. MORE WE ENGAGE COMMUNITY TO THROW IN A HELPING HAND THE BETTER. TAKE PRIDE HAS BAGS AND GLOVES AND ALL KINDS OF THINGS. GET GREAT PICKERS AT DOLLARAMA. THEY ARE GREAT. IT IS A CLEANUP. EVERY YEAR WE DO IT AND IT WILL RAIN AND FLOWERS WILL BE OUT BEFORE YOU KNOW IT. THAT IS THE UPDATE.

MADAME SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? THAT CONCLUDES QUESTION PERIOD UNDER THIS COMMITTEE. NEXT IS STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. COUNCILLOR BROWATY. THE REPORT.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE REPORT AND MOVE REPORT ONE AS CONSENT.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. NO MOTIONS UNDER THIS COMMITTEE OR BY-LAWS. QUESTIONS FOR OUR CHAIR? COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR BROWATY AND I DISCUSSED THIS A FEW TIMES. A STRETCH OF WARD AVENUE RUNNING WESTERLY FROM LASH TO EVELYN. TO GIVE YOU IDEA OF GROWTH IN BONAVISTA. SIX PEOPLE FROM 2018. NOW 3956. NOT SURE OF PERCENTAGE BUT BIG. A LOT OF GROWTH AND COMPLAINTS ABOUT PACIFIC BACK UP. PART OF THE ROAD IS IN COUNCILLOR ALLARD'S ROAD. WE HAVE MILLIONS SET ASIDE THAT COULD GO HERE. TRYING TO GET SOME INTERNAL HURDLES CLEARED. THE RECENT BUDGETS ARE EFFICIENT ALLOCATING THE HENDERSON HIGHWAY. 50 MILLION BETWEEN 25 AND 26. BADLY NEEDED DUE TO GROWTH IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD. THE TEMPLETON AND PIPELINE PROJECT THERE. I WONDER IF COUNCILLOR BROWATY COULD SIT DOWN WITH FINANCE TO SEE IF WE CAN WORK. WE HAVE MILLIONS IN THE KITTY FROM THE DEVELOPERS. MILLIONS ALLOCATED FRONTAGE LEVY. I WOULD FIGHT BUT WE ARE TO BRING UP EVERY FOUR YEARS. ANY NEW ADDITIONS FOR ME THE STAFF DIDN'T PRIORITIZE MY THING. THEY PRIORITIZED COUNCILLOR LUKES ROAD AND ANDERSON HIGHWAY AND PROVINCE PRIORITIZED PIPELINE. CO-COUNCILLOR BROWATY SIT DOWN WITH THE CAO AND MYSELF TO PUT TOGETHER THE NUMBERS ON THE PROJECT AT WARD AVENUE.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: ALWAYS WILLING TO MEET WITH COLLEAGUES AND REVIEW WHAT FUNDING

IS AVAILABLE FROM DEVELOPERS.

MADAME SPEAKER: SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS UNLOCKING THE PRECINCT AT THE NORTH END. THERE ARE ECONOMIC BENEFITS. IT INVOLVED DEVELOPER MONEY AS WELL. WE WILL GET IT BACK. HOPEFULLY AT LAST HALF THE MONEY FROM THE DEVELOPER WHO HAS DONE NORTH PART OF THE PRESENT. CAN YOU CLARIFY MILLIONS LEFT IN UNALLOCATED FRONTAGE LEVY IN THE BUDGET.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: I BELIEVE THAT IS ACCURATE. WE CAN HAVE A MEETING TO REVIEW THAT.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: IN ALL OF THIS DISCUSSION ABOUT TRANSPORTATION AND ROADS. I ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO LOOK AT THE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN TO SEE HOW WE VOTED ON IT AND HOW PUBLIC SERVICE IS PRIORITIZING OUR ROAD NETWORK.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: I APPRECIATE REMINDER WE HAVE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN AND CITY PLAN AND FOLLOWING ELECTION I ASSUME ANOTHER STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ACTION PLAN AND FOUR YEAR MULTIYEAR BUDGET. SHANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: FURTHER QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE. STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: AS WE MOVE AT A DECENT PLACE, I CALL INTRODUCTION OF REPORT CONSENT AGENDA 1-13.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: NUMBER 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF RESERVE FUND.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: NUMBER 8.

