

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

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

CLERK: YES, WE HAVE A QUORUM.

MADAME SPEAKER: I CALL THIS MEETING FOR MAY 28, 2026, TO ORDER. IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 11.1 OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG PROCEDURE BY-LAW NO. 50/2007, THE SPEAKER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT WE ARE IN TREATY ONE TERRITORY, THE HOME AND TRADITIONAL LANDS OF THE ANISHINAABE (OJIBWE), ININNEW (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 HAVE THE OPENING PRAYER. PLEASE RISE IF YOU ARE ABLE. WE WILL HEAR FROM COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I RISE TODAY AS I HAVE TRADITIONALLY DONE FOR A LOT OF TERMS. I WON'T BE SINGING TODAY. I WILL BE SPEAKING ABOUT THE HUMAN SPIRIT IN THIS CHAMBER, MADAM SPEAKER, IN MY REFLECTION. THIS TERM WE STARTED WITH A NEW MAYOR WHO REACHED OUT TO ALL OF US TO WORKING TOGETHER WHICH IS VERY DIFFICULT TO DO IN A POLITICAL SETTING. TO A LARGE DEGREE, I THINK WE HAVE ALL WORKED TOGETHER CIVILLY. WHEN WE REFLECT AND HEAR WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE MANITOBA LEGISLATURE, I KNOW, MADAM SPEAKER, WE ARE DOING WELL. THE PRAYER WE OFTEN SPEAK OF WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE. IN THE SPIRIT IN THIS CHAMBER HAS BEEN AND WE HAVE HAD DISPUTES. SPIRIT IN THE CHAMBER IS ONE OF SERVING WINNIPEGGERS TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY. I HAVE TO SAY, COLLEAGUES, WE HAVE DONE THAT. WE HAVE GONE THROUGH WHAT I THINK IS A VERY DIFFICULT TERM, FOR ME PERSONALLY, BUT ALSO THE LOSS OF COUNCILLOR SCHREYER, WHO BROUGHT US THAT SPIRITUAL UPLIFTING OF SINGING PRAYER. WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE SONG IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL. I JUST WANT TO REFLECT THAT WE HAVE ALSO SEEN OTHERS AROUND THIS CHAMBER HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN THEIR LIVES. YET THEY STILL TRY TO WORK TOWARDS SERVING WINNIPEGGERS. DESPITE WHAT WE MAY HEAR, A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T LIKE SOME OF THE VOTES WE DO AND SO ON. WE HAD SOME REAL SERIOUS DEBATE AROUND WELCOMING WINNIPEG AND THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF MANITOBA AND WINNIPEG IN TREATY ONE. THE SPIRIT IS NOT TO WE WANT TO SERVE AND RECONCILE AND DO THAT. SOMETIMES THERE ARE EMOTIONS AND THINGS THAT BRING UP EMOTIONS AND SPARK THE PASSION IN THAT HUMAN SPIRIT WHEN THEY COME HERE. MADAM SPEAKER, I JUST WANT TO SAY TO MY COLLEAGUES WE ARE COMING TO THE END OF THE TERM. THIS IS MY LAST REFLECTION OF THIS TERM. I HOPE TO BE BACK BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN SERVING WINNIPEGGERS, DESPITE WHAT PEOPLE MAY SAY. WE ALL, MADAM SPEAKER, WE ALL ARE DOING OUR BEST TO SERVE THE PEOPLE. I WILL LEAVE IT AT THAT. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR EADIE. ROLL CALL, MADAM CLERK.

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

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WE HAVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE MOTION FOR COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW IF YOU COULD READ THAT INTO THE RECORD.

CLERK: BE GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE DUE TO A PERSONAL MATTER.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE OUR PAGES. K IRA FROM ST. MARY'S ACADEMY AND VICTOR FROM NELSON MCTIRE COLLEGIATE IN ST. BONIFACE WARD. THANK YOU FOR JOINING COUNCIL TODAY. [APPLAUSE]. WE WILL MOVE TO MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS. MR. MAYOR, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT FEELS LIKE WE ARE INTO SUMMER. THAT MEANS TIME FOR NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION TEAMS TO HIT THE STREETS OUT FIXING UP THE WINNIPEG NEIGHBORHOODS. THIS PROGRAMME HAS EXPANDED TO FIVE, SEVEN PERSON TEAMS TO ROTATE FROM MAY TO OCTOBER. FOUR WEEKS IN EACH AREA. LAST YEAR WE SAW THE DIFFERENCE THE NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION TEAMS CAN MAKE BY TACKLING THINGS PEOPLE NOTICE EVERY DAY. POTHOLES, FALLEN BRANCH AND BROKEN SIGNS. THOSE THAT GENERATE MOST SERVICE REQUESTS AND GET THOSE ADDRESSED AT THE SAME TIME. ON TUESDAY, I PRESENTED THE 2026 MAYOR AND COUNCIL BIZ AWARDS. I THANK COUNCILLORS WHO ATTENDED. THE IMPROVEMENT ZONES CREATE WELCOMING NEIGHBORHOODS ACROSS WINNIPEG. AWARDS ARE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE LOCAL INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAY BEING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONTRIBUTION AND COMMUNITY BUILDING. SMALL BUSINESSES CREATE JOBS, SUPPORT FAMILIES AND LOCAL EVENTS AND GIVE NEIGHBORHOODS A PERSONALITY. RECIPIENTS HONEY BONNIE PACE TERRY, THE TOYS, BLACK MARKET AND THE THEATRE TO NAME THE WINNERS HELP CREATE NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE PEOPLE WANT TO LIVE, WORK, VISIT, IN VEST. PRIDE WINNIPEG FESTIVAL BEGINS TODAY. FLAG RAISING TOMORROW AT NOON. ALL WELCOME. I WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE ON SUNDAY JUNE 7. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MANY WINNIPEGGERS THERE. I WILL SAY LAST WEEK WE OFFICIALLY BROKE GROUND ON THE SOUTH WINNIPEG CAMPUS. RECREATIONS FOR COMMUNITY SPACES ARE GROWING. IT IS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING AREAS AND THE SOUTH WINNIPEG CAMPUS IS THE KIND OF INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT WE NEED TO SUPPORT FAMILIES. PHASE ONE IS USING \$127 MILLION IN TRY LEVEL FUNDING. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND ONGOING WORK AND LONG-STANDING WORK OF COUNCILLOR LUKES AND HER EFFORTS TO MAKE THIS PROJECT REALITY AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADER WHO'S WORKED FOR YEARS TO BRING THIS VISION TO LIFE.

MADAME SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER COUNCILLOR SANTOS FOR SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: GOOD MORNING. AS WE CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH, I RECOGNIZE TWO REMARKABLE ORGANIZATIONS IN WINNIPEG'S FILIPINO COMMUNITY ALSO CELEBRATING SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES THIS MONTH. CONGRATULATIONS TO MCDARE PHILIPPINES ON 50 YEARS OF COMMUNITY CULTURE ENTERTAINMENT. THEY HAVE BROUGHT GENERATIONS

TOGETHER THROUGH MUSIC WHILE HELPING PRESERVE THE PHILIPPINE HERITAGE. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE WELCOME MEMBERS OF THE LADIES AND NIGHTS OF THE WINNIPEG CHAPTER JOINING US IN THE GALLERY BEHIND ME THIS MORNING. JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING THEM ON 35TH ANNIVERSARY GUIDED BY IDEALS AND TEACHING OF DR. JOSE ROSELLE THEY SPENT DECADES PROMOTING EDUCATION, CIVIC LEADERSHIP CULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. THEY HAVE GREAT CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING ACROSS WINNIPEG AND MANITOBA. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE LATE LADY TOBA VICKER. I WANT TO EXTEND CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY, FRIENDS ENTIRE COMMUNITY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO BRING COMMUNITIES TO BRING TOGETHER THROUGH ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION. THEY MAKE THE SOCIAL CULTURE ECONOMIC FABRIC OF WINNIPEG. ORGANIZATIONS HELP KEEP TRADITIONS ALIVE, STRENGTHEN BONDS AND BUILD GREATER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CULTURES. ON BEHALF OF THE WINNIPEG CITY COUNCIL. CONGRATULATIONS ON THESE INCREDIBLE MILESTONES. THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS, LEADERS, FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS WHO MAKE THESE ANNIVERSARY POSSIBLE. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. [APPLAUSE].

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR SANTOS. AS LADY KNIGHT I ECHO YOUR SENTIMENTS AND OFFER CONGRATULATIONS AS WELL. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. NEXT SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: MADAM SPEAKER I RISE ON TWO MATTERS. FIRST LOSS OF TOBA VICKER WE LOST HER A FEW DAYS AGO. I KNEW LARRY AND TOBA WHO ARE A KEY PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. I GREW UP AS YOUTH IN ROTARY, PARENT THIS IS ROTARY, KNOWING ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY, THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY ALL OF THE TIME. IT WAS ALWAYS WONDERFUL TO BE TOBA AT SO MANY COMMUNITY EVENTS THROUGHOUT WINNIPEG NOT JUST TRANSCONA. SHE DEDICATED HER LIFE TO CAUSES ACROSS OUR CITY. ONE CAUSE THAT SHOULD BE NOTED IS THE CAUSE OF THE LARSH HOMES THAT SERVICE THE COMMUNITY AND LUKES AFTER FOLKS WITH DEVELOPMENT DISABILITY. THE NAMING OF THE TOBA CAFE. POPULAR SITE GIVING EMPLOYMENT TO FOLKS WITH DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES. VOLUNTEERS WORK THERE. TOBA WAS ALWAYS THERE. LAST TIME I SAW HER WAS BEGINNING OF MAY AT THE WALK IN TRANSCONA. ALWAYS ACTIVE, SMILING, DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY. MY CONDOLENCES TO LARRY AND ENTIRE FAMILY ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL. I KNOW IT MUST BE HARD. WE WISH THEM ALL THE BEST. I WOULD PASS THAT ON, MADAM SPEAKER. HAPPIER NOTE. I WANT TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP WAS WON BY THE TRANSCONA EXPRESS IN GAME 7. IT WAS EXCITING AT EAST END ARENA. IT WAS FULL. ABOUT 3,000 PEOPLE IN THE ARENA. YOU HAD THREE PEOPLE DEEP AT ALL OF THE AGAINST THE GLASS, STANDS FULL, EXCITING GAME. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PLAYERS OF THE TEAM, OWNERS AND SPONSORS. THEY ARE IN THE UPCOMING PARADE NEXT WEEKEND WITH THE CUP, IS MY UNDERSTANDING. IT WILL BE EXCITING WEEKEND. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM. THIS IS A BIG VICTORY FOR THE COMMUNITY. LAST TIME WE WON THE CUP WAS IN 1992. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE TEAMS THAT PLAYED. THEY DID AN AMAZING JOB. ALL PLAYERS, EXCITING TO WATCH THE GREAT GAME. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TEAM. ALL OWNERS AND SPONSORS, THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I RISE TO RECOGNIZE MR. TED FOREMAN WHO PASSED AWAY IN APRIL. I KNEW HIM AS ROTARIAN. I SUPPORTED RECOGNITION WITH A BENCH NEAR

HIS FAMILY HOME IN WILDWOOD PARK. I GOT TO SPEND A WONDERFUL TIME AT THE HEAD TABLE AS ROTARY WELCOMED HIM WITH MAYOR GILLINGHAM. AT THE TIME MAYOR MAY HAVE BEEN A COUNCILLOR. THERE IS A GREAT PICTURE OF TED HUGGING MAYOR GILLINGHAM AND I. I WOULD REQUIRE MAYOR GILLINGHAM TO HELP ME WITH HIS HOCKEY HISTORY, NOT HOW I GOT TO KNOW HIM. I GOT TO SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF TIME WITH HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS WHO ARE SO LOYAL. HEARING ABOUT HIS PHILANTHROPY, FISHING AND LOVE FOR RIVER VIEW, MADAM SPEAKER. I APPRECIATE COUNCIL'S TIME THIS MORNING TO RECOGNIZE THIS GREAT HUMAN BEING WHO WILL BE SO SORELY MISSED.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES SPEAKERS. COUNCILLOR LUKES, WILL YOU MOVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD APRIL 30TH.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: SO MOVED.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. WE WILL MOVE TO DELEGATIONS. FIRST UP IS MOLLY McCRACKEN. CANADIAN CENTRE FOR POLICY MANITOBA ITEM 6. EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED MAY 19, 2026, AMENDMENT TO PURCHASING POLICY. SHE IS NOT WITH US. WE WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT DELEGATION. IN OPPOSITION OF ITEM 1 STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE PUBLIC WORKS REPORT DATED MAY 5 RECORDING PROPOSED TRANSIT CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 IMPLEMENTATION. GOOD MORNING.

MR. WACHNIAK: MAYOR, COUNCILLORS. WELL, WE HAVE MISSED SPRING COMPLETELY. RIGHT INTO THE HEAT OF SUMMER NOW. HERE WE GO. I AM HERE TODAY ONCE AGAIN TO SPEAK ABOUT A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM WE SEEM TO HAVE COMING FROM THE ADMINISTRATION. I AM HERE IN OPPOSITION NOT SPECIFICALLY TO THE CHANGES TO THE BUS ROUTES BUT TO THE INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED TO COUNCILLORS TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION. ANYONE RIDING THE BUS KNOWS THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL OF US IS WHERE DO YOU GET ON AND WHERE DO YOU GET OFF THE BUS? WHERE ARE THE BUS STOPS? YOU ARE PROVIDED WITH SEVERAL MAPS OF BUS PROPOSED BUS CHANGES YOU ARE GOING TO APPROVE, NOWHERE ON THOSE MAPS IS WHERE THE BUS STOPS ARE. WE, INCLUDING MYSELF AND THE PUBLIC, WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE BUS STOPS WERE. WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE BUS STOPS ARE NOW TODAY, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY ARE PROPOSED TO BE IN THE NEW CHANGES TO ALL OF THESE TRANSIT ROUTES THAT ARE BEFORE YOU. COUNCILLOR EADIE SAID THIS IS NO CHOICE BUT TO SUPPORT WITH INFORMATION THERE. COUNCILLOR SHARMA SAID WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE BUS ROUTE CHANGES TO THE BUS STOPS, THERE IS COMPLETE OPPOSITION FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TO APPROVE. THAT IS THEIR WORDS. THEY HAVE TOLD COUNCILLOR EADIE TWICE IN ONE MEETING THAT THEY WOULD NOT APPROVE HIS REQUEST, RECOMMENDATION THAT A BUS STOP BE PUT IN ON THE FX2 ROUTE ON MAIN STREET IN CATHEDRAL. THIS IS WHAT WE DO KNOW ABOUT BUS STOPS. IN THE NEW MASTER PLAN FOR TRANSIT 1,700 BUS STOPS WERE REMOVED, OVER 200 EXISTING BUS SHELTERS WERE DECOMMISSIONED, AND WE ENTERED INTO THE LONGEST WINTER THAT MOST OF US CAN REMEMBER. NO SHELTERS FOR BUS RIDERS. WALK AND WAIT IN BETWEEN BUS STOPS AND YOU HAVE INFORMATION BEFORE YOU KNOW THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION WHICH IS WHERE ARE THE BUS STOPS GOING TO BE? IS THIS GOING TO BE AN ADVANTAGE? IF THERE ARE NO BUS STOPS, IT DOESN'T MATTER TO THE BUS RIDER. IF THERE ARE GOING TO BE FEWER BUS STOPS OR LONGER WALKS TO THEM, THAT IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR EVERYONE USING TRANSIT. I HAVE TO SAY THAT THIS IS NOT AN ACCIDENT. THIS IS BY DESIGN. THE LAST TIME I WAS AT THIS COUNCIL MEETING, IT WAS THE ADMINISTRATION THAT REFUSED TO CREATE INFORMATION FOR THIS COUNCIL. YOU ARE ASKED TO - YOU ASKED

ADMINISTRATION TO GIVE YOU A LIST OF POSSIBLE MANAGED ENCAMPMENT SITES.

MADAME SPEAKER: YOU ARE SPEAKING TO TRANSIT. IMPLEMENTATION.

MR. WACHNIAK: I AM SPEAKING TO FAILURE OF ADMINISTRATION TO PUT FORWARD INFORMATION FOR THIS COUNCIL BY DESIGN. JUST TWO DAYS AGO A SPECIAL MEETING OF WORKS AND OPERATIONS.

MADAME SPEAKER: WITH RESPECT I NEED YOU TO SPEAK TO THE ITEM BEFORE US. THE ONE YOU REGISTERED FOR TODAY.