MADAME SPEAKER: EXTENSION OF TIME MOORE AVENUE IS PULLED. YOU CALLED THE QUESTION ON REMAINING. 1-7, 9-13. THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS. IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. HE ITEM 8. EXTENSION OF TIME SUBDIVISION MOORE AVENUE LOT LOCATED BETWEEN 35 AND 39 MOORE AVENUE. DAS14/2021.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN TO INTRODUCE THE ITEM.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: INTERVIEWING THE RECOMMENDATION HERE, THE STANDING POLICY ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT CONCURRED IN THAT RECOMMENDATION WE CAN'T EXTEND TIME UNTIL THE END OF ETERNITY. THIS WAS NOT GRANTED. I WILL WAIT TO HEAR FROM COUNCIL COLLEAGUE.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: THIS IS RARE. I WANT BE TO THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN FOR THIS. IT IS AN ODD BUSINESS. I HAVE BEEN VILIFIED FOR NOT PROMOTING HOUSING. WE HAD CITY LAND THAT I FAVORED SELLING. LISTED IN AUGUST OF 2020 WITH NUMBER OF CONDITIONS. IT SOLD IN 2021. RE-ZONING GRANTED IN PART IN 2021 APPROVED BY COUNCIL. HERE WE ARE YEARS LATER INCREDIBLY THE SALE NEVER CLOSED. YOU HAVE A DEVELOPER ESSENTIALLY SPECULATING ON THE LAND. HELD THEIR MONEY AND LOCKED UP OUR LAND FOR PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS. I GUESS THEY FELT IF THE LAND SKY-ROCKETED THEY WOULD CLOSE. VISHIOUS ATTEMPTS MADE TO ALTER CONDITIONS HE AGREED TO BE SUCH AS THE LANE PAVING IN THE SALE. THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN FOR MEETING WITH ME. WE SHOULDN'T GRANT ANOTHER EXTENSION OF TIME. HOPEFULLY THE STAFF WILL WORK TO VOID THE SALE OF THIS PROPERTY. I UNDERSTAND THAT IS IN THE WORKS. HOPEFULLY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OR SOMEBODY WILL BUILT HOUSING ON THIS PIECE OF LAND. THAT IS WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE. THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN, FOR UNDERSTANDING WHY WE WOULDN'T DO WHAT THE STAFF SAID GRANT ANOTHER EXTENSION OF TIME. THAT DOESN'T AUTOMATIC LOWE VOID THE SCALE. IF I BUILD A HOUSE, I CAN'T SPECULATE FIVE YEARS. YOU HAVE TO CLOSE. THIS NEVER CLOSED. IT SHOULD HAVE. GLAD TO SEE MR. CHAPEL IS ON THIS AND WE WILL HAVE BEFORE WE LEAVE THE TERM OF OFFICE WITH CLOSED SALE. THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS.

MADAME SPEAKER: OTHER SPEAKERS? ALL IN FAVOR. NUMBER 8. CONTRARY. CARRIED. THAT CONCLUDES THE REPORT. BY-LAWS. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: MOVE THE FOLLOWING BE READ FIRST TIME.

CLERK: BY-LAW 121 OF 2025 AND 42 OF 2026.

MADAME SPEAKER: CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: 121 OF 2025 AND 42 OF 2026.

CLERK: BY-LAW 87 OF 2025, 97 OF 2025, 103 OF 2025, 8 OF 2026, 9 OF 2026, 17 OF 2026.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CARRIED.

CLERK: 87, 97, 103, 8, 9, 17.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: BY-LAWS 87, 97, 103, 115 OF 2025, 8, 9, 17 OF 2026 BE READ THIRD TIME TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAME SPEAKER: FAVOR. CONTRARY CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I WILL MOVE FOLLOWING BE READ FIRST TIME. 43, 44 AND 45 OF 2026.