MR. WACHNIAK: I WILL ASK THIS COUNCIL, HOW CAN YOU PASS A MOTION WITHOUT THE PROPER INFORMATION? YOU DON'T KNOW. NO ONE KNOWS, NO ONE ASKED WHERE ARE THE BUS STOPS GOING TO BE? THERE WERE QUESTIONS ASKED BUT THERE IS NO FOLLOW UP FOR THE REST OF COUNCIL. THE STANDING COMMITTEE GOT TO ASK QUESTIONS, VERBAL REPORTS DO NOT FOLLOW-THROUGH IN ANY KIND OF ADDENDUM WAY. WE HAVE A VERBAL REPORT THAT TRANSIT IS DOWN BY MORE THAN 10%. WE KNOW THAT THE MILLENNIUM LIBRARY HAS ALMOST 40% LESS TRAFFIC INTO THE BUILDING DIRECTLY RELATED TO TRANSIT SERVICE.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WE WILL TAKE QUESTIONS NOW. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: I WAS MOTIONING IF HE NEEDED ADDITIONAL TIME OF TWO MINUTES. MY APOLOGIES.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH REGARD TO THE ENTIRE PLAN? I HAVE NEVER HEARD SO MANY COMPLAINTS FROM SO MANY RESIDENTS REGARDING A PLAN IMPLEMENTED POORLY. MAIN ARCHITECT BEHIND IT LEFT PRIOR TO TAKING A JOB. I DON'T FAULT HIM FOR TAKING A JOB IN VICTORIA BC. HE WAS ARCHITECT AND HE WAS TO IMPLEMENT IT. HE LEFT. WHAT WE ARE LEFT NOW IS A SYSTEM WHERE FOLKS WITH DISABILITIES, CHILDREN IN TOW, YOUNG PEOPLE, FOLKS AT SHIFT WORK TRYING TO GET TO JOBS --

MADAME SPEAKER: QUESTION?

COUNCILLOR WYATT: SHOULDN'T WE GO BACK IN EVERYBODY MAKES MISTAKES. WHY DON'T WE ADMIT WE MADE A MISTAKE AND GO BACK TO ORIGINAL TRANSIT PLAN WE HAD. RETURN THE ROUTES. RETURN THE ROUTES.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. WACHNIAK.

MR. WACHNIAK: CORRECT. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW QUESTIONS WE DON'T KNOW THE ANSWERS FOR. WE DON'T KNOW THE COST OF ELIMINATING 200 EXISTING BUS SHELTERS. THAT IS A MASSIVE INVESTMENT BY THE CITY OVER MANY, MANY YEARS. THEY WERE ALL ELIMINATED ALL AT ONCE. THE FASTEST WAY TO GIVE THE CITY 1700 MORE PLACES TO GET ON AND OFF THE BUS, 200 MORE BUS SHELTERS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM WINNIPEG WEATHER IS TO GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL SYSTEM. THERE PROBABLY WERE GOOD INTENTIONS IN THE TRANSIT MASTER PLAN. IT DOES NOT

WORKOUT FOR ANYONE RIDING BUSES. WE ARE NOW DOWN TO ANYONE WITH A CHOICE OF MAKING ANOTHER WAY OF GETTING TO WORK OR SCHOOL OR WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE, THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE DOING. OTHERWISE, IT IS A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE. IT DOES NOT BENEFIT FOR DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG. HOW DO YOU RUN A CITY WHEN THE TRANSIT SYSTEM HAS ELIMINATED DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG AS A PRIMARY DESTINATION?

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE NOT GOING BACK TO THE OLD PLAN OR DOESN'T SEEM WE ARE GOING BACK TO IT. WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT THE TRANSIT SYSTEM IS 10 AS HIGH AS 20% DROP IN TRANSIT USAGE? DO YOU THINK A SMALL BUSINESS WITH A DROP OF 20% OF CUSTOMERS WITH RECOGNIZE SOMETHING IS GOING WRONG? DO YOU NOT SAY THAT SHOULD CAUSE PAUSE AND HAVE USURY VERSE THE SYSTEM AND RETURN THE ROUTES? THE FACT WE LOST SO MANY RIDERS TO THE TRANSIT SYSTEM.

MR. WACHNIAK: THE PROMISE TO INCREASE RIDERSHIP. THE GOAL OF THE PLAN WAS TO INCREASE RIDERSHIP, GET PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR CARS AND USING AN EFFECTIVE TRANSIT SYSTEM. WHAT WAS CREATED WAS EXACT OPPOSITE. THERE ARE BUSINESSES IN DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG ON GRAHAM AVENUE THAT REPORT 85% LESS BUSINESS IN THEIR STORES. WHEN THAT CONTRACT IS UP, THEY ARE UNDER A LEASE. WHEN THAT LEASE IS UP, WHO CAN STAY IN THEIR BUSINESS IF YOU LOST 85% OF CUSTOMERS?

MADAME SPEAKER: THIRD QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THAT IS THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. I WAS RECENTLY IN DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG AT 3:30 ON WEDNESDAY.

MADAME SPEAKER: QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: AT 3:30 ON WEDNESDAY A WORKWEEK YOU COULD FIRE A CANON ON GRAHAM AVENUE AND NOT HIT ANYBODY. THE LACK OF TRAFFIC ANSWER PRESENCE IN THE STREETS OF DOWNTOWN. IT IS LIKE A GHOST TOWN. WOULD YOU RECOGNIZE THIS HAS DONE HUGE HARM TO THE DOWNTOWN OF THE CITY?

MR. WACHNIAK: UNMISTAKABLE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT IS WINNIPEG VERSUS THIS COUNCIL ON THAT ISSUE. WINNIPEG KNOWS THE MISTAKE WAS MADE. EVERY SINGLE PERSON RIDING THE BUS EXCEPT FOR THE ONES ON HENDERSON HIGHWAY AS I POINTED OUT, 8%. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE POLL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA WITH STUDENTS FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE CITY, 92% SAID THE SYSTEM IS WORSE. ONLY 8 SAID BETTER FOR THEM. MY PREDICTION IS THEY LIVE ON HENDERSON HIGHWAY AND HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF ONE BUS FROM HENDERSON HIGHWAY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA.

MADAME SPEAKER: NEXT QUESTION, COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. THE CHANGES THAT ARE COMING, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE IT IS CLEAR. THERE IS A BUS STOP AT CATHEDRAL AND MAIN IN BOTH DIRECTIONS WHERE THE 31 BUS THAT RUN THE RIVER BEND RIVER GROVE AREA TO THE FORKS. I SIMPLY REQUEST

AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT JUST CAN'T BE DONE THAT IT WOULD STOP THERE. WHAT IS A MINUTE? THE BUS DOES STOP FOR OTHER REASONS AT MCADAM, FOR EXAMPLE. MY QUESTION REALLY IS DOES THE DELEGATION ACTUALLY HAVE A PROBLEM WITH WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE NORTH END, WHICH IS THE EXTENSION OF SERVICE FOR TWO BUSES, OTHER BUSES TO GO BEYOND 10:30 P.M. SO PEOPLE ARE SAFER AND DON'T HAVE TO WANDER AROUND WHERE THEY MIGHT GET INJURED?

MR. WACHNIAK: YES. EXCELLENT POINT, SIR. NORTH END WINNIPEG WAS ELIMINATED BY TRAFFIC AFTER 10:00. NUMBER 15 BUS WHICH WAS MY GO-TO BUS TO GET DOWNTOWN WAS ONE BUS FROM ANYWHERE ON MOUNTAIN AVENUE, TAKES YOU ALL THE WAY DOWNTOWN DIRECTLY. IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE TO RIDE IT, RIGHT OUT TO THE AIRPORT. WHAT WE HAVE NOW IS AN ENTIRE QUADRANT OF THE CITY THAT LOST SERVICE AFTER 10:00. THEY HAVE GIVEN IT BACK MONDAY TO FRIDAY, NOT WEEKENDS. NO ONE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD THAT YOU REPRESENT HAS SERVICE ON WEEKENDS TO GET DOWNTOWN. A RIDE TO DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG NOW TAKES THREE BUSES AND TWO TRANSFERS WHAT USED TO BE THE 15 BUS, ONE RIDE.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR THE RESPONSE. FURTHER QUESTIONS? THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

MR. WACHNIAK: I REQUESTED THIS COUNCIL RECONSIDER WHAT IS BEFORE THEM AND SOMEBODY HAS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE SPECIAL MEETING THAT HAPPENED ON MONDAY. WE HAVE A SITUATION.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATION TODAY. WE HAVE TO MOVE ON WITH THE MEETING. YOU SPOKE AT PUBLIC WORKS AS WELL AND WE APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU. MOVING TO REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE. MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP OF THIS CHAMBER. I INTRODUCE REPORT AND MOVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1, 2, 14.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: 14.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

MEGA CAPITAL PROJECTS FIVE FINANCIAL STABILIZATION RESERVE, 6 AMENDMENT TO PURCHASING POLICY. PARAMETERS UPDATE.

MADAME SPEAKER: PARDON ME. BOARD OF REVISION ANNUAL REPORT. COUNCILLOR DOBSON. 9 IS PULLED ALREADY. 4 IS PULLED. CALL THE QUESTION ITEM 3, 7, 11, 12, 13. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

CLERK: ITEM 1 NEWPCC UPGRADE HEAD WORKS FACILITIES.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: WAIT TO HEAR FROM MY COLLEAGUES.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I STAND THIS DOWN AS I USUALLY DO TO SPEAK TO THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A PROJECT WHICH REALLY IS FINANCIALLY OUT OF CONTROL. ITS COSTS HAVE BEEN RISING EVERY TIME WE LOOK AT IT. EXTENSION TO THE PROJECT. MADAM SPEAKER, WE NEED THIS UNDER CONTROL. WE NEED TO REDUCE SCOPE OF PROJECT AND LOOK AT THE ENGINEERING OF THIS. I LIKE TO KNOW THE ENGINEERS ADVICE BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN PROVINCIAL AND OUR ENGINEERS IN TERMS WHAT WAS RECOMMENDED. THEY ARE THE ONES THAT DECIDED THIS IS WHERE THE TRACK IS GOING TO GO AND TRAIN BE IS GOING TO RUN ON. WE LEAVE IT TO ADVISE OF ENGINEERS, BUT THEY KNOW ENGINEERING. THERE IS A COMPLEX SUBJECT. OF COURSE, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THOSE IN POWER PROVINCIAL OR MUNICIPAL EYES GLAZE OVER WHEN IT COMES TO THIS TYPE OF DETAIL. YET WE HAVE A PROJECT THIS SIZE AND SCALE. WE KNOW THAT TREATMENT PLANTS HAVE BEEN UPGRADED IN JURISDICTIONS IN NORTH AMERICA FAR, FAR LESS. ONCE AGAIN, WE CHOOSE TO BUILD THE LAMBORGHINI INSTEAD OF FORD. NOT TO GIVE NOTICE TO OTHER MUNICIPALITIES THAT PRESENTLY ARE STILL USING SERVICES NORTH OF THE CITY. WE CAN GIVE THEM NOTICE AND CREATE CAPACITY. WE KNOW WE ARE RUSHING FOR THE MAJOR DEVELOPERS OF THE CITY MORE WORRIED ABOUT BUILDING DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY THAN ANYTHING ELSE. MADAM SPEAKER, WE NEED TO ENSURE WE ARE DEALING VALUE. CITIZENS SUFFERED 300% INCREASE IN WATER AND SEWER RATES LAST YEAR ALONE GOING FORWARD WITH INFLATION ON TOP OF INCREASES COMING UP. WE NEED TO REVISE THESE PROJECTS, LOOK AT THEM NOW AND BRING COSTS DOWN DRAMATICALLY. I KNOW THE MAYOR ASKED FOR FUNDING CONSTANTLY. THIS PROJECT ALONE IS USING FUNDS WE COULD USE FOR OTHER PROJECTS CHIEF PEG WAS EXTENSION, KENASTON, EAST OF THE RED REC PLEX WHICH IS ON HOLD. THESE HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED. WE CAN'T PUT EVERYTHING ON HOLD FOR ONE PROJECT. NOT TO MENTION THE FACT WHEN WE BUILD THESE THE COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM OF OUR CITY WILL BE IN PLACE. WE ARE GOING TO STILL ARE RAW SEWAGE AFTER SPENDING \$3 BILLION PLUS BY THE TIME IT IS DONE PROBABLY \$5 BILLION. WE WILL HAVE RAW SEWAGE POURING INTO THE RIVERS FOR DECADES TO COME. UNACCEPTABLE. IF ANYTHING, THE COMBINED SEWER SYSTEM SHOULD BE TOP PRIORITY VERSUS GETTING TREATMENT PLANTINGS UNDER CONTROL. WE HAVE A NEW CONSTRUCTION CHIEF. OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO WEIGH IN AND TO LOOK AT THE COSTS TO DRIVE THESE COSTS DOWN. LOOK AT OTHER OPTIONS TO BUILD AS OUR MUNICIPALITIES HAVE DONE. NOT ROCKET SCIENCE, SEWER TREATMENT. THEY TURNED IT INTO ROCKET SCIENCE AND MADE IT SO COMPLICATED FOR US TO BUILD HIGHEST END PLANT POSSIBLE WE COULD DULL IT DOWN AND STILL DELIVER THE SAME REQUIREMENT. MADAM SPEAKER, THE CITY OF WINNIPEG ONLY CONTRIBUTES UP TO 6% NUTRIENT GOING. WHERE IS IT COMING FROM OUTSIDE OF WINNIPEG SOUTH OF US AND ENTIRE WATERSHED NORTH AND INTO THE U.S. AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY. YOU CAN VISIT ANY ILO OPERATION, LIVESTOCK OPERATION TO SEE HOW THEY USE SIMPLE LAGOONS. NO TREATMENT PLANT. THEY LET THEM GO FROM ONE LAGOON TO ANOTHER UNTIL THEY EMPTY TO THE RIVER THE RAT RIVER OR RED RIVER. THEY DUMP ALL INTO THE RIVER SYSTEM WHICH FLOWS INTO LAKE WINNIPEG. THEY ARE CONTRIBUTING 40% PLUS NUTRIENT LOAD. THE CITIZENS ARE HAMMERED. WE NEED SOMEBODY TO STAND UP. THIS IS UNFAIR. THE CITIZENS NEED MORE TIME TO BE ABLE TO ABSORB THESE COSTS. BRING DOWN WATER AND SEWER RATES, BRING DOWN, SCALE BACK PROJECT AS SOMETHING TO DELIVER SAME SERVICE AT THE SAME TIME NOT COST AS MUCH. LOOK AT JURISDICTIONS IN NORTH AMERICA. THIS IS NOT GOING TO THE MOON. NOT ROCKET SCIENCE, MADAM SPEAKER. SIMPLE WATER TREATMENT PLANT CONSTRUCTION. WE DON'T HAVE TO TURN INTO COMPLICATED MATTER OUR

ENGINEERS HAVE DONE SO WITH COOPERATION OF PROVINCIAL ENGINEERS. MADAM SPEAKER, I HAVE SPOKEN AGAINST THIS TIME AND TIME AGAIN AND WILL CONTINUE TO SPEAK AGAINST IT. IT IS SOMETHING I HEAR FROM CITIZENS ABOUT RISE IN WATER AND SEWER RATES WHICH WILL GO UP ASTRONOMICALLY AS THIS PLANT CONSTRUCTION GOES UP. THERE IS A MOTION I STEPPED DOWN THANKS TO COUNCILLOR DOBSON. I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING IT AS WELL. THANK YOU.

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

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I ALMOST FEEL LIKE SAYING MY CLOSING COMMENTS I REFER YOU TO THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS. MY COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO SAME QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS SAME COUNCILLOR RAISED. I WILL TAKE A MOMENT TO GO OVER A COUPLE THINGS AGAIN. THERE HAVE NOT IF THIS PROJECT WOULD HAVE BEEN BUILT WHETHER IT WAS FIRST TALKED ABOUT, THE COST WOULD HAVE BEEN UNDER \$800 MILLION. THERE IS A PRICE THAT WE ARE PAID AND RESIDENTS OF WINNIPEG PAID BECAUSE OF DELAYS FROM FEDERAL PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN FUNDING THIS PROJECT. NOW WE ARE AT OVER \$3 BILLION. IT IS MORE ABOUT COST INCREASES RELATED TO INFLATIONARY PRESSURES OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS THAN CERTAINLY COST OVERRUNS. THIS PROJECT IS BEING VERY WELL MANAGED. WE HAVE HAD EXTENSIVE OVERSIGHT OF THE PROJECT, CHANGED GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE COMPLETELY IN REGARDS TO OVERSIGHT OF THIS PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF K PM G. CAO IS HIRING A PROJECT LEADER FOR THIS COMPLICATED PROJECT TO ENSURE THAT RESIDENTS GET VALUE FOR MONEY. WE DELIVER THE PROJECT ON TIME AND BUDGET. WHY BUILD THIS TYPE OF PLANT? BECAUSE WE HAVE TO. THE LAW SAYS WE HAVE TO. WE DON'T HAVE LUXURY TO BUILD SOMETHING LESS THAN WHAT IS REQUIRED. THE SAVE WINNIPEG ACT WHICH I READ FROM BEFORE SAYS CLEARLY THAT THE NORTH END WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTER MUST BE REPLACED AND THAT NEW TREE CURRENT REMOVE ALIBI BY -- THE NEW TREE YET BE REMOVE BY BEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY. CAN'T BUILD PLAN B, SOMETHING SUBSTANDARD. WE HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW. WE HAVE ASKED PROVINCE TO MAKE CHANGES IN YEARS PAST. MODIFY EFFLUENT OUTFLOW. PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT DIDN'T COMPLY. THEY DIDN'T GIVE US CHANGES WE ASKED FOR. THIS GOVERNMENT HAS NOT GIVEN US CHANGES WE ASKED FOR. WE MUST BUILD THE PLANT WE ARE BUILDING. AS FAR AS THE PERCENTAGE OF INCREASES WHEN IT COMES TO WATER AND SEWER RATES, IT HAS NOT BEEN 300%. I ENCOURAGE EVERY COUNCILLOR TO VOTE THE WAY WE VOTED TO FREEZE THE 2027 WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES, JOIN THE REST OF US WHO VOTED IN FAVOR OF RATEPAYERS A BREAK IN 2027. WHAT WE HAVE NOW IS WE HAVE SOMETHING WE DIDN'T HAVE BEFORE. NOW WE HAVE EVERY MONTH WE HAVE THE NORTH END WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTRE REPORTS COMING TO COUNCIL. THIS PROJECT IS NOT JUST GOING TO THE OVERSIGHT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OR THE OVERSIGHT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON WATER WASTE ENVIRONMENT OR FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE. THESE REPORTS COULD MONTHLY TO COUNCIL TO GIVE BETTER PUBLIC OVERSIGHT OF THIS PROJECT. YOU DON'T SEE THIS AT PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, DON'T SEE AT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. EVERY MONTH RESIDENTS OF WINNIPEG COME APPEAR IN DELEGATION AND VOICE CONCERNS OR RAISE QUESTIONS. COUNCILLORS GET TO RAISE QUESTIONS AND SPEAK TO THIS REPORT ON A MONTHLY BASIS AGAIN GIVING OVERSIGHT TO THIS MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT. I ASK ALL OF US TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS AND LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE DISCUSSION.

MADAME SPEAKER: ITEM ONE. FAVOR, CONTRARY. CARRIED. OPPOSITION IS NOTED. ITEM TWO, MADAM CLERK.

CLERK: MEGA CAPITAL PROJECTS SUMMARY REPORT. BIOSOLIDS FACILITIES.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: WAIT TO HEAR FROM MY COLLEAGUES.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THE BIOSOLID PLANT IS BEING BUILT TO A SCALE THAT DOES NOT NEED TO BE REQUIRED. THE ONLY OTHER PLANT IN OPERATION NOW IS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. I UNDERSTAND VANCOUVER IS BUILDING ONE. THAT IS FINE. THEY HAVE MORE MONEY AND ABILITY TO DO IT. WE HAVE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES HERE THAT VANCOUVER DOES NOT HAVE. IF WE HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN DOLLARS TO SPEND IN THIS CITY AND INCREASE TAXES OR FEES OR LEVEES ON CITIZENS. WE SHOULD SPEND ON ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE AND UPGRADING THEM AND NEW STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE WITH REGARDS TO TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM. WE ARE THROWING EVERYTHING INTO A BIOSOLID PLANT. KEEP IN MIND THAT 20 YEARS AGO WE WERE ABLE TO PUT THIS ON FIELDS. MCDONALD ENJOYED THE USE OF THE SEWAGE WHICH WAS TREATED AND SPREAD ON THE FIELDS. NO DIFFERENT THE ILO INDUSTRY STILL SPREADS WASTE ON FIELDS WHICH REARE ALLOWED TO UNDER PROVINCIAL REGULATION. I HEARD COMMENTS OF MAYOR. THE PROVINCE NEEDS TO BE TAKEN ON. IF CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG KNEW THE VAST MAJORITY OF NUTRIENTS COMES FROM AGRICULTURE NONE OF THEM ARE REGULATED THE WAY WE ARE. WE ARE BEING HIT. CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG WOULD RISE UP ON OUR SIDE AGAINST THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA. WHY ARE YOU NOT REGULATING THEM LIKE US? WHY IS AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY GETTING AWAY WITH US? SAME ONE HOG 30 HUMAN BEINGS WASTE. THAT IS NINE TO 10 MILLION HOGS A YEAR. 300 MILLION AND THEIR WASTE IS POURING INTO THE LAKE WITHOUT TREATMENT, MADAM SPEAKER. THAT IS WHY THE MAJORITY IS COMING OUT OF AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY FROM MANITOBA, MINNESOTA AND NORTH DAKOTA. WE NEED TO PUSH BACK. CITIZENS OF WINNIPEG WOULD BE ON OUR SIDE IF WE RALLIED AGAINST THE PROVINCE. THIS IS UNFAIR. WHY LISTEN TO ENGINEERS? WE HAVE TO HAVE BEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY. TECHNOLOGY IS TECHNOLOGY. THERE IS A FORD THEY ARE TELLING US TO BUILD A LAMBORGHINI. FORD WILL DELIVER SAME. WE NEED TO TAKE THIS TO THE PEOPLE. THEY WILL BE ON OUR SIDE. THEY ARE TIRED OF 300% INCREASE. MAYOR SAID YEAR 2027 NO FREEZE. WONDERFUL WHAT IS HAPPENING IN 28 AND BEYOND. RATES WILL GO UP DRAMATICALLY. GOOD THING THIS IS NOT ELECTION YEAR. THEY KNOW THAT IS COMING DOWN.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHY BACK WHEN I WAS THINKING ABOUT RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL BACK IN THE DAY. I RAN IN 2006. YOU KNOW, I HEARD THESE VERY SAME DEBATES AND DISCUSSIONS. I GUESS THAT SOME PEOPLE THINK IF THEY KEEP SAYING SOMETHING IT BECOMES TRUE. I ONLY WANT. I WAS A LITTLE CONCERNED, ANYWAY, JUST FOR THE RECORD, MADAM SPEAKER, SO THE DIFFERENCE IN THIS PLANT VERSUS BUILDING A DIFFERENT PLANT. IT IS PROJECT 3. BIOLOGICAL REMOVAL OF NUTRIENTS. WHAT WE NEED TO MAKE CLEAR. THE SOUTH INDEPENDENT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTRE. THEY REMOVE NUTRIENTS BEFORE WHAT IS LEFT OVER GOES INTO THE RIVER, MADAM SPEAKER. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: FURTHER SPEAKERS? MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: MY CLOSING COMMENTS ARE A QUESTION FOR THE COUNCILLOR FROM TRANSCONA WHO WAS ELECTED TO COUNCIL IN 2002 OR 2003. SAVE WINNIPEG ACT ADOPTED BY PROVINCE IN 2011. DID COUNCILLOR AT THAT TIME VOICE WITH AS MUCH VIGOR AND PASSION HIS OBJECTION TO THE SAVE LAKE WINNIPEG ACT? BECAUSE THIS COULD HAVE BEEN USEFUL BACK THEN.

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

CLERK: BOARD OF REVISION ANNUAL REPORT.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR TO INTRODUCE ITEM.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: WAIT TO HEAR FROM COLLEAGUES.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR GILROY. DID YOU PULL-DOWN ITEM 4?

COUNCILLOR GILROY: NO, IT WAS 14.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I STAND THIS DOWN TO POINT OUT THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A DECREASE. IT CAN BE SAID LESS THAN 1%. IT IS QUITE SIGNIFICANT WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE BOARD OF REVISION. I WANT TO NOTE THIS FOR THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. WE HAVE DECREASE REPRESENTATIVE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT LOSS OF \$74 MILLION -- ALMOST \$75 MILLION IN TERMS OF LOSS OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENT BASE. PERMANENT LOSS. YES, MIGHT BE .5% OVERALL ASSESSMENT ROLL. YOU COMPOUND YEAR AFTER YEAR. I AM CONCERNED AS MENTIONED EARLIER WITH REGARDS TO DOWNTOWN. WE ARE GOING TO SEE ASSESSMENTS BEING CHALLENGED IN THE DOWNTOWN WITH REGARDS TO THE BUILDINGS NOW EMPTY OR HALF EMPTY. YOU CAN SEE LACK OF ACTIVITY TAKING PLACE. THE CONCERN GOING FORWARD IS TAX BASE IS BEING DEGRADED. ONE OF THE BIGGEST IS LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT LAND. WE CAN SEE IT. BASICALLY WE ARE OUT COMPETED AGAINST SUCCESSFULLY BY THE ARM OF ROSSER, SPRINGFIELD, MCDONALD WHO ALL SURROUND THE CITY WITH THEIR OWN INDUSTRIAL PARKS. ALL OF THE BUSINESSES AND INSTITUTIONS MOVING INTO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK, WHERE ARE CLIENTELE? CITY OF WINNIPEG. EMPLOYEES? CITY OF WINNIPEG. YET BECAUSE OF PROVINCIAL LAND USE POLICIES THEY ARE ABLE TO DEVELOP INDUSTRIAL PARKS ON THE EDGE OF THE CITY INCLUDING WEST ST. PAUL BASICALLY PILFERING BUSINESSES ONE AT A TIME FROM CITY OF WINNIPEG. REDUCING OVERALL TAX BASE WHEN IT COMES TO OUR EMPLOYMENT LANDS SHIFTING MORE BURDEN EVERY YEAR ON TO HOMEOWNERS WHICH WE SEE RISE ABOVE THE RATE THAT WE HAVE INCREASED TAXES ON HOMEOWNERS BECAUSE OF THE FACT THEIR SHARE OF THE PIE IS INCREASING EXPONENTIALLY BECAUSE OF LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT LANDS. WE NEED TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THOSE MUNICIPALITIES ON EDGE OF THE CITY. WE NEED TO LOOK AT EXPANSION OF BOUNDARIES THROUGH AMALGAMATION OR PURCHASING AS ARM OF HANOVER DID WITH CITY OF STEINBACK. WE ARE LOSING EMPLOYMENT LAND IN THE CITY AT ALARMING RATE WITH REGARDS TO TAX BASE. IT MUST BE ADDRESSED NOT TO MENTION ASSESSMENTS ON EXISTING BUSINESSES AND TOWERS DOWNTOWN TO BE AFFECTED. WE DELAYED DECISION ON CONCOURSE UNTIL 2027. THAT IS KEY TO ENSURING THAT MALL AND WINNIPEG SQUARE STAYS ALIVE. YOU LOSE THE CONCOURSE --

MADAME SPEAKER: SPEAK TO THE REPORT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: FOLKS WILL APPEAL TAXES. I SPEAK TO THIS. THERE IS A TREND HERE THAT IS CONCERNING. WE HAVE TO BE AWARE OF IT. I ALSO PUT IT ON BOARD OF REVISION. IT IS THEIR JOB TO PROTECT TAX BASE OF THE CITY. I AM SURE THEY ARE. WE HAVE TO REITERATE THAT. THAT IS IMPORTANT. THEY ARE PAID FOR THEIR TIME AND SERVICE ON BOARD OF REVISION. I KNOW IT WORKS QUITE HARD. AT THE SAME TIME, I KNOW THE MAJOR ASSESSMENT FIRMS INSIDE THE CITY WHERE ONE CAN APPEAL TO WHICH OPERATES ON BASIS THEY EAT WHAT THEY EARN, USUALLY COME OUT WITH SOME SORT OF DIVIDEND WHEN THEY GO FORWARD WITH MAJOR CLIENTS. SAD THING, THE AVERAGE HOMEOWNER DOESN'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO HIRE THESE FIRMS. THEY COULD FORM A COLLECTIVE GET A THOUSAND OR COUPLE HUNDRED RESIDENTS TO APPEAL WITH ONE OF THE MAJOR FIRMS. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT. THE BIG COMPANIES, CORPORATIONS ARE THE ONES RECEIVING BENEFIT ON ASSESSMENT APPEALS OVER AND OVER AGAIN. AS HOMEOWNER TAKES IT ON. THAT NEEDS POINTED OUT AS WELL. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THIS REPORT. I AM HOPING WE SPEND MORE TIME ON THIS GOING FORWARD AS A COUNCIL. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE ON THE ITEM.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO COMBAT FLIGHT OF BUSINESSES OUT OF WINNIPEG TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE PIPES WITH CAPACITY. WE SHOULD SUPPORT BUILDING NORTH END PLANT. SOONER IT IS BUILT THE MORE CAPACITY WE HAVE AND WE ENSURE WE SLOW THE FLOW OF BUSINESSES LEAVING THE CITY. GOOD NEWS, REALLY GOOD NEWS. CENTREPORT. WINNIPEG OPENING FOR BUSINESS. PIPES IN GROUND. READY TO GO AND WE WILL SEE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH. WE HAVE FIRST APPLICATION FOR 700 ACRES INDUSTRIAL PARK. LARGEST IN WINNIPEG HISTORY. A LOT OF GOOD NEWS FOR THE ASSESSMENT BASE IN WINNIPEG IS COMING BECAUSE WE HAVE INVESTED AND ARE INVESTING IN KEY INFRASTRUCTURE SPECIFICALLY WATER-WASTE AND FROM STRUCTURE.

MADAME SPEAKER: I WILL CALL THE QUESTION. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. THAT IS CARRIED. OPPOSITION NOTED. ITEM 5, MADAM CLERK.

CLERK: FINANCIAL STABILIZATION RESERVE REPLENISHMENT PLAN INTERIM MEASURES PART TWO.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I AM GLAD TO SUPPORT THIS FROM OUR TEAM AT CORPORATE FINANCE. THANK THE TEAM FOR GOOD WORK. IF THESE PROPOSED MEASURES ARE APPROVED THE RESERVE BALANCE WILL BE \$44.2 MILLION. WE ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WHEN YOU LOOK AT COMBINATION OF THE COST SAVING TARGETS, EXPENDITURE MANAGEMENT THAT CORPORATE FINANCE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COUNCILLOR BROWATY \$51 MILLION IN SAVINGS THAT IS GOOD FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT. NOW THIS PROPOSAL HERE TO USE THE FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED TO HELP REPLENISH AND START TO REPLENISH FINANCIAL STABILIZATION RESERVE. ADD TO TARGET \$58 MILLION IN EXPENDITURE MANAGEMENT THAT CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM SET FOR 2026. A LOT OF GOOD NEWS IN THIS REPORT. I HOPE ALL COUNCILLORS UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORT THIS REPORT.

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

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I GUESS IT IS GLASS HALF FULL, HALF EMPTY SCENARIO HERE. HALF FULL AS MAYOR POINTS OUT. \$44.2 MILLION. REQUIRED THRESHOLD AS OF 2025 IN FINANCIAL STABILIZATION

RESERVE \$85 MILLION. I KNOW IT IS HIGHER IN 2026. WHICH MEANS WE ARE HALFWAY THERE. WE ARE STILL FALLING QUITE SHORT WHERE WE NEED TO BE. I WAS HAPPY TO HEAR THE RECENT NEWS ON FRIDAY THE PAVEMENT TO THE CITY OF \$20 MILLION. I AM CURIOUS WITH THAT MONEY TO APPLY TO BOTTOM LINE OF THE FINANCIAL STABILIZATION RESERVE. INTERESTED IN MAYOR'S COMMENTS IT WAS PRIOR TO THIS REPORT. THAT IS WHY I STEPPED DOWN THE ITEM. HAPPY TO SEE IT IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. CURIOUS TO KNOW ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT BE WHICH IS GOOD NEWS WITH REGARDS TO RESENT CLOSURE OF PUBLIC INQUIRY. UNFORTUNATE THEY DIDN'T LOOK AT OTHER PROJECTS IN THE CITY. THAT IS SEPARATE. I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR MAYOR'S COMMENTS BEFORE I VOTE ON THIS MATTER.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: I WILL BE SHORT. I HAVE BEEN PAYING ATTENTION TO WORLD NEWS LATELY, MADAM SPEAKER. SOONER WE CAN BUILD UP THIS FISCAL STABILIZATION RESERVE, THE BETTER. I THINK WE HAVE ALL HEARD ABOUT THE EBOLA BREAK OUT IN AFRICA. PEOPLE MOVE ALL AROUND THE WORLD WHICH IS HOW WE ENDED UP WITH COVID-19. PEOPLE MOVED. THEY FLY TO VARIOUS PLACES. THE SOONER WE CAN REPLENISH, THE BETTER.

MADAME SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. ACCELERATED ROADS PROGRAMME WAS WONDERFUL MULTIYEAR NINE FIGURES INVESTMENT IN THE ROADWAY NETWORK. THE ROADS THAT CARRY VAST MAJORITY OF TRAFFIC. THE ROADS NEED ATTENTION GOING FORWARD. I AM VERY HAPPY PUBLIC SERVICE WAS ABLE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE SENIOR LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TO TAKE \$25 MILLION NOT IN THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL BECAUSE SOME PROJECTS WERE UNDER AND ONE PROJECT WAS PUSHED OUT AND STUFF LIKE THAT. THEY MADE SURE THAT \$25 MILLION FROM THE PROVINCE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS REINVESTED IN STREETS GOING FORWARD IN 2027. WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO MORE ROADS IN 2027 IN THE CURRENT YEAR MULTIYEAR CAPITAL BUDGET. ON TOP OF IT \$15 MILLION FROM THE PREVIOUS CITY ALLOCATIONS THAT WASN'T NEEDED. WE ARE ABLE TO USE TO HELP HAVE A STABILIZATION FUND FOR MAJOR EVENTS. WE NEED TO HAVE IN CASE SOMETHING GOES SIDEWAYS. THIS IS GREAT NEWS STORY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THEIR WORK IN MAKING THIS HAPPEN.