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CLERK: 43, 44, 45 OF 2026.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVE THAT RULE 50, 2, OF PROCEDURE BY-LAW 50-2007 BE SUSPENDED AND 43, 44 AND 45 OF 2026 BE READ THIRD TIME AND SAME BE PASSED TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. WE WILL HAVE QUESTION PERIOD FOR THIS COMMITTEE. QUESTIONS.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: THIS IS ON THE HEELS OF SIMILAR COMMENTS THAT COUNCILLOR MAYES IS TALKING ABOUT. I REACHED OUT TO THE DIRECTOR ABOUT THIS QUESTION WHICH IS ARE YOU AWARE. WE NO LONGER HAVE TIME LIMITED PERIOD FOR RE-ZONINGS. EVEN IF THEY DON'T BUILD. DEVELOPERS ARE GETTING RE-ZONINGS. SUPPOSED TO BUILD SOMETHING. HOWEVER, WHAT I NOTICE IN SOME AREAS NOT A PROBLEM BUT IN FORTH FORT GARRY WARD THEY GET RE-ZONING AND NOTHING HAPPENS. THEY IT IS THERE. OLD DAYS THERE WAS INCENTIVE BUILD IT OR DROP PROPERTY THEY HAD TO COME BACK TO REZONING. WHAT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT. DIRECTOR DIDN'T SEEM TO BE TOO CONCERNED ABOUT IT. THE OLD ADD DAMAGE DEVELOPERS WILL BUY UPLAND AND IT IS ON IT. PROPERTY TAX IS VERY LOW. THEY IT IS ON IT AND WAIT UNTIL THE PROPERTY APPRECIATED AND RESELL AGAIN AT LATER DATE. THAT IS WHY I DIDN'T LIKE TO LET THE PROPERTY IT IS THERE FOR EVER. TIME PERIOD. PENALTY COMES IN. MY SIMPLE QUESTION DO YOU SEE THIS AS A PROBLEM GOING FORWARD? IF SO MAYBE NEXT ROUND OF COUNCIL WE ARE BACK TO LOOK AT THAT?

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: FAIR QUESTION. WE WANT AS MANY DOORS BUILT AS POSSIBLE ACROSS THE CITY. I HAVE NOTED A FEW OF THESE RE-ZONINGS GO THROUGH AND SEEM TO NOT MOVE AS FAST AS SOME THAT ARE MOTIVATED TO GET THE DOORS BUILT. I AM HAPPY TO REVISIT WITH DIRECTOR AND STAFF TO SEE IF WE CAN POTENTIALLY LOOK AT MORE INCENTIVES, CARROT STICK TYPE APPROACH AND GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT, COUNCILLOR.

MADAME SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS UNDER THIS COMMITTEE? WE WILL MOVE TO NEXT COMMITTEE. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW TO TAKE THE CHAIR. THANK YOU.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: WE ARE ON TO QUESTION PERIOD FOR WATER WASTE NO REPORTS. QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE CHAIR. ANYBODY HAVE QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE. MOVING ON. WE ARE ON TO REPORT OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 15. GO AHEAD, SIR. FIRST COMMITTEE BEFORE GOVERNANCE IS WATER AND WASTE. HE DID ASK FOR QUESTIONS. I DIDN'T SEE ANY. TO CLARIFY FOR COUNCILLOR EADIE. ANY QUESTION FOR WATER AND WASTE? MOVING TO THE REPORT OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL DATED APRIL 15. ITEMS 1, 2, 3. COUNCILLOR SHARMA.

COUNCILLOR SHARMA: THANK YOU, DEPUTY SPEAKER. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE CONSENT AND PULL ITEM 2 TO SPEAK TO IT.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: CONSENT AGENDA 3 IS THE ONLY ONE NOT BEING PULLED. APPOINTMENT INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER IN FAVOR. OPPOSED. HEARING NONE.

CLERK: AUDIT COMMITTEE CITIZEN ADVISOR APPOINTMENT PROCESS.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: THAT WAS PULLED BY COUNCILLOR ALLARD. GO AHEAD, SIR.

COUNCILLOR SHARMA: I WILL INTRODUCE THE ITEM. THANK YOU, DEPUTY SPEAKER. IN IS AN ITEM COUNCILLOR ALLARD INITIATED DURING THE GOVERNANCE REVIEW. IT IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW AUDIT COMMITTEE. REPORT OUTLINES TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DIRECTION IT IS SEEK TWO CITIZEN MEMBERS ONE PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION IN ACCOUNTS AND ANOTHER IN LAW. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT COUNCILLOR ALLARD INITIATED. DURING THE GOVERNANCE REVIEW. WAIT TO HEAR HIS COMMENTS. THANK YOU.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ALLARD.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: I WILL MAKE MY COMMENTS IN FRENCH. [SPEAKING FRENCH]

DEPUTY SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR ALLARD. OTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? BACK TO YOU, MADAM CHAIR TO CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR SHARMA: CALLING THE QUESTION.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: ALL IN SUPPORT. OPPOSED? SEEING NONE. CARRIED.

CLERK: ANNUAL REPORT OF INTEGRITY COMMITTEE JANUARY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 1, 2025.