MADAME SPEAKER: WITH THAT MR. MAYOR BACK TO YOU FOR CLOSE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. TO THE COMMENT ABOUT THE ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS FROM THE CASPIAN SETTLEMENT. I DON'T REMEMBER THE SPECIFIC NUMBER. IN PREVIOUS YEAR AS PART OF ONE OF THE FINANCE REPORTS, THOSE FUNDS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED ALREADY TO THE TAX SUPPORTED BUDGET. IN PART WOULD ASSIST FINANCIAL STABILIZATION RESERVE. I DON'T HAVE NUMBERS SPECIFICALLY. THOSE FUNDS HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN ALLOCATED. I INVITE YOU TO CALL THE QUESTION ON THIS ITEM. AYE. OPPOSITION NOTED. WE WILL TAKE A FIVE MINUTE RECESS. WE NEED TO CORRECT A TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY WITH THE CAMERA.

MADAME SPEAKER: ITEM 6. TRAVIS. I WILL RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING MAY 28 AFTER A SHORT RECESS. ITEM 6 OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE REPORTS. MADAM CLERK.

CLERK: AMENDMENT TO THE PURCHASING POLICY.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR TO INTRODUCE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WILL WAIT TO HEAR FROM COLLEAGUES ON THIS ONE.

MADAME SPEAKER: THIS WAS STOOD DOWN BY COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: YES, MADAM SPEAKER, I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. I THANK CITY CENTRE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD. AND THAT IS BEING CONCURRED ON. THIS, MADAM SPEAKER, NO DOUBT CAME OUT OF RECENT DEBATE REGARDING THE LOSS OF SALISBURY HOUSE AT GOLF FACILITIES WHICH WAS VERY UNFORTUNATE. LOCAL FIRM FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS SUPPLIED SERVICES AT VARIOUS GOLF COURSES AND LOSS OF LOCAL COMPANY TO AN INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN-BASED FIRM BASED ON CRITERIA SET BY PUBLIC SERVICE WHICH CLEARLY THEY STILL WILL GET PAID NO MATTER WHAT. WE LOSE THAT LOCAL FIRM. WE LOSE THAT LOCAL FIRM AT A TIME WHEN THEY WERE UNDERGOING INTERNAL RESTRUCTURING. THEY WERE HOPING TO LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS AND OPENING NEW LOCATIONS INSIDE THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. THAT SENDS THE WRONG MESSAGE TO THAT COMPANY WE KICKED THEM OUT OF THE FACILITIES. THIS IS A GREAT POLICY. I HOPE IT GOES FORWARD. I HOPE WE CAN ENSURE IN THE FUTURE WE DON'T HAVE SCENARIOS LIKE THAT ANY MORE. EVERY OTHER JURISDICTION ACROSS CANADA ARE MOVING TOWARDS BUY LOCAL. I AM SURPRISED WE ALLOWED THAT TO OCCUR IN THIS COUNCIL. I AM GLAD TO SEE THE POLICY COMING FORWARD AND HOPEFULLY APPLIED SO WE CAN BRING BACK SALISBURY HOUSE. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: FURTHER SPEAKERS? MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. TO REITERATE WHAT I SAID AT EPC, IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE CLEAR THAT ALL OF THOSE WHO BID ON THIS CONTRACT INCLUDING SALISBURY HOUSE WERE TREATED FAIRLY AND EQUALLY. ONE COMPANY WON THE BID. AIR MARK WHO HAS A CANADIAN, U.S. BASE AND CANADIAN BASE AS WELL, CANADIAN OPERATION EMPLOYING CANADIANS. THEY WON. THE OTHER BIDDERS, HOW EVER MANY THERE WERE DIDN'T WIN. THE PROCESS WAS FAIR AND EQUITABLE. THAT IS IMPORTANT TO REMIND EVERYBODY AS WELL. WE DID A LITTLE BIT OF LOOKING AND ASKED FINANCE TEAM FOR RECENT BREAKDOWN OF CITY PURCHASES REGARDING BUY LOCAL. RESPONSE IN 2025, 99.5% OF CITY PURCHASES WERE FROM CANADIAN COMPANIES. FOR CONTEXT THAT MAY INCLUDE FOREIGN-OWNED COMPANIES WITH CANADIAN SUBSIDIARIES. THEY ARE CANADIAN OPERATIONS, CANADIAN EMPLOYEES, CANADIAN PRESENCE, PAYING CANADIAN TAXES. LOOK FOR WAYS TO MAKE SURE CANADIAN LOCAL COMPANIES ARE AWARE OF OPPORTUNITIES AND THIS MOTION CALLS FOR OUR STAFF TO DO ACROSS JURISDICTIONAL ANALYSIS TO SEE WHAT OTHER PROVINCES AND CITIES MAY BE FINDING WAYS TO BUY LOCAL AND COMPLY WITH TRADE AGREEMENTS. WE ASK OUR STAFF TO DO THAT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE REPORT COMING BACK. CALL THE QUESTION, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR. CALL THE QUESTION. ALL IN FAVOR. CARRIED.

CLERK: ITEM 8. HOUSING FUNDING.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR TO INTRODUCE ITEM.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: WAIT TO HEAR FROM COLLEAGUES.

MADAME SPEAKER: ANY SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR DOBSON.

COUNCILLOR DOBSON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM SPEAKER. THIS MOTION IS ABOUT MAKING HOUSING MORE AFFORDABLE PROVIDING EQUITY FOR WINNIPEGGERS. ABOUT GIVING BACK HOPE AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF AFFORDABLE HOME OWNERSHIP AND HOME EQUITY TO FUTURE AND WELL-BEING OF RESIDENTS IN WINNIPEG. THIS IS NO NEW TO ME. WHILE IN OTTAWA LAST YEAR ON CITY BUSINESS I GAVE CAREFUL THOUGHT WITH MY MANY YEARS AS A RED SEALED JOURNEYMAN CARPENTER I WROTE DOWN CHANGES FOR HOME EQUITY IN THE RESIDENTS OF WINNIPEG. ON JUNE 5 LAST YEAR HERE IN COUNCIL, I STATED THAT FOR MANY CANADIANS THEIR HOME IS MAJOR INVESTMENT FOR RETIREMENT. VALUE OF HOME IS A WAY TO HEDGE AGAINST INFLATION. I ALSO STATED THAT WE HAVE TO PROVIDE A CLIMATE THAT ENCOURAGES HOME BUILDERS TO BUILD BASIC STARTER HOMES AT MODEST COST AND THAT WE SHOULD PETITION FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE COSTS FOR BUILDERS. GETTING MATERIALS WITH LEAST AMOUNT OF TAXES AND RED TAPE. OUR BUILDERS CAN BUILD MORE AFFORDABLE HOMES. WHILE MY COMMENTS LAST YEAR MAY NOT MATCH THIS MOTION EXACTLY, I THINK WE CAN AGREE THE INTENT IS THE SAME. OWNING A HOME WILL MEAN THAT YEARS LATER WHEN YOU RETIRE YOU WILL HAVE EQUITY IN YOUR HOUSE. A NEST EGG THAT GREW AS VALUE OF YOUR HOUSE GREW. THIS WAS YOUR HEDGE AGAINST INFLATION, YOUR SECURITY, YOUR SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT. FOR MANY IT WILL BE THE BIGGEST AND ONLY INVESTMENT OF THEIR LIVES. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND GOES TO CORPORATE INVESTORS WHO BUILD RENTAL PROPERTIES. TO RECEIVE FUNDING WINNIPEG WAS ENCOURAGED TO ALLOW FOURPLEXES. THEY ARE RENTAL PROPERTIES AS WELL. IT IS A TIME TO FOCUS ON HOME OWNERSHIP. WE HAVE GONE TOO FAR ON THE SIDE OF RENTAL HOUSING. THIS MOTION IS ABOUT MOVING AWAY FROM CORPORATE INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR OWNERSHIP OF OUR HOUSING STOCK IN WINNIPEG. IT IS ABOUT MOVING TOWARDS OWNERSHIP FOR RESIDENTS IN THE CITY. IT IS ABOUT PEOPLE MOVING OUT OF THEIR PARENTS' HOME OR RENTAL PROPERTY AND INTO A HOME THEY CAN OWN. IT IS ABOUT PROVIDING WAYS FOR PEOPLE TO GET INTO AFFORDABLE HOMES. WE HAVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDING HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND FOR INVESTORS TO BUILD RENTALS FOR US TO RENT. IT IS TIME FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE A PROGRAMME THAT FOCUSES ON HOME OWNERSHIP FOR WINNIPEG RESIDENTS. THIS MOTION ALSO CALLS ON PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COST SAVINGS FOR BASIC AFFORDABLE STARTER HOMES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT A SEPARATE ADMINISTRATIVE COST THIS PROGRAMME WILL NOT COST EITHER LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT ANY MONEY. IT WILL JUST NOT COLLECT TAXES ON MATERIALS USED IN THE MAKING OF BASIC STARTER HOMES. UNLIKE HOUSING ACCELERATOR FUND FOR INVESTORS NO MONEY HAS TO BE BORROWED. MY THOUGHTS. MODEST BUNGALOW, 900 SQUARE FEET OR LESS, 10 YEAR OCCUPANCY, NO RENTALS, NO SECONDARY SUITES, OWNER OCCUPIED. WITH LIMITED SIZE OF HOME AND LOT THIS WILL PROVIDE A HOME MORE AFFORDABLE. ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL HOMEBUILDERS TO INCORPORATE THIS INTO SUBDIVISION PLANS. THIS WINNIPEG INITIATIVE WILL POSITION CITY AS LEADER IN AFFORDABLE HOME OWNERSHIP AND I EXPECT OTHER CANADIAN CITIES MAY FOLLOW OUR LEAD. I AM ASKING EVERYONE HERE TO SUPPORT THIS HOUSING AFFORDABILITY MOTION. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR DOBSON. FURTHER SPEAKERS? MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: CALL THE QUESTION PLEASE.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: MAYOR GILLINGHAM. BROWARD. CHAMBERS, DUNCAN, DURAND-WOOD, EADIE, GILROY, LUKES, MAYES, ROLLINS, SANTOS, SHARMA.

MADAME SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: COUNCILLOR WYATT. 14-1.

MADAME SPEAKER: MOTION DEFEATED. NEXT ITEM. MADAM CLERK.

CLERK: NEWPCC FUNDING.

MADAME SPEAKER: THE MOTION PASSES YES. IT IS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION. THANK YOU. FIRST SPEAKER ON ITEM 9. MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU FOR KEEPING US ON OUR TOES. SEEING IF WE ARE AWAKE. WAITING TO HEAR FROM COLLEAGUES.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THE PREVIOUS MOTION WAS RECEIVED AS INFORMATION WHICH SURPRISED ME THAT COUNCILLOR DOBSON. THIS IS INFORMATION. UP FORTUNATE BECAUSE AGAIN, I THINK IT IS A WELL WRITTEN MOTION THAT GOVERNMENT OF CANADA SHOULD STEP UP FOR 50% OF THE PROJECT. KNOWN FACT AS COUNCILLOR DOBSON POINTED OUT IN PREVIOUS SPEECH. GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, MANITOBA IS PART OF CONFEDERATION SINCE 1870. GOVERNMENT CANADA IS LIKE A DOORMAT. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO IS IN POWER IN OTTAWA. THEY CRISSCROSS THE COUNTRY OVER TOP OF US, TAKE US FOR GRANTED. ALBERTA HAD ENOUGH. WE AS PROVINCE WE ARE FOREVER LIVING AS A POOR PROVINCE HAPPENED AND MOUTH WITH REGARD TO HAND OUT TO OTTAWA. WE KNOW THE DAMAGE OTTAWA HAS DONE TO PUBLIC POLICY OF THE PROVINCE. RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS AND WHAT THAT HAS DONE AND WHAT WE ARE LIVING WITHIN CITY OF WINNIPEG INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN STEP UP. NOTED THE RIVERS ARE 100% JURISDICTION OF OTTAWA, OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. YET THEY ARE PLAYING A ROLE WHICH IS QUITE MINOR US AGAINST PROVINCE. PROVINCE AGAINST US. OTTAWA ON THE SIDELINES. I WILL MAKE A NOTE. ONE OF THE MAJOR PLAYERS HERE ON THE STAGING IN MANITOBA TERRY DUGGAN WAS THE CHAIR OF CLEAN ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION AFTER THE SEWAGE TO SPILL INTO THE RIVER THAT TRIGGERED ALL OF WORK AT THE TREATMENT PLAN. IT CALLED FOR ALL THREE DEFINITELIES OF GOVERNMENT A THIRD, A THIRD AND A THIRD. THIS IS SMART MOTION TO STEP UP, TAKE STRONGER NEGOTIATION POSITION WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. LOOK AT ACTIVITIES ACROSS CANADA AND INVESTMENTS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS. ONLY RECENTLY THE CITY OF VICTORIA DUMPED RAW SEWAGE RIGHT INTO THE OCEAN. THEY GOT FUNDING FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. OTHER CITIES PUSHED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR FUNDING. THE ENVIRONMENT HIGH ON THE PRIORITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN OTTAWA SHOULD BE PART OF THE PROCESS AS NOTED BY RESOLUTION. SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS DURING COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION OF THIS PROJECT. TAXES SIGNIFICANT. THANK YOU TO COUNCILLOR DOBSON AND COUNCILLOR MAYES. UNFORTUNATE THEY BOTH RECEIVED LAST MOTION AS

INFORMATION. I HOPE THEY VOTE TO KEEP THIS ALIVE. THAT IS MY THOUGHT. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

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

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I REALLY APPRECIATED THIS MOTION. REALITY IS WE ARE RECEIVING THIS INFORMATION AS WE HAVE BEEN HEARING REALLY THERE IS ONLY CERTAIN FEDERAL PROGRAMME THAT WE CAN APPLY TO, NONE OF THOSE PROGRAMMES TALKS ABOUT 70% OF THE COST OF THE NORTH END WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTRE WOULD BE COVERED. WE DO KNOW THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THERE ARE REVENUE BENEFITS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA THAT FAR EXCEED WHAT WE AS A CITY WOULD REALIZE FROM THE GROWTH THAT WILL BE ALLOWED BY THE BUILDING OF THIS NORTH END WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTRE. IT IS NOT THAT WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT IS WHAT WE WANT. REALITY IS IN TRYING TO WORK TOWARDS THIS, THE PROVINCE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WE ARE TRYING TO WORK ON WHAT WE BELIEVE IS -- WHAT WE NEED, MADAM SPEAKER. WE ARE DOING OUR BEST. WE DEFINITELY NEED THE ONE-THIRD FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. I WOULD POINT OUT THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BENEFITS THE MOST FROM ANY KIND OF GROWTH AND JOBS AND INCOME TAX AND ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT TAXES. WE HAVE SEEN THAT STUDY ON THE CHIEF PEGUIS TRAIL AND HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE FOR VARIOUS LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TO REALIZE NET ZERO COST IN TERMS OF COLLECTING TAXES AND REVENUES. I WOULD POINT OUT THAT ALSO I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS. MAYBE WHAT WE NEED, MADAM SPEAKER, IS A MOTION IN TERMS OF FUNDING BRAND NEW ARLINGTON BRIDGE. WE SHOULD GO TO INDUSTRY CANADA RAIL CROSSINGS DIVISION AND ASKING THEM TO HELP US COVER A MAJOR PORTION OF A NEW ARLINGTON BRIDGE AS WE KNOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT. CITY DOES BENEFIT. THOSE GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN FITTING WELL OVER 100 YEARS FROM ALL REVENUE GOING TO THEM. WE REALLY NEED THE PEOPLE LIVING AROUND THERE, WE APPRECIATE WE CAN GET JOBS NORTH END OR WHATEVER, AND SO THAT IS THERE. REALITY WE NEED ASSISTANCE IN TERMS OF FUNDING NEW ARLINGTON BRIDGE. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO GET 70%. REALITY THAT IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. HOPEFULLY WE CAN CONVINCE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RAIL CROSSINGS DIVISION TO HELP FUND A NEW ARLINGTON BRIDGE. AS I HAVE HEARD THEY FUNDED IN THE PAST IN SASKATOON THE COST OF A BRIDGE TO GO OVER THE RAILWAY. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER COUNCILLOR DOBSON.

COUNCILLOR DOBSON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS MOTION IS HOW WE AS CANADIANS SHOULD CHANGE HOW WE FUND MAJOR PROJECTS. FEDERAL PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE GREATER CAPACITY TO FUND PROJECTS OF THIS MAGNITUDE. WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR MONEY FOR SUBWAY NOR MONEY FOR A MONORAIL SYSTEM. WE ARE ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE IN OUR SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT TO MEET REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS TO REMOVE NITROGEN AND PHOSPHORUS. GOAL TO PROVIDE CLEANER WATER TO LAKE WINNIPEG TO PREVENT FUTURE ALGAE BLOOMS. COST OF THIS PROJECT IS IMPACTING OUR WINNIPEG SEWER AND WATER RATEPAYERS. WITHOUT SUPPORT, OUR WATER BILLS WILL GO EVEN HIGHER TO COVER THESE COSTS. WE NEED OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TO DO THEIR PART ON A LARGER PORTION OF THIS MEGA PROJECT. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR, BACK TO YOU.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR DOBSON FOR THIS MOTION. I ABSOLUTELY

AGREE WITH THE SPIRIT BEHIND IT THAT THE FEDERAL PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AS COUNCILLOR EADIE HAS SAID STAND TO GAIN ECONOMIC RETURN ON THEIR INVESTMENT MUCH MORE RAPIDLY THAN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG DOES. HOWEVER, ALSO AS COUNCILLOR EADIE SAID, REASON I VOTED TO RECEIVE AS INFORMATION IS REALLY ABOUT BEING REALISTIC. IN THE BUILD COMMUNITY STRONG FUND BE \$51 BILLION FEDERAL FUND. THERE IS NO FUNDING STREAM THAT CONTEMPLATES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTING 50% OF PROJECT COST. CITY OF WINNIPEG IS AS YOU HEARD ME SAY BEFORE WORKING WITH PROVINCE OF MANITOBA AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SECURE A THIRD AND THIRD AND THIRD FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT. THE TWO-THIRDS OUTSTANDING THAT WE NEED TO GET FROM THE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS A THIRD FROM EACH LOCAL GOVERNMENT WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON AND IT IS COMBINATION I BELIEVE OF APPLYING TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH THEIR PROVINCIAL TERRITORIAL STREAM. THAT STREAM REQUIRES PROVINCE TO MATCH WHATEVER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PUTS IN. WORK RIGHT NOW IS TO GET THE PROVINCE TO SECURE AND CLARIFY HOW THEY ARE GOING TO FUND THEIR ONE-THIRD OF THE PROJECT. CREDIT TO COUNCILLORS WHO WE VOTED FOR BUDGET. IN THAT BUDGET COUNCILLORS VOTED FOR THE ONE-THIRD OF CITY PORTION WHICH WAS I THINK A BIG STEP TO TAKE THE LEAD. ONCE WE GET PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT THIRD SECURED WE BELIEVE THAT WE KNOW THE PROVINCE CAN MAKE APPLICATION OR AFFIRM APPLICATION TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR ONE-THIRD SHARE AS WELL. MAY REQUIRE CITY OF WINNIPEG TO WORK WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW STACKING. IN THE PAST DIFFERENT ENVELOPES COULDN'T BE STACKED TOGETHER. YOU COULDN'T TAKE DOLLARS FROM ONE FUND AND ANOTHER SET OF DOLLARS FROM ANOTHER FEDERAL FUND TO STACK TOGETHER. IN THIS CASE WE BELIEVE THAT WE ARE WORKING HARD TO SEE THAT HAPPEN. IT CAN HAPPEN. THIS PROVINCIAL TERRITORIAL STREAM DIRECT STREAM AND COMMUNITY STREAM. WE WILL WORK WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO SEARCH EVERY ENVELOPE OF FUNDING TO LOCK UP GET SECURED THEIR ONE-THIRD SHARE OF FUNDING AS WELL. ALL OF THAT BEING SAID, AGAIN, APPRECIATE WHAT COUNCILLOR DOBSON HAS DONE HERE AND HIS INITIATIVE. I WILL SUPPORT RECEIVING THE MATTER AS INFORMATION BECAUSE REALISTICALLY THERE IS NO FUNDING STREAM FEDERAL THAT CONTEMPLATES 50% COST SHARE.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WITH THAT I WILL CALL THE QUESTION. ALL IN FAVOR OF ITEM 9 PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: GILLINGHAM, ALLARD, BROWATT AT THE, CHAMBERS, DUNCAN, DURAND-WOOD, EADIE, GILROY, LUKES, ROLLINS, SANTOS, SHARMA.

MADAME SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: COUNCILLORS DOBSON, MAYES, WYATT.

CLERK: 12-3.

MADAME SPEAKER: RECOMMENDATION FROM EPC CARRIES. NEXT ITEM 10.

CLERK: 2026 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT PARAMETERS UPDATE.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU TO OUR DIRECTOR HAZEL BORE AND THE DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER UPDATING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT PARAMETERS. I WILL WAIT TO HEAR FROM COLLEAGUES.

MADAME SPEAKER: FIRST SPEAKER COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: VOTE AGAINST IT.

MADAME SPEAKER: CALL QUESTION ON ITEM 10. IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. THAT IS NOTED. CARRIED. MADAM CLERK ITEM 14.

CLERK: PARK RENAMES, ODEON PARK TO KEVIN WALTERS PLAZA.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR DUNCAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ACTIVELY WORKING ON THIS OR SOMEWHERE WRITTEN LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF THIS PARK RENAMING. FORMERLY KNOWN AS ODEON PARK BE RENAMED TO KEVIN WALTERS PLAZA. HE HAD AN IMPACT ON ATTARS, PERFORMING, ENTERTAINMENT COMMUNITY. HIS WORK AND LEGACY LIVES ON. A WAY TO HONOR HIS MEMORY AND WORK AND IMPACT HE HAS HAD ON OUR COMMUNITY. I WILL WAIT TO HEAR FROM MY COLLEAGUES.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS. FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: I RISE TO ASK SUPPORT OF THIS COUNCIL IN A MEANINGFUL ACT OF RECOGNITION AND RENAMING PARK ADJACENT TO BURTON CUMMINGS THEATRE AS KEVIN WALTERS PLAZA. HE WASN'T JUST A FAN OF LIVE MUSIC HE WAS A PILLAR IN OUR ARTS COMMUNITY. HE WAS A FAMILIAR WELCOMING FACE OUTSIDE THAT VERY THEATER. HE REPRESENTED THE SOUL OF OUR LOCAL MUSIC SCENE, PASSIONATE, KIND AND UNWAVERING IN SUPPORT FOR ARTISTS AND CONCERT-GOERS ALIKE. RENAMING PARK IS NOT JUST ABOUT REWRITING HISTORY. IT IS ABOUT A STORY HONORING A MAN WHO MADE CITY CULTURAL HEARTBEAT STRONGER. WHY THIS LOCATION? PARK OUTSIDE BRITAIN THEATER SYSTEM WHERE KEVIN SPENT COUNT LESS HOURS, CONNECTED WITH PEOPLE, SHARED STORIES, CREATED SENSE OF BELONGING. THIS TRANSFORMS SIMPLE GREEN SPACE TO LIVING TRIBUTE WHERE FUTURE GENERATIONS GATHER BEFORE SHOWS JUST AS KEVIN DID OR HE WOULD HAVE WANTED. THIS ISN'T JUST A PLAQUE. IT IS A STATEMENT OUR CITY VALUES THE PEOPLE WHO BUILD COMMUNITY FROM THE GROUND UP. NOT JUST WITH BUDGETS OR BY-LAWS, WITH KINDNESS AND PRESENCE. SOME MAY ASK IS THIS RIGHT USE OF NAMING AUTHORITY? I WOULD SAY WHAT BETTER USE THAN CELEBRATING EVERYDAY HEROS WHO EMBODY SPIRIT OF NEIGHBORHOODS. THIS DOESN'T COST CITY ANYTHING IN REAL TERMS. GOODWILL IT GENERATES AMONG ART LOVERS AND RESIDENTS AND VISITORS IS IMMENSE. ALIGNS WITH GOALS SAFER MORE WELCOMING PUBLIC SPACES AND SUPPORT FOR ARTS. I ASK MY FELLOW COUNCILLORS TO SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE IN OUR CITY. WE SEE AND HONOR THOSE WHO MAKE A REAL CULTURAL DIFFERENCE AND RICHER LIFE. VOTE YES TO RENAMING THE PARK OUTSIDE THE THEATER AS KEVIN WALTERS MEMORIAL PLAZA. GIVE KEVIN A PERMANENT PLACE IN OUR LANDSCAPE THAT HE HELPED TO BRING TO LIFE. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAME SPEAKER: SEVERAL SPEAKERS. COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD: THANK YOU. THERE IS NO DOUBT KEVIN WALTERS MADE A LASTING CONTRIBUTION TO OUR CITY AND HELPED CEMENT THE PLACE IN CANADA. MANY HEART FELT LETTERS OF SUPPORT MAKE IT CLEAR HE LEFT A LASTING IMPRESSION ON WINNIPEGGERS INDIVIDUALLY AS WELL AND HE WAS A LEADER IN RECONCILIATION. NO QUESTION THAT WINNIPEG IS BETTER TODAY BECAUSE OF MR. WALTERS. HIS LEGACY SHOULD BE HONORED. AS I STATED LAST TIME WE VOTED ON RENAMINGS. I WILL VOTE IN OPPOSITION. I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR TO MR. WALTERS LOVED ONES. NOT ABOUT THE PERSON. IT IS RENAMING PROCESS. WE HAVE A COUNCIL ADOPTED POLICY WELCOMING WINNIPEG RECONCILING HISTORY WE SHOULD RESPECT AND ACTIVELY SUPPORT IN OUR JOURNEY OF RECONCILIATION AS MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. CONTINUING TO WAIVE THE POLICY SENDS THE MESSAGE WE ARE NOT COMMITTED TO RECONCILIATION. THAT IS NOT THE MESSAGE I WANT TO SEND. IN THE INTERVIEW REPORT TO THE MAYOR HE HAS GIVEN US A ROAD MAP FOR US GETTING BACK ON TRACK. WE CAN ACHIEVE IT WE NEED SUPPORT AND RESOURCES TO MAKE IMPLEMENTATION OF WELCOMING WINNIPEG POLICY VIABLE. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I RISE SIMILAR TO COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT KEVIN WALTERS MADE AN EXTREME CREATIVE PRESENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. HIS NAME IS WELL-KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. THERE IS NO DOUBT. THIS ISN'T ABOUT THE PERSON'S NAME BUT RATHER PROCESS THAT REALLY QUITE FRANKLY I WAS PROUD TO BE PART OF AT LAST COUNCIL. I THINK ONE THING THAT THE FORMER MAYOR BRIAN BOWMAN DID IS BRING IN THE SPIRIT OF POSITIVE CHANGES TO MAKE SURE AS CITY WE RECOGNIZE SO MANY PEOPLE THAT CONTRIBUTE EVERY SINGLE DAY. IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT WE HAVE A PROCESS THAT REALLY FOCUSES ON MAKING SURE THAT WHEN WE ARE RECOGNIZING PEOPLE THAT WE ARE DOING IT IN A RESPONSIBLE WAY, MADAM SPEAKER. YOU ARE SEEING THIS CAME FORWARD BY ANOTHER COUNCILLOR, IT DIDN'T COME FROM THE COUNCILLOR'S BOARD. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THIS HAS HAPPENED. UNFORTUNATE THAT WE DID NOT HAVE A PROCESS THAT WE ARE FOLLOWING HERE. I DO WANT TO RECOGNIZE, I THINK MANY OF US IN THIS ROOM IN ALL OF OUR WARDS HAVE PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE. I LOOK TO CREATE A MOTION TO HAVE HONORARY PARK SIMILAR TO STREETS WHERE WE CAN AS A COUNCILLOR IN THE AREA BE ABLE TO HONOR SOMEBODY IN A WAY THAT IS RESPECTFUL BUT ALSO KNOWING THAT DECADES AND YEARS AND YEARS LATER THERE MIGHT BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER COUNCILLORS TO HONOR SOMEBODY. IT IS HARD TO CHANGE A NAME OF A PARK OR STREET ONCE IT IS NAMED. IT FEELS LIKE IT IS DISHONORING SOMEBODY AT THE SAME TIME. WE HAVEN'T DONE BE WELL IN IMPROVEMENTS WE NEEDED IN TERMS OF HONORING. HOPEFULLY WE CAN LOOKING FORWARD. I RESPECT COUNCILLOR COLLEAGUES AROUND THE TABLE THAT WANT TO SEE THE NAMING OF KEVIN WALTERS. I KNOW HE IS WELL RESPECTED IN THE COMMUNITY. I DO HAVE TO KEEP WITH MY VOTING PATTERN ON THIS AND FEEL WE HAVE A PROCESS. I FEEL IT NEEDS TO BE FOLLOWED. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: FIRST OF ALL, I THOUGHT THAT COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS COMMENTS WERE SO BEAUTIFUL BECAUSE I THINK IT CAPTURED SOMETHING OF MR. WALTERS' HEART SO I WOULD LIKE TO THANK HIM THROUGH YOU. I AGREE WITH EVERYTHING COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD AND COUNCILLOR GILROY SAID. MY VOTE WILL BE DIFFERENT. IT IS A DIFFICULT THING. IT BREAKS WITH THE SOLIDARITY I HAVE HAD WITH COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD AND COUNCILLOR GILROY AND WHAT I BELIEVE ARE RESIGNED MEMBERS OF WELCOMING WINNIPEG. SOMETHING MOVED TO NEXT TERM.

SOMETHING I WILL ENDEAVOR WITH COUNCILLOR GILROY TO TRY TO GIVE AND BREATHE NEW LIFE IN, BUT WHAT I CAN'T IGNORE IS THE LEGACY OF AWARDS TO INDIGENOUS ARTISTS IN CITY THAT I CARE ABOUT. JAY IS THE OWNER OF THE PRODUCTION COMPANY MOJO MUSIC. SORRY, SHE RECEIVED THE KEVIN WALTERS MEMORIAL SONGWRITER AWARD. MATT MAC IS A MUSIC PRODUCER. HE WON THE KEVIN WALTERS MEMORIAL SONGWRITER AWARD IN 2025. ALLEN GRAY A MEMBER OF THE FIRST NATION, THAT I SAT WITHIN THE INDIGENOUS ADVISORY CIRCLE. FESTIVAL DIRECTOR AND RUNS ARTS ORGANIZATIONS AND MORE. HE RECEIVED KEVIN WALTERS LEGACY AWARD. LIKE THE VINCE FONTAINE AWARD WHICH IS ANOTHER HONOR WHERE THERE IS MORE AWARD RECIPIENTS. KEVIN WALTERS LEGACY HAS BOOSTED SONGWRITING AND MUSIC INDUSTRY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT COUNCILLOR GILROY AND DURAND-WOOD ISN'T RIGHT. SOMETIMES BOTH THINGS CAN BE TRUE. WHAT WE DO NEED IS TO REINVIGORATE THE GOOD WORK THAT WE DID, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT -- I BELIEVE I CAN SUPPORT THE PARK RENAMING AT THE BURTON AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BOTH THINGS ARE TRUE, MADAM SPEAKER.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I AM CONCERNED WITH THE FACT WE HAVE WALKED AWAY FROM THE ENTIRE WELCOMING WINNIPEG PROCESS. THIS IS A HIGH PROFILE PARK IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN. THERE IS OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO HONOR PEOPLE IN THE ARTS. GO TO OTHER CITIES, HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME, STARS IN THE SIDEWALKS. WE CAN DO THE SAME THING HERE TO HAVE STARS IN THE SIDEWALK NEAR THE THEATRE DISTRICT FOR THOSE THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE ARTS. I WOULD ALSO POINT OUT THERE ARE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS IN THE PARK THAT COULD HAVE BEEN NAMED AFTER KEVIN WALTERS, THE FOUNTAIN, WITH THE PARK BEING THE NAME. I BELIEVE AT ANY GIVEN TIME YOU CAN SEE THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY IN AND AROUND THIS LOCATION. IN THE DAY ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT THOSE STRUGGLING THE DESCENDENTS OF THE TRAUMA OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO MAYBE SYMBOLIC, FAR BETTER FOR RECONCILIATION TO CREATE REAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT CREATE HOPE. JOBS WITHIN THE POLICE SERVICE, TRANSIT, BRINGING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH INDIGENOUS BACKGROUND TO PUBLIC SERVICE. THIS IS SYMBOLIC. I THANK COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS FOR HIS COMMENTS. KEVIN WALTERS DESERVES RECOGNITION. THERE ARE WAYS TO HONOR THE GENTLEMAN AND AT THE SAME TIME ENSURE A PARK OF THIS HIGH PROFILE IN THE CENTRE OF THE CITY IS GIVEN AN INDIGENOUS NAME. THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATE IN THIS LOCATION, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN WHO BROUGHT THE MOTION FORWARD.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. VERY RICH COMMENTS BY COUNCILLOR FROM TRANSCONA WHO A FEW MONTHS AGO PUT FORWARD TO CHANGE A PARK NAMING AND ASKED FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES TO DO IT ON THE FLOOR OF COUNCIL. HE MUST HAVE HAD A COUPLE MOMENTS TO REFLECT IN RECENT WEEKS. I AM PLEASED TO RISE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TO RENAME THE ODEON PARK AS KEVIN WALTERS PLAZA. THANK YOU TO KEVIN DONNELLY FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR MANAGER OF FILM SPECIAL EVENTS KENNY BOYSE, A CHAMPION OF WINNIPEG. HE HELPED ME APPRECIATE THE INCREDIBLE IMPACT KEVIN WALTERS HAD ON WINNIPEG AND ENTERTAINMENT SECTOR. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE SOMEONE WHO HELPED SHAPE THE CULTURE IDENTITY OF THE CITY FOR THE DECADES HE TOOK PART IN THAT AND THOSE COMING TO THE FUTURE. KEVIN WALTERS WAS BUILDER OF WINNIPEG MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT COMMUNITY, SUPPORTED LOCAL ARTS, PROMOTED LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, ORGANIZE THE 2006 GREY CUP FESTIVAL AND PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE IN NATIONAL ATTENTION TO THE WINNIPEG ARTS AND MUSIC SCENE. LOCATION ITSELF MAKES THIS TRIBUTE MEANINGFUL. THIS

SETS DIRECTLY OUTSIDE OF THE BURTON CUMMINGS THEATRE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CULTURAL PLACE IN THE CITY CONCERTS, FESTIVALS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS. WHAT STANDS OUT MOST IS THE BROAD SUPPORT BEHIND THIS MOTION. LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM LEADERS ACROSS THE WINNIPEG ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND INDIGENOUS, TOURISM, SPORTS AND BUSINESS COMMUNITIES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THOSE. SUPPORTERS INCLUDED ORDER OF MANITOBA RECIPIENT ELDER BARB, ENTERTAINMENT LEADER LISA MECHE. EARL RAMVILLE. JACK HARPER, ALLEN REED PRESIDENT C.E.O. CANADIAN ACADEMY. LYNN SCURMEDIA, MARK CHIPMAN AND MANY OTHERS. I NOTED 23 SUBMISSIONS. THAT BREADTH OF SUPPORT SPEAKS VOLUMES ABOUT THE IMPACT MR. WALTERS HAD ON THIS CITY AND THE RESPECT THAT HE EARNED THROUGH THE COMMUNITIES. PUBLIC SPACES SHOULD REFLECT THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED BUILD OUR CITY NOT ONLY THROUGH BUSINESS OR POLITICS BUT THROUGH CULTURE, COMMUNITY AND BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER. KEVIN WALTERS DID EXACTLY THAT. RENAMING THIS PLAZA IN HIS HONOR ENSURES HIS LEGACY WILL CONTINUE TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF WINNIPEGGERS. PROUD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I HEAR THE OPPOSITION. I WOULD ENCOURAGE THOSE IN OPPOSITION AND IN SUPPORT TO DO THE SAME AND SUPPORT RENAMING OF KEVIN WALTERS PLAZA.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR DO YOU WISH TO CLOSE?