COUNCILLOR SHARMA: THANK YOU, DEPUTY SPEAKER. BEFORE SPEAKING TO THE ANNUAL REPORT, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS SINCERE THANKS TO SHERRI WALSH FOR DEDICATED SERVICE AS INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER. SHE WILL BE MOVING TO NEW ROLE AS ETHICS COMMISSIONER. WE ARE SORRY TO SEE HER LEAVE THE CITY OF WINNIPEG WE ARE PLEASED FOR HER AS SHE TAKES AN IMPORTANT STEP IN HER NEXT PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY. MS. WALSH WAS APPOINTED IN 2017 AS THE FIRST INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. IN THAT ROLE SHE WAS INSTRUMENTAL ESTABLISHING THE COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT AND SHAPING THIS INTO WHAT IT IS TODAY. SHE HAS SERVED COUNCIL ADMIRABLY OVER PAST NINE YEARS. I WANT TO THANK HER FOR THAT CONTRIBUTION. TURNING TO 2025 ANNUAL REPORT BEFORE US. REPORT OUTLINES THE WORK SHE UNDERTOOK THIS YEAR. RESPONDING TO INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS, PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT, PROVIDING GUIDANCE ADVICE TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ON RANGE OF MATTERS. IN 2025 SHE RECEIVED 21 REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL SEEKS ADVICE ON VARIOUS TOPICS. SHE RESPONDED TO EACH INQUIRY WITHIN ONE OR TWO DAYS. THAT LEVEL OF RESPONSIVENESS IS NOTE ANNUAL REFLECTS VALUE OF TIMELY ACCESS TO INDEPENDENT ADVICE WHEN MEMBERS ARE NAVIGATING ISSUES RELATED TO CODE OF CONDUCT ON RESPONSIBILITIES IN OFFICE. SEVERAL

EXAMPLES OF ADVICE GIVE TO COUNCIL AND TOGETHER THESE EXAMPLES ILLUSTRATE RANGE OF COMMISSIONER'S WORK AND IMPORTANT ROLE THE POSITION MAYES. I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND COUNCIL THAT ONE OF THE KEY ROLES OF COMMISSIONER IS TO PROVIDE ADVICE HAND GUIDANCE. WE SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUR WHEN WE SEEK CLARITY. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE THIS MONTH SHE SHARED SERVING AS FIRST INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER HAS BEEN HIGHLIGHT OF HER PROFESSIONAL LIFE. SHE NOTED THAT NINE YEARS AGO CITY COUNCIL WERE TRAILBLAZERS WITH THE OFFICE AND ADOPTS NEW CODE OF CONDUCT. I AGREE WITH THAT AND REMEMBER CLEARLY THE DEDICATED EFFORTS BY COUNCIL OF THE DAY SUPPORTED BY CITY CLERK RICHARDS CATCHER. THAT IMPORTANT FOCUS CONTINUES WITH OUR CURRENT CITY CLERK. MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER, ON BEHALF OF CITY OF WINNIPEG, I EXTEND OUR SINCERE THANKS TO MS. WALSH FOR HER WORK. IT IS A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH HER. THANK YOU.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: FURTHER COMMENTS? MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER. I DID MAKE COMMENTS AT EPC I WILL REITERATE AND THANK THE CHAIR. EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK SHERRI WALSH HAS DONE TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT. I APPRECIATE ABOUT SHERRI IS HER WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN TO PROVIDE SOUND LEGAL ADVICE AND SHE WASN'T RIDGED TO THE POINT OF NOT WORKING WITH COUNCIL TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE NUANCES OF OUR WORK. HER APPROACH TO BUILD THE COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT AND I WISH HER THE BEST AS SHE SERVES IN SIMILAR ROLE TO THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: FURTHER COMMENTS? SEEING NONE. ALL IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 2? AYE. NAYS? AYES HAVE IT. SO MOVED. NOW WE WILL DO THE LAST DIFFICULT ONE FOR THE DAY ADJOURNMENT. ALL IN SUPPORT. MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SHARMA. ALL IN SUPPORT. OPPOSED? NO ONE? CARRIED. THANK YOU EVERYBODY. ROLL CALL.

CLERK: DEPUTY SPEAKER COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW, HIS WORSHIP MAYOR GILLINGHAM, COUNCILLOS ALLARD, BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, DURAND-WOOD, EADIE, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, SANTOS AND COUNCILLOR SHARMA.