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WILL RISE TO THANK COLLEAGUES FOR THOUGHTFUL COMMENTS ESPECIALLY COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS AND GILROY, DURAND-WOOD, ROLLINS, DUNCAN, APPRECIATE THOUGHT TO THESE COMMENTS. INVITE YOU TO CALL THE QUESTION AND HAVE A RECORDED VOTE.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR PLEASE RISE.

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

MADAME SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: DURAND-WOOD, GILROY.

CLERK: VOTE 13-2.

MADAME SPEAKER: ITEM CARRIES. NEXT WE MOVE TO MOTIONS. MOTION ONE IS CIRCULATED. MOVE. SUSPEND RULE TO DEBATE TODAY. TRACK IN ST. JAMES WORD. COUNCILLOR MAYES MOVED SUSPENDING RULE TO HEAR ITEM TODAY. REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. THAT IS CARRIED. MADAM CLERK.

MADAME SPEAKER: NO NEED TO READ MOTION SPECIFICALLY. COUNCILLOR DOBSON TO INTRODUCE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: CALLING THE MOTION TO BE READ OUT FOR ALL OF US AND HIS BEHALF AS WELL.

MADAME SPEAKER: MADAM CLERK.

CLERK: MOVED BY DOBSON SECOND MAYES. THE DECISION DATED JANUARY 29, 2026 WITH RESPECT TO FUNDING FOR THE COLLEGIATES RUNNING TRACK RESCINDED APPROVED ONE PUBLIC SERVICE

ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENT WITH ST. JAMES ASSINIBOINE SCHOOL, \$92,725 FOR PICKUP OF ST. JAMES RUNNING TRACK PROJECT SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING CONDITIONS. A. IF PROJECT NOT COMMENCED IN TWO YEARS, FUNDS TO BE THE CITY. TWO. FUNDING SOURCE FOR GRANT BE ALLOCATED FROM SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE REPURPOSING REVIEW RECREATION PROJECT. 3. PROPER OFFICERS OF CITY BE AUTHORIZED TO IMPLEMENT INTENT OF FOREGOING.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DOBSON TO INTRODUCE THE MOTION.

COUNCILLOR DOBSON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WILL LISTEN TO COUNCILLOR COLLEAGUES ON THIS MATTER.

MADAME SPEAKER: FIRST SPEAKER. COUNCILLOR MAYES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: FORGIVE ME IF I GET EMOTIONAL. THIS IS A TON OF WORK STRETCHING OVER A FAIR BIT OF TIME. I SHOULD THANK COUNCILLOR DOBSON, WHO PUT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TOWARDS THIS. I WILL PUT A COUPLE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TOWARD IT MYSELF. THIS IS THE ADDITIONAL PIECE APPROVED AT STURGEON NOW AT ST. JAMES. NUMBERS DIDN'T WORK AT STURGEON THEY DO AT ST. JAMES. WE HAVEN'T DONE A TRACK IN ASSINIBOINE COMMUNITY. THIS IS THE LOGICAL PLACE TO GO NEXT. ALSO TO SOME EXTENT THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE. ST. JAMES SCHOOL APPROACHED US YOU HAVE DONE WORKS WITH OTHER DIVISIONS CAN YOU WORK WITH US? GREAT COOPERATIVE PROJECT WITH THE ST. JAMES ASSINIBOINE SCHOOL DIVISION, FORMER EMPLOYEE COUNCILLOR DOBSON IS HERE. COUPLE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE SAINT JAMES ASSINIBOINE SCHOOL DIVISION. IT IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE CAN ACHIEVE WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER WITH SCHOOL DIVISIONS. SOME PREFER CITY LAND. I WOULD PREFER A LOT OF THESE ON CITY LAND THE, CITY ADMINISTRATION OPPOSED THAT. IF YOU TALK TO SHAUNA THESE ARE SCHOOL-BASED FACILITIES. WE ENCOURAGE THEM AT THE SCHOOL. THIS HAS BEEN A PARTICULAR STRATEGY WE PURSUED NOT BECAUSE WE WANTED TO IGNORE CITY FACILITIES BUT BECAUSE THE CITY FACILITIES SIMPLY WEREN'T THE ONES WHERE WE HAD COOPERATION AND FUNDING TO DO TRACKS. WE HAVE DONE TRACKS WITH COUNCILLOR ALLARD, BROWATY, ORLIKOW AND PERHAPS IN THE FUTURE PERHAPS IF I AM HERE IN THE NEXT TERM I WILL DO ONE WITH TRANSCONA COUNCILLOR. WE DID TRY IT WITH BUT IT WAS A CITY FACILITY AND STAFF WEREN'T KEEN ON THAT. PERHAPS WE WILL DO ONE WITH COUNCILLOR DUNCAN. THAT WOULD BE A FINE THING. PERHAPS ONE IN THE TRAILS SCHOOL DIVISION WITH COUNCILLOR LUKES, THAT WOULD BE A TRIUMPH. THIS IS LAID OUT IN DETAIL OF THE HISTORY OF THE TRACK PROJECTS, HOW WE HAVE DONE THEM IN DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES, MANAGED TO COOPERATE WITH FUNDING SOURCES. THE HOUR TO DO THIS PROJECT. WE NEED TO ANNOUNCE BEFORE THE SCHOOL YEAR IS OUT. I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ST. JAMES ASSINIBOINE DIVISION AND THE TRUSTEE WHO IS A CHAMPION IN HER OWN RIGHT. IF IT DOESN'T PASS TODAY WE LOSE THE TRACK PROJECT. WE NEED TO PROCEED. I FORGOT TO MENTION WE OPENED UP THE TRACK IN GARDEN CITY. INVOLVED SIMILAR REALLOCATION OF FUNDING TO GET THAT FINE FACILITY BUILT WHICH IS HOUSED AT PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM FOR SOME YEARS NOW. MEMBER OF MAYOR'S STAFF SAID SON WAS ON RIVER EAST TRACK TODAY. THESE ARE VERY WELL USED. BUILT A SENSE OF COMMUNITY. TIME FOR ONE IN THE WEST END. THIS IS THE HOUR. IF WE DON'T DO THIS IT WILL CHANCE. I AM PLEASED TO SUPPORT IT. AFTER 8. [INAUDIBLE] 8 YEARS OF WORKING WITH COUNCILLOR DOBSON IT WILL BE QUITE A THING TO GET THIS DONE. APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION. I HOPE WE CAN ALL SUPPORT THIS GREAT AMENITY IN COUNCILLOR DOBSON'S WARD.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: I SUPPORT THIS MOTION. RUNNING TRACKS ARE GOOD THING. I WANTED TO SPEAK TO ONE PART. I DON'T KNOW WHEN IT COMES TO NEIGHBORHOODS, MADAM SPEAKER, AND COMMUNITIES BIGGER COMMUNITY, MADAM SPEAKER, WHAT DOES IT MATTER WHEN YOU HAVE PUBLIC ACCESS TO A RUNNING TRACK FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD? I RECENTLY FUNDED A SMALL RUNNING TRACK AT THE LANDS DOWN SCHOOL. THE PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ARE UTILIZING IT DURING THE EVENING AND I THINK THAT WHEN WE SUPPORT THAT AND I WOULD JUST IT DOESN'T WHAT DOES IT MATTER ON CITY-OWNED OR SCHOOL-DIVISION OWNED. IT IS ALL CROWN LAND OPENED BY THE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. PROVIDES GOOD THINGS. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE COULD DO IT. MY WARD WASN'T MENTIONED. THAT IS A SMALL TRACK. ST. JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL WHERE I WAS ON THE TRACK TEAM IN 1975-76. THOSE TWO YEARS, 19 77 AS WELL. WE COULD HAVE USED A TRACK THERE ALTHOUGH THE SCHOOLYARD IS A BIT SMALL. COUNCILLOR MAYES YOU MAY WANT TO SPEAK TO ME. WE WILL SEE WHAT HAPPENS IN THE ELECTION, BUT I AM A ST. JOHN'S TIGER. WE APPRECIATE ALL KINDS OF SPORTS AND RUNNING IS ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS TO DO. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR MAYES AND COUNCILLOR DOBSON. COUNCILLOR MAYES, YOUR TRACK RECORD ON TRACK IS QUITE IMPRESSIVE. WE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOWARDS A NEW TRACK AT RIVER EAST COLLEGIATE, MY ALMA MATTER. SEEING YOUR DEDICATION TOWARDS TRACKS AROUND WINNIPEG YOUR TRACK RECORD IS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE. I ENCOURAGE MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER. COUNCILLOR ALLARD.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. SPEAKING FRENCH].

MADAME SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR DOBSON, PARTICULARLY COUNCILLOR MAYES FOR THIS WORK. COUNCILLOR MAYES AND YOU HAVEN'T ALWAYS AGREED ON EXPENDING CITY FUNDS ON SCHOOL DIVISION LAND AND AS SETS. I WANT TO GIVE THE COUNCILLOR THIS. UNDENIABLE COUNCILLOR MAYES HAS BEEN A FORMIDABLE ADVOCATE FOR ENSURING GOOD RUNNING TRACKS TO GIVE KIDS, TEENAGERS AND IN FACT, THE ENTIRE PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOOD FACILITIES ACROSS THE CITY. HE HAS BEEN REALLY STRATEGIC TO PARTNER WITH COUNCILLORS TO BUILD UP THESE RUNNING TRACKS. NO MATTER WHAT, UNDENIABLE LEGACY THAT COUNCILLOR MAYES WILL BE ABLE TO LOOK BACK TO WE WILL ALL LOOK BACK TO. THE RUNNING TRACKS ACROSS THE CITY ON SCHOOL DIVISION LAND HAVE BEEN IMPROVED VASTLY AND GREATLY. I WANT TO COMMEND HIM. HE HAS AN IDEA AND FOCUSED AND WORKS EXTREMELY HARD TO GET ALLIES AND COLLEAGUES TOGETHER AND TAKES FUNDS OUT OF HIS OWN WARD TO GET THIS DONE. I AM GLAD TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE TODAY.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I WILL BE BRIEF IN MY COMMENTS. I HAVE VOTED IN OPPOSITION TO THIS

SINCE ITS BEING BROUGHT FORWARD BY COUNCILLOR DOBSON AND MAYES. THE REASON BEHIND THAT IS STRICTLY BECAUSE OF THE ASSETS WE HAVE CITY-WIDE WHEN IT COMES TO PARKS, ATHLETIC FIELDS. THEY ARE IN DIRE NEED FOR US TO SPEND THOSE FUNDS ON PROVINCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES SEEMS UNFAIR TO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS THAT REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT UPGRADES IN THOSE AMENITIES. WE HEAR HOW MUCH EVERY COUNCILLOR AROUND THE TABLE IS IN DIRE NEED OF FUNDS. THERE HAS BEEN FUNDS CREATED TO HELP PROMOTE THE INVESTMENT INTO OUR CAPITAL PARKS ASSETS AS WELL AS SOME OF OUR OPERATING COSTS. HAVING SAID THAT, THOUGH, I DO RESPECT COUNCILLOR MAYES' INITIATIVE HERE. IT IS IMPORTANT. I AM A CHAMPION FOR YOUTH IN SPORTS, CHAMPION FOR RECREATION, CHAMPION FOR FIELDS THROUGHOUT OUR CITY. THIS HAS MERIT. I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING HE HAS DONE THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF WINNIPEG AND I HAVE STRONG ALLY IN COUNCILLOR DOBSON IN ST. JAMES WHO DOES EVERYTHING HE CAN TO PROMOTE THE SAME QUALITIES THAT I APPRECIATE WHEN IT COMES TO BUILDING A STRONG COMMUNITY IN WINNIPEG. HAVING SAID THAT, I WILL BE CHANGING MY VOTE AND SUPPORTING COUNCILLOR DOBSON AND MAYES TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MADAME SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR DOBSON, BACK TO YOU TO CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR DOBSON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I CAN SEE ALL OF ST. JAMES RESIDENTS THANK THE HARD WORK OF COUNCILLOR MAYES. SAINT JAMES WILL BE A BETTER PLACE WITH THE RUBBERIZED RUNNING TRACK. ANYBODY THAT WANTS TO WALK, RUN OR WHATEVER ON THE RUNNING TRACK, THIS WILL BE SOMETHING THAT MANY OTHER AREAS WILL ENVY. SORRY ABOUT THAT COUNCILLOR EADIE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COUNCILLOR MAYES. WE CAN VOTE. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: RECORDED VOTE. IN FAVOR OF MOTION ONE PLEASE RISE.

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

CLERK: 14-0.

MADAME SPEAKER: MOTION ONE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. NEXT MOTION FINAL MOTION BEFORE RECESS MOTION TWO. MOVED BY MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: SUSPENSION OF RULES PLEASE.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. THIS IS THE MOTION TO INSERT VARIOUS COUNCILLORS INTO PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. MOTION SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: STRAIGHTFOR WARD. APPOINTMENTS TO RELATED COMMITTEES AND BOARDS OUTLINED THERE.

MADAME SPEAKER: OTHER SPEAKERS? WITH THAT I CALL THE QUESTION. ALL IN FAVOR. AYE. CONTRARY. THAT IS CARRIED. NOTED. THANK YOU. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE OUR LUNCH RECESS NOW. WE WILL RECONVENE AT 1:15 P.M. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. I WOULD LIKE TO RECONVENE OUR COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 28TH. WE ARE UNDER BY-LAWS. MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: BY-LAW 49-2026 BE READ FIRST TIME.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE RULE 10-1 OF THE PROCEDURE BY-LAW BE SUSPENDED TO CONSIDER AN ADDENDUM BY-LAW.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. AYE. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: 51 BE READ A FIRST TIME.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CARRIED.

CLERK: 51 OF 2026.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: 51 OF 2026 BE READ SECOND TIME.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

CLERK: BY-LAW 51 OF 2026.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I MOVE RULE 52 OF PROCEDURE BY-LAW BE SUSPENDED, BY-LAW 51 OF 2026 BE READ THIRD TIME TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE MAYOR. COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. THIS IS FOR THE MAYOR. ARE YOU AWARE AND HOPEFULLY RCO IS LISTENING. I HAVE BEEN HAVING ISSUES REGARDING OPEN DRUG USE AND CLEANLINESS IN MY WARD. I WANT TO ASK THE MAYOR ARE YOU AWARE I APPRECIATE THAT I CAN SEE THE CITY IS OUT THERE DOING SOME STUFF AROUND CLEANLINESS AND REMOVING PEOPLE FROM THE BUS SHELTERS? I DO WANT TO THANK THE CITY STAFF FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS AND LISTENING TO THE COMMUNITY. THIS HAS BEEN A REALLY TOUGH ISSUE FOR MY COMMUNITY THAT IS FACED WITH MANY ISSUES AROUND OPEN DRUG USE AND SAFETY IN THE AREA. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU FOR THE COMMENTS. THE CAO IS IN THE AUDIENCE. HE WILL PASS APPRECIATION TO RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: TERRACON DECIDED TO BRING FORWARD. [INAUDIBLE] SECONDARY THROUGH THE COMMITTEE AND APPLICATION THROUGH THE COMMITTEE A SPECIAL TREATMENT WAS DONE

WITH TERRACON. PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD, COMBINED AT EPC UNDER MAYOR SAM KATZ. MANY SHORTFALLS OCCURRED. TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT WAS ISSUED TO PARKS AND WE NEVER COLLECTED WHAT WE SHOULD HAVE ON JEFFERSON. ALL UPGRADES AT JEFFERSON OUT OF THE POCKETBOOK OF THE CITY DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE FACT WE HAD THIS DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNCIL. NOW, I HEAR THERE IS A COMBINED HEARING BEFORE EPC ON JUNE 15 FOR DEVELOPMENT IN MY WARD FOR TERRACON. SECONDARY PLAN IS BEING BROUGHT FORWARD WITH APPLICATION. CAN MAYOR CONFIRM THIS IS CORRECT OR NOT CORRECT?

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I WILL LOOK INTO THIS.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: NO PUBLIC CONSULTATION. IS THE MAYOR AWARE OF THAT?

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I HAVE TO TAKE THAT UNDER ADVISEMENT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: IS MAYOR AWARE THAT A SECONDARY PLAN IS UNDERWAY FOR 20 PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD EX TEN CONSULTATIONS FOR JUNE 22. THIS SENDS A MESSAGE TO COMMUNITY ONE DEVELOPER IS BILLIONAIRE. HE HAS THREE P3s IN THE CITY. SHOULDN'T BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY THAN OTHER DEVELOPERS IN THE CITY. IS MAYOR AWARE OF DEVELOPER DOWN THE STREET.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I AM AWARE THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL MEETINGS. WE WILL TAKE THIS UNDER ADVISEMENT. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE MAYOR? COUNCILLOR WYATT?

COUNCILLOR WYATT: ANY UPDATE ON THE REC-PLEX?

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: NO CHANGES SO FAR. REGARDING THE REC-PLEX IF WE HAVE UPDATE WE WILL SHARE.

MADAME SPEAKER: CONCLUDES QUESTION PERIOD. STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE WATER WASTE ENVIRONMENT. NO REPORT TODAY. WE WILL GET INTO QUESTION PERIOD. QUESTIONS FOR OUR CHAIR? QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLOR EADIE? SEEING NONE. NEXT IS STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES. WE WILL HAVE QUESTION PERIOD. NO, WE WERE ASKED ABOUT THAT. THANK YOU. COMMUNITY SERVICES.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: I WOULD INTRODUCE THE REPORT DATED MAY 4, 2026 AND MOVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1-4.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. QUESTION PERIOD UNDER THIS COMMITTEE. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLOR SANTOS? NEXT IS STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: I WILL PULL ONE AND GO THROUGH 2-6.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: ITEM 4 AS WELL.

MADAME SPEAKER: TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: NUMBER 5.

MADAME SPEAKER: LEFT TURN SIGNAL ON GRANT. 2, 3, 6. ALL IN FAVOR? CONTRARY. CARRIED.
MADAM CLERK.

CLERK: PROPOSED TRANSIT CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 IMPLEMENTATION.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR LUKES TO INTRODUCE.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT AGAIN THAT EVERY TIME WE MAKE CHANGES TO SCHEDULE OUT OF FOUR QUARTERS OF THE YEAR, WE HAVE GOT MORE REVISIONS COMING FORWARD AND MORE RESPONSES TO FEEDBACK THAT WE HEAR. WE HEAR A LOT OF FEEDBACK. NOT AS MUCH AS INITIALLY. I DO THINK PEOPLE ARE LEARNING HOW TO USE THE SYSTEM. THESE ARE RESPONSES TO CHANGES AND REQUESTS TO CHANGES THAT ARE OCCURRING. I THINK IS IT IS VERY POSITIVE. INFORMATION CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY RIGHT NOW. AGAIN, I ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO IF THEY HAVE ISSUES OR CHALLENGES TO SEND THEM IN, TO SEND THEM TO E311. I DO WANT TO SPEAK TO THE DELEGATION ON THE FACT THEY MENTIONED THE VARIOUS BUS STOPS. ALL OF COUNCIL SUPPORTED AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS UNANIMOUS. MAJORITY SUPPORTED PUTTING INFRASTRUCTURE BUS STOPS, PLATFORMS, COMFORT STATIONS, HAVING THE CITY DO THAT AFTER WE CHANGE THE ACTUAL ROUTING. THE REASON FOR THAT WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THE ROUTING WAS ABSOLUTELY IN LINE WITH WHERE WE THOUGHT THE BUS STOPS ARE GOING TO GO. WE ARE EXPERIENCING THIS, MAKING CHANGES, ADJUSTING BUS STOPS AND DOING VARIOUS THINGS NEXT YEAR. THAT IS WHAT WE VOTED ON. WE HAVE FUNDING FOR THAT. I JUST WANTED TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THIS. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: THIS WAS STOOD DOWN BY.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: ME. I RISE TO ADDRESS THIS REPORT. IN MY WARD THE FX2 IS A REPLACEMENT OF THE 54 AND 14 THAT RAN IN SOUTH ST. VITAL. WHEN THE PRIMARY TRANSIT NETWORK WAS BEING CONSIDERED AND IMPLEMENTED, OF COURSE, ALONG ST. MARY'S ROAD SOUTH OF MEADOW WOOD, THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE ON THE WEST SIDE OF SAINT MARY'S ROAD. SO MUCH SO WHEN THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE BEING CONSIDERED WE ARE LOOKING AT PARKING RATIOS. OF COURSE, DEVELOPERS ARE SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER. REDUCED PARKING RATIOS ON THE BASIS SAINT MARY'S ROAD IS A TRANSIT CORRIDOR. CURRENTLY THE FX2 DOES NOT GO DOWN AS FAR TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO MANY RESIDENTS WHO RELY ON THIS SERVICE. AGAIN, CHANGES THAT ARE COMING FORWARD HAVE BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED HERE IN THIS REPORT. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE CHANGES HAPPEN THAT IMPACT POSITIVELY IMPACT RESIDENTS OF SOUTH ST. VITAL FX2 AND RESTORATION OF ROUTE FURTHER DOWN ST. MARY'S TO BURLAP AVENUE. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: MADAM SPEAKER AS ONLY ONE TO VOTE AGAINST TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN, TRANSIT MASTER PLAN. I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY JUST OVER LUNCH TO SPEAK TO THE WOMEN OUTSIDE, RESIDENTS, SENIORS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CAME TO PROTEST THE TRANSIT SYSTEM. I

CAN HONESTLY SAY I HAVE BEEN HERE A NUMBER OF YEARS, I HAVE HEARD MANY DELEGATIONS OVER THE YEARS. THESE AREN'T SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS, NOT INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE LEFTWING OR RIGHT WING AX TO GRIND. NOT TYPICAL GROUP AT CITY HALL. PEOPLE WE NEVER HEAR FROM. THEY ARE AVERAGE CITIZENS REALLY STRUGGLING. THEY SHARED WITH ME THEIR STORIES ABOUT THE DIFFICULTIES THEY ARE HAVING. SENIORS I SPOKE TO THE DIFFICULTIES WITH LACK OF CONNECTIVITY, AMOUNT OF BUSES. THEY HAVE TO WALK BETWEEN CONNECTIONS. THEY HAVE TO WAIT IN THE COLD BEFORE THEY TAKE ONE BUS. I CAN TELL YOU I FEEL THEIR CONCERNS ARE VERY LEGITIMATE AND SINCERE. NOTHING WRONG WITH SAYING IT WAS WRONG. IT IS A LOT OF WORK AND EATING CROW. I HAVE EATEN CROW IN THE PAST AND I WILL AGAIN. FOR THE SAKE OF OUR RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY SENIORS, ALL OF THEM MOTHERS, PARENT AND GUARDIANS. ALL OF THEM ARE STRUGGLING, STUDENTS. I HAVE FRIENDS AND DRIVE THEM TO DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT BECAUSE THEY HAVE DIFFICULTY GETTING AREN'T. A FRIEND IN COUNCIL MEMBER CHAMBER'S WARD THAT HAS TO WALK BLOCKS. HE IS YOUNG. HE CAN DO IT. OTHERS HAVE DIFFICULTY. IT IS REALLY UNFORTUNATE THAT WE CAN'T SAY, LOOK, NICE EFFORT. RAPID TRANSIT, BLUE LINE IS BETTER BECAUSE OF THE FACT YOU HAVE STAGES HEATED THAT PEOPLE CAN GET TO. THEY CAN WAIT AT THE STATION. WHEN WE INSTALL SHELTERS WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE PROBLEMS WITH REGARDS TO WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE STREETS WITH URBAN HEALTH CRISIS. WE HAVE ISSUES OF SAFETY. WE HAD ISSUES WITH THE TRANSIT SYSTEM. ISSUES PERTAINING TO CLEANLINESS OR LACK THEREOF. TO ADD THIS ON TOP OF IT. FOLKS ARE REALLY FEELING IT. YOU KNOW, I HATE TO QUOTE RICHARD NIXON. GREAT SILENT MAJORITY ARE FRUSTRATED, WORK, CONTRIBUTE TO ECONOMY, PART OF ECONOMY. THEY ARE SHIFT WORKERS, OFTEN THEY ARE IN JOBS THAT PAY MINIMUM WAGE OR SLIGHTLY ABOVE. TAKING TRANSIT. SOME HOUSEHOLDS WHERE ONE PARTNER HAS CAR AND ONE TAKES TRANSIT. IT IS AFFECTING EVERYBODY WE CAN RECOGNIZE THAT AND THE CONCERNS ARE LEGITIMATE. NOT A SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUP OF ANY KIND. AVERAGE FOLKS IMPACTED BY A DECISION WE SHOULD RESCIND AND GO BACK. I KNOW EGO GOT OUT. SO WHAT? OUR EGO. PUT IT ASIDE AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR RESIDENTS THEY ARE AFFECTED DAILY. IT IS NOT GOING AWAY. WE SHOULD GO BACK TO OUT ROLLS NOW. WE HAVE SEEN THE EFFECT DOWNTOWN. I IMPORE THEM TO RECONSIDER THIS. FOLKS ARE CONCERNED SPEAKING OUT AND WANT TO BE HEARD. THEY HAVE A LEGITIMATE CONCERN. SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD BE SERIOUSLY TAKING BACK AND RESCINDING IT, RETURN THE ROUTES THAT WE ONCE HAD. IT WASN'T IDEAL. I AGREE. IT WAS A HECK OF A LOT BETTER THAN WHAT WE HAVE NOW. THAT IS FOR SURE. WE NEED TO EXPAND THE FLEET TO ADD MORE BUSES. CHALLENGE WAS NOT ROUTES. THE BUSES WERE FULL, PACKED AT RUSH HOUR. AGAIN, NOT EVEN BUS DRIVERS WERE PROPERLY CONSULTED ON THIS. I TALKED TO THE DRIVERS ABOUT THIS. THIS WAS DONE BY MANAGEMENT AND DONE SOMEWHAT RUSHED. IT IS NOTHING WRONG TO GO BACK AND IMPLEMENT OLD PROGRAMME OF OLD ROUTE SYSTEM. WE LEARN FROM IT AND GO FORWARD FROM THERE. TO CONTINUE ON WITH THIS, TINKERING WITH IT DOESN'T ADDRESS WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING OUT THERE. DOESN'T ADDRESS WHAT IS HAPPENING OUT THERE. THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS. I IMPORE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WITH POWER AND AUTHORITY TO REVISIT THIS TO DO SO, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM SPEAKER. I WANT TO TOUCH ON CHARLES TUXEDO WESTWOOD. IT IS NOT IN THE PLAN I AM CONFIDENT WE CAN COME TO A RESOLUTION SOONER RATHER THAN LATER IN REGARDS TO FX3 UNDER UTILIZED TO CHARLESWOOD. DESIRE FOR MORE DIRECT ROUTE. 66 GRAND AND EXPRESS. PUBLIC SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGED AN AREA TO LOOK AT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO CHAIR OF PUBLIC WORKS. I APPRECIATE YOU HEARING ME OUT ON

THAT. THE POINT I DID BRING UP TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CAO IS LOOKING INTO THIS FURTHER. MANY OF US HEARD THIS FROM OUR RESIDENTS. BUSES COMING BY HOUSES THAT BUSES NEVER CAME BY BEFORE, SHAKING WINDOWS, RATTLING CHINA. A GRANULAR ROAD IN CHARLESWOOD AND HERE IS A FULL-SIZED BUS THAT YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD BEFORE. THAT IS THE ON-REQUEST SERVICE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THOSE ROADS ARE NOT UP TO URBAN STANDARD AND WILL FAIL IN A HURRY, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE OUR FLEET RUNNING ON GRANULAR ROADS WHEN THERE ARE ROAD RESTRICTIONS OUT. CHAIR ACKNOWLEDGED THIS AS WELL. AS I SAID, CAO IS ON TOP OF IT. MESSAGE TO RESIDENTS. SOLUTION WILL BE COMING FORWARD. REVERTING BACK TO OLD SYSTEM. I WOULD SAY THAT WOULD BE ONE WAY OUT, HOWEVER, IF WE LOOKED AT ALL CHANGES THAT TRANSIT HAVE MADE UP TO THIS POINT AND HOW THE NEGATIVE CROWD THIS WILL NEVER WORK THIS IS SLOWLY DISSIPATING. IT WON'T PLEASE EVERYONE. HOW ABOUT INSTEAD OF GOING BACKWARD IN TIME MOVE FORWARD AND LOOK AT FUTURE CHANGES TO THE SYSTEM TO BE MORE FREQUENT AND BETTER SERVED BY WINNIPEGGERS. WE KEEP WHAT WE HAVE AND IMPROVE WHAT WE HAVE. I THINK THAT WOULD BETTER SERVE WINNIPEGGERS THAN RIPPING EVERYTHING OUT, WASTING TAXPAYER DOLLARS, GOING BACK TO COUNCILLORS ARE WELCOME TO THEIR OPINIONS. IT WAS NOT BELOVED BY EVERYONE. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR LUKES TO CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: TO GO BACK TO OLD ROUTES. I RECALL COUNTLESS CALLS AND ISSUES ABOUT THE OLD ROUTES. PASS UPS AND EVERYTHING. WE ARE BUILDING A NETWORK TO GROW OUR CITY ON. WE ARE NOT GOING BACK TO OLD SYSTEM. THE DRIVERS, OF COURSE, ARE NOT TAKING THE BUS THEY ARE DRIVING THE BUS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THEIR FEEDBACK. THEY GOT POSITIVE FEEDBACK ABOUT ABILITY TO USE NEW ROUTES TO CONNECT TO BE ON TIME. YES, CHALLENGES WITH CONSTRUCTION. BIGGEST CHALLENGE WE DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING THAT WE REALLY COULD USE TO DO THIS NETWORK IN A NUMBER ONE CLASS SITUATION. WE ARE BUILDING, CHANGING, BUILDING ROUTES FOR A CITY THAT IS GROWING. I HAVE NO PART OF GOING BACK TO THE OLD SYSTEM.

MADAME SPEAKER: ITEM 1 IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. THAT IS NOTED. ITEM 4.

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN. CURB SIDE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR LUKES. THAT WAS STOOD DOWN BY COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS. COULD YOU, CHAIR, SHED SOME LIGHT ON IT, PLEASE.

IN OUR TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN WE DIRECTED PUBLIC SERVICE TO COME BACK TO STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING WITH PROGRESS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS. LOOK AT NUMBER 4, 5, 6. WE DIDN'T WANT THEM TO GO AWAY AND NOT COME BACK WITH ANY UPDATES. WE ARE ASKING FOR AN UPDATE. THEY NEED MORE TIME. THAT IS BASICALLY WHAT THIS IS. CURB SIDE MANAGEMENT IS ONE MIGHT THINK IT FALLS UNDER PARKING AUTHORITY. HOW DO WE MANAGE CURBS, LOADING ZONES, NO PARKING, TEMPORARY PARKING? WE MANAGE CURBS FOR DELIVERIES AND PICKUPS AND PARKING. THEY WORK WITH PARKING AUTHORITY ON THIS BECAUSE THE PARKING AUTHORITY ENFORCES IT. THEY ARE THE LEAD ASKING FOR TIME TO COME BACK.

MADAME SPEAKER: FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR LUKES TO CALL THE QUESTION. FAVOR ITEM 4.

CONTRARY. CARRIED. THAT IS NOTED. MADAM CLERK, NEXT ITEM.

CLERK: ITEM 5. LEFT TURN SIGNAL ON GRAND AVENUE AND HANEY STREET.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I RISE TO THANK THE COMMITTEE, YOURSELF, COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS AND OUR CHAIR. I POLLUTED THE COMMITTEE WITH NEEDS FROM CHARLES TUXEDO WESTWOOD THAT HAVE BEEN OMITTED IN THE PAST FEW TERMS. THERE IS MORE TO COME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE PEOPLE THAT USE THE CENTRE TURNING OUTBOUND ON TO HANEY AND THE DOG PARK WILL APPRECIATE THE INCREASE IN SAFETY AT THAT INTERSECTION. THANK YOU TO THE COMMITTEE.

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR LUKES TO CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: CALL THE QUESTION ITEM 5.

MADAME SPEAKER: FAVOR, CONTRARY? CARRIED. WE HAVE A NOTICE OF MOTION. MOTION 3 WHICH IS MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MAYES, SECOND DOBSON REGARDING WARD AVENUE TO APPEAR NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA. NO BY-LAWS TODAY. NOTICE OF MOTION. WE HAVE QUESTION PERIOD NOW. COUNCILLOR WYATT. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHAIR.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ON MONDAY PERTAINING TO CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE DEMOLITION OR BEGINNING DEMOLITION OF THE ARLINGTON BRIDGE. APPARENTLY, THE CONTRACT, MUCH OF THE DETAIL WAS VERBAL IN TERMS OF THE REPORT IN TERMS OF WRITING. THE CONCERN IS RAISED AT THE TIME HAD TO DO WITH LIABILITY. CITY HAS SET ASIDE \$900,000 FOR LEGAL LIABILITY. THE RAILWAYS INDICATED THERE WOULD BE AN INTERRUPTION ON RAIL TRACK BECAUSE OF THE DEMOLITION OF THE BRIDGE. LIABILITIES AS HIGH AS \$1 MILLION A MINUTE TO THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. THAT WOULD BE SELF-ASSURING FOR THIS PROJECT. COULD THE CHAIR EXPLAIN TO THE COUNCIL WHY THIS HAD TO BE SO URGENTLY BROUGHT FORWARD IN THE MANNER THAT IT WAS. WHAT SAFEGUARDS ARE IN PLACE TO THE CITY OF WINNIPEG?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: THIS IS THE CONTRACTOR TO DECOMMISSION ARLINGTON STREET BRIDGE. I WILL CALL IT PHASE ONE. THEY CALL IT PHASE TWO. CONFUSION ON MARKING. PHASE TWO A FOR SOUTH END OF THE BRIDGE THEY ARE DECOMMISSIONING. THE REASON THAT IT WAS URGENT WAS BECAUSE THE CITY HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE RAIL LINE FOR A VERY LONG TIME TO DETERMINE WHEN WOULD BE THE IDEAL TIME TO START CONSTRUCTION -- DEMOLITION ON THIS SECTION OF THE BRIDGE WHEN THE RAIL LINES WEREN'T BEING USED AT PEAK CAPACITY. IT TURNS OUT THERE IS A TWO-MONTH PERIOD IN JULY AND AUGUST THE RAIL LINES FEEL THEY WILL ALLOW THIS TO OCCUR DE MISSING OF THE FIRST PHASE. THERE IS A LOT OF CONVERSATION BACK AND FORTH. THEY WERE NOTIFIED. I DON'T HAVE THE DATES A WEEK AND WEEK AND-A-HALF. WE ARE WAITING TO HEAR WHEN WE CAN START. THEY HAD TO ISSUE THE CONTRACT. WE, MAJORITY, APPROVED DEMOLITION. WE KNEW WE WERE DOING THIS. WAITING UNTIL THE RAIL LINE TOLD US. NOW WE HAD TO GET THE CONTRACT OUT THE DOOR. VERY FEW COMPANIES THAT DECOMMISSION BRINGS OVER ACTIVE RAIL LINES. WE HAVE A COMPANY TO DO IT. THEY HAVE TO PREPARE, PREP, GET READY THEY HAVE A WINDOW IN JULY AND AUGUST, HOPEFULLY WEATHER IS GOOD AND THINGS GO AS PLANNED. THAT IS WHY IT WAS URGENT. IN RELATION TO LIABILITY, I WILL GET BACK TO YOU. IT IS A LIABILITY ISSUE. I

WANT TO BE 100% ACCURATE. I WILL GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT.

MADAME SPEAKER: SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING WHAT THEY ARE DOING REMOVING PART OF THE GIRDERS OVERHEAD ON A THIRD OF THE BRIDGE. WAS THERE ANY SORT OF ENGINEERING REPORT DONE TO ENSURE REMOVAL OF IT DID NOT CREATE LIABILITY? THE ROAD LANES AND EXISTING STRUCTURE THAT WILL REMAIN IN TERMS OF STRUCTURE. WILL REMOVING THOSE GIRDERS ENSURE THAT STRUCTURE IS IN THE AIR?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: THEY DIDN'T PRESENT THE ENGINEERING REPORT. WE ARE NOT ENGINEERS. THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A CHALLENGE. THEY ARE WORKING WITH THE RAIL LINE THAT IS CONCERNED ABOUT ANYTHING THAT IMPACTS THEIR MOVEMENT. I AM GOING TO SAY I AM SURE THEY HAVE STUDIES AND ENGINEERING WORK DONE. RAIL LIFE WOULD NOT LET THEM PROCEED IF THEY FELT THERE WAS HIGH RISK OF REMAINING PORTION OF THE CAMELBACK. MIDDLE PORTION OF BRIDGE COLLAPSING. I HAVE TO TRUST THE RAIL LINE IS WORKS CLOSELY AND KNOWS WHAT THEY ARE GET FROM THE DEMOLITION COMPANY.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I HOPE YOU CAN GET THAT INFORMATION. RAILWAYS MAY NOT BE CONCERNED. MY UNDERSTANDING AND I COULD BE WRONG THAT THE SCRAP METAL WHICH TYPICALLY STEEL IS WORTH A LOT THESE DAYS FOR CERTAIN COUNTRIES PREPARED TO PAY FOR IT. THERE IS NO VALUE TO THE CITY THE SCRAP METAL THIS WILL GENERATE?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: THE METAL WAS 100 SOME YEARS OLD THEY WOULD RECOUP WHAT THEY COULD, NOT LARGE AMOUNT.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: WE STOOD ON PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. FIRST QUESTIONING THAT PEOPLE COULD LISTEN TO. RECORDED MEETING WHERE WE GOT A LOT OF CHANCES FROM PUBLIC SERVICE SOME PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE ANYTHING PUBLIC SERVICE SAYS. A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT HAS BEEN GONE INTO WITH ZPKC, EXPERTS TO DEMOLISH A BRIDGE OVER A RAILYARD. NOT JUST A TRACK. THERE IS NOT THAT MANY COMPANIES. MADAM SPEAKER, I DON'T KNOW. IF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO LIABILITY WHICH I ASKED. ANSWER IS THAT THERE IS \$900,000 WORTH OF EFFORTS TO LIMIT ANY POSSIBLE DAMAGES THAT MAY HAPPEN AND CPKC AND THE REASON THERE ARE SO MANY HOURS WORTH OF WORK. GENERAL CONTRACTOR HAS TO EVERY DAY FOR 10.5 HOURS STARTING IN JULY HAS TO PROVIDE 15 MINUTE INTERVAL OF ACTIVITY IN THE YARD ASSOCIATED WITH PHASE 2A.

MADAME SPEAKER: QUESTION FOR THE CHAIR.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THE QUESTION IS DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT THAT LIABILITY? ANSWER \$900,000 WORTH OF RISK OF AVERSION INTO EXTRA COSTS TO PREVENT ANY POTENTIAL DAMAGE.

MADAME SPEAKER: A LOT OF CONVERSATION THAT DAY AT COMMITTEE.

I STILL WANT SOMETHING IN WRITING FOR COUNCILLOR WYATT.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: I RISE TO REMIND THE CHAIR, DOES THE CHAIR RECALL CPKC INDICATED THE WORK CAN ONLY COMMENCE BETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST WHICH IS WHY WE HAD TO MAKE A DECISION TO ALLOW THIS WORK TO START IN JULY.

I DID CHECK WITH THE CLERK. AS SOME OF YOU MAY REMEMBER. I MOVED A MOTION QUITE A FEW YEARS AGO TRYING TO GET US MORE TIME TO REVIEW OUR PORTS INSTEAD OF 96 HOURS YOU ORIGINALLY HAD. I MOVED MOTION FOUR BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE REPORT COMES FORWARD. THAT WAS VERY IMPORTANT. WE HAVE TIME TO REVIEW AND READ REPORT. SOMETIMES DECISIONS HAVE TO BE MADE ON SHORT NOTICE. THAT IS WHAT THE SPECIAL MEETING IS FOR. I DID VERIFY WITH THE CLERK.

MADAME SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? THAT CONCLUDES QUESTION PERIOD UNDER THIS COMMITTEE. NEXT IS STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. NO REPORT NO MOTIONS NO BOY LAWS. QUESTIONS FOR CHAIR? QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLOR BROWATY? NEXT IS STANDING POLICY ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I INTRODUCE REPORT MAY 6, 2026, MOVE ADOPTION OF CONSENT ITEMS 1-13.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: NUMBER 5. I HAVE TO LEAVE THE ROOM. STAND DOWN NUMBER 13, PLEASE.

MADAME SPEAKER: ITEM 13. RE-ZONING ON 900 McLEOD AVENUE. I WILL CALL THE QUESTION ON CONSENT. 1-4. 6-11 AND 12. ALL IN FAVOR. AYE. CONTRARY. CARRIED. WE CAN DEAL WITH NUMBER 13. WE CAN DEAL WITH NUMBER 5.

CLERK: EXTENSION OF TIME ON RE-ZONING LAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF COURT AVENUE EAST OF PIPELINE ROAD.

MADAME SPEAKER: MR. CHAIR.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: PLEASE CALL THE QUESTION.

MADAME SPEAKER: ITEM 5 IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. GIVE A MOMENT FOR COUNCILLOR WYATT TO RETURN. FINAL COMMITTEE THEN TO GOVERNANCE.

CLERK: ITEM 13. RE-ZONING 900 McLEOD AVENUE.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN TO INTRODUCE THE ITEM.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I WILL HEAR FROM COUNCIL COLLEAGUE.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: I RISE. THIS WAS PASSED AT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE. I SPOKE ON MANY ITEMS

TODAY. MY OPPOSITION IN THE NEGATIVE. ALTERNATIVE VIEW I SUPPOSE. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF SOMETHING POSITIVE. THIS IS BROUGHT FORWARD BY. [INAUDIBLE] IN THE WARD OF EAST KILDONEN ON THE BOUNDARY OF THE TWO WARDS. I JUST WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS FOR ONGOING WORK TOWARDS EXPANSION. WHILE THE COMMUNITY HAS GROWN IMMENSELY ALL-OVER NORTHEAST WINNIPEG AND CONTRIBUTION THIS COMMUNITY DOES FOR THE GENERAL WELL-BEING OF CIVIC BODY AND THE CITY IS TREMENDOUS. RECENTLY LAST FALL WE WERE ABLE TO HOLD A PUBLIC CELEBRATION NOT TOO FAR FROM HERE AT GARBAGE HILL BEHIND THE HIGH SCHOOL. WELL ATTENDED BY THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. I JUST WANT TO CONGRATULATE MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN STEADFAST ON THIS PROJECT, RAISED CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS. DO A LOT TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. THEY SPOKE AT OUR COMMITTEE. I WANT TO THANK THEM HERE ON THE FLOOR OF COUNCIL FOR ONGOING WORK. I KNOW COUNCIL BROWATY AND DURAND-WOOD THANKED THEM IN THE COMMUNITY WHEN THEY WERE THERE. THANK YOU.

MADAME SPEAKER: NEXT SPEAKER COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: I ECHO MOST COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUE IN REGARDS TO THE WONDERFUL WORK AND IMPORTANT SERVICE THEY PROVIDE. I HAVE VISITED THEM MANY TIMES. THEY ARE VERY WELCOMING TO EVERYONE. NOT SOPHISTICATED IN TERMS OF MASSIVE PROPERTY DEVELOPERS. THIS WAS PREVIOUSLY BEFORE COUNCIL. AT THAT TIME WE WENT THROUGH THE PROCESS. THEY WERE IN THE PROCESS OF OTHER FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY MISSED THE DEADLINE TO EXTEND THE APPROVALS THEY ACHIEVED. TO ASSIST THEM IT WAS IDENTICAL TO WHAT THEY PREVIOUSLY MADE. COMMITTEE AT THAT TIME CHOSE TO WAIVE THEIR DEVELOPMENT COSTS. LESS ADVERTISING. YOU HAD TO PAY TO ADVERTISE IN THE FREE PRESS. WE PUT IN THAT MOTION PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WITHDREW THAT EXCEPTION. NOW THEY ARE FORCED TO PAY FOR THE APPLICATION WHICH THEY PREVIOUSLY VOTED FOR. I AM SUPPORTING THE PROJECT. CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE WE HAVE WAIVED FEES AND THIS IS APPROPRIATE PLACE TO DO SO.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN TO CLOSE. [INAUDIBLE] I WILL CALL THE QUESTION. IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. NEXT IS THE BYLAWS UNDER THIS COMMITTEE.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I WILL MOVE THE FOLLOWING BY-LAWS READ FIRST TIME 47-2026, 48, 2026 AND 50 OF 2026.

MADAME SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY.

CLERK: BY-LAWS 47, 48 AND 50 OF 2026.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I MOVE THAT BY-LAWS BE READ SECOND TIME. 90, 121 OF 2025 AND 402 OF 2026.

MADAME SPEAKER: CARRIED. 90, 121 OF 2025 AND 42 OF 2026. IN FAVOR. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I WILL MOVE BY-LAWS 90 OF 2025, 121 OF 2025 AND 42 OF 2026 BE READ THIRD TIME TO BE SIGNED AND SEED.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: 52 OF 2026 BE READ FIRST TIME.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

CLERK: 52 OF 2026.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: 52 OF 2026 BE READ SECOND TIME.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

CLERK: 52 OF 2026.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I MOVE RULE 502J PROCEDURE BY-LAW 50 OF 2007 BE SUSPENDED BE READ A THIRD TIME AND SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. QUESTION PERIOD. ANY QUESTIONS FOR CHAIR. COUNCILLOR WYATT.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THIS MATTER IS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. CHAIR RECALLS WORK GOING ON WITH REGARDS TO THE JASON SCHREYER MEMORIAL PARK. FACILITIES THEREABOUTS. I KNOW A YEAR AGO THIS WAS HIGH PRIORITY. NO BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT IT WAS VERY UNFORTUNATE. IS THERE ANY PROGRESS BEING MADE, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, ON THAT WORTHY PROJECT IN MEMORY OF OUR COLLEAGUE?

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. I RECALL SOMETHING FROM THE DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER I BELIEVE AS YOU MENTIONED THE ISSUE IS WITH CAPITAL FUNDING THROUGH THE BUDGET OR OTHERWISE. TO MY KNOWLEDGE IT HAS NOT BEEN FUNDED TO THIS POINT. I CAN FOLLOW UP WITH YOU ON IT.

MADAME SPEAKER: SECOND QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: TO THE CHAIR'S POINT EARLIER PERTAINING TO PARK NAMING, THIS WOULD BE A PUBLIC PARK. I SUPPOSE THAT YOU WOULD SUPPORT THE NAMING HE WAS NOT OF INDIGENOUS CONSENT WITH REGARD TO NAMING OF JASON SQUIRE MEMORIAL SQUARE.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I DON'T WANT TO GIVE HOPE THIS WILL COME UP AT THIS EXACT LOCATION. I WOULD CONSIDER NAMING A PARK IN MEMORY OF JASON SCHREYER, OUR LATE COLLEAGUE.

MADAME SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR WYATT THIRD QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR WYATT: THIS DOES INVOLVE PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER COMMITTEES, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE, PUBLIC WORKS. WOULD THE CHAIR BE ABLE TO FOLLOW UP WITH PUBLIC SERVICE AND EPC TO SEE IF THIS CAN BE SOMETHING TO BE DONE TO MAKE SURE THIS IS COMING FORWARD AND SOMETHING IS BROUGHT FORWARD IN MEMORY OF THEM PRIOR TO THE ELECTION.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I WILL DEFINITELY FOLLOW UP WITH MY COLLEAGUES INCLUDING AREA COUNCILLOR HERE.

MADAME SPEAKER: CONCLUDES QUESTION PERIOD UNDER THIS COMMITTEE. NEXT IS GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE. BY-LAW SECTION. COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: I REQUEST THAT BY-LAW 46-2026 BE READ FIRST TIME.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR, CONTRARY. CARRIED.

CLERK: 46 OF 2026.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: BE READ A SECOND TIME.

MADAME SPEAKER: FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

CLERK: 46 OF 2026.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: RULE 50/2 BE SUSPENDED AND BY-LAW 46 BE READ THIRD TIME TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAME SPEAKER: IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. THAT CONCLUDES OUR MEETING. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN WILL YOU MOVE ADJOURNMENT. IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. STAY FOR ROLL CALL, PLEASE. MADAM CLERK.

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

MADAME SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MEETING ADJOURNED.