COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
Thursday, May 22, 2025

The Council Met at 9:43 a.m.

The Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

In accordance with Rule 11.1 of the City of Winnipeg Procedure By-law No. 50/2007, the Speaker acknowledged that we are in Treaty One Territory, the home and traditional lands of the Anishinaabe (Ojibwe), Ininew (Cree), and Dakota peoples, and in the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. Our drinking water comes from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, in Treaty Three Territory.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Eadie.

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: Thank you, I would like to introduce or pages for today's meeting. Let's welcome Danielle Gatiwan from St. John's Highschool who resides in the Mynarski Ward and Vladyslav Tanasiichuk from St. James Collegiate who resides in the St. James Ward. Welcome, thank you for serving Council today. We will now move into morning announcements. Mr. Mayor, you have the floor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Good morning to you and all my colleagues, and those who are here with us in the chamber and those watching online. Just a few announcements this morning. One is related to the recent education school tax changes. We are all aware the Provincial Government has made some significant changes to school taxes this year. I know many of you received calls from residents that are not seeing that new school tax program on their tax bills. As an update, our staff are working closely with the Provincial Government to explore options to ensure that homeowners can receive this Provincial credit this year. I want to commend our public service, specifically our CFO Tracey Graham, our City Assessor, Tim Austin, and the Chair of Finance, Councillor Browaty, for their work on this. I know they were even meeting with Provincial officials over the long weekend. I know Tim Austin for example and Tracey both were taking calls and making calls on Sunday, the long weekend on this matter. So, thank you very much to them. And we continue to work with the Province to try and help them find a solution for this. I want to take a moment also to acknowledge that Pride Winnipeg kicks off this weekend. It's a time to celebrate inclusion, diversity, and the 2SLGBTQ+ community and to keep working toward a city where everyone feels safe and welcome. So, I encourage everyone who can to take part, whether it's going to the rally or joining the parade, or showing support in your own way. Pride is about being visible and standing together. Let's all help make this a great celebration. I also want to acknowledge that this week is paramedic services week. Paramedics are some of the quiet heroes in our emergency services system. They show up in people's worst moments, when they are hurt, or when they are scared or sick, and they do it with incredible skill and compassion. And I want every one of our paramedics to know, on behalf of all of us, how much they are appreciated and valued for the work that they do. Two final items; one: Congratulations to our Winnipeg Jets on an outstanding season, really a record season. Winning the President's trophy and having a fairly long run in the playoffs here with a very memorable game seven of round one that I think will stick with us as Jets fans for many years to come. Also, congratulations to all the members of Parliament who were elected in this last federal election. Those who are returning members of Parliament, those who are new MPs for our city. I did have the chance to reach out to all the City of Winnipeg members of Parliament of various parties. One more call to make; called them to congratulate them on behalf of all of us. I did have a meeting with several of the liberal MPs to reiterate the City of Winnipeg's priorities and call upon them to continue to work with us, and their Federal Government to work with the City of Winnipeg on implementing and really funding, and strategically working together on the City's priorities. Again, thank you to each one for your ongoing dialogue with members of Parliament and elected officials of other levels of government for us to really accomplish what we need to accomplish in this city, we need to continue to work with our Federal and Provincial partners. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Next is Councillor Mayes, followed by Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Mayes: Thanks Madam Speaker. Just a brief announcement that we've got set up for Monday of next week, the good folks at Miles Mac Collegiate have offered to host a contingent of City Councillors, friends, staff, for a reach for the top game in honor of our late colleague Jason Schreyer. So, if you can make that, Monday at about 12:00 p.m. and Councillor Rollins to her credit has been organizing a bit of a fund-raising effort, the details of which I won't go into, related to that. So, if you can please talk to Councillor Rollins, before end of day Friday, or talk to me, we are kind of coordinating this under Sherry's leadership. So, bit of initiative related to that for our late colleague Jason Schreyer. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Councillor Wyatt followed by Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise…I thank the Mayor for announcing pride. I would like to also just add that at pride this year I know a lot of members of Council may be at FCM on that same weekend. But we are going to have a fundraiser for Two Ten Recovery which is second stage and third stage of recovery housing to help people coming out rehabilitation so that they have a success and a chance at life and turning their lives around, becoming productive members of society. And the fundraiser is this, we are getting a dunk tank, and it is going to be dunk the hunk, at pride. And so, anybody can buy balls and throw the balls. We're going to do the same in the following weekend, after dunk the hunk, we are going to have dunk the politician at the Transcona Hi Neighbour festival, which is the following weekend. So, I invite all of you to come join me in the dunk tank. You are back from FCM at that time, Mr. Mayor, I am throwing down the gauntlet, and we'll both be able to get in the dunk tank and all the money being raised is going to go to the charity of Two Ten Recovery, it's going to be a great cause. So, Hi Neighbor festival is the weekend after pride, so we have pride coming up not this weekend, but next and the following weekend Transcona Hi Neighbour festival and we invite everybody out. All my colleagues are welcome to join me in the dunk tank and bring your most colorful bathing suits. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I am the politician (inaudible).

Madam Speaker: Councillor Duncan, will you be in the dunk tank dunk? Ok but we would like to hear your morning announcement. Thank you.

Councillor Duncan: Madam Speaker, unfortunately I rise today to reflect on the passing of a friend, former colleague and former elected official, Pembina Trails School trustee Stu Nixon. Stu was a passionate educator, tireless advocate for youth, and deeply respected leader in our community of Charleswood and surrounding football community. For over 35 years he committed himself to shaping lives of young people, most notably during his two decades at Oak Park High School, where his football program became a source of pride, not just for the school but for all of Charleswood and beyond. Many of his former players went on to earn scholarships and play at the highest levels, a testament to Stu's mentorship, discipline and unwavering belief in their potential. Since being elected as a trustee for Pembina Trails school division in 2002 Stu brought that same dedication to his role in public service. He was thoughtful, collaborative, and always grounded in his values of inclusion, respect, and the community. His work with his colleagues on the board and senior administration helped build the culture where every student, staff member could feel safe, supported and seen. Stu's loss is obviously heart breaking for his family, first and foremost, but also for the many lives he touched as a teacher, coach, trustee, and neighbour. We as community loved him very much so. We will miss his wisdom, his friendship, and his steady presence. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time. He was a true champion for our city and province.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Duncan for your thoughtful remarks. Thank you. Councillor Rollins, our final speaker.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise on a matter that, you know, really, we all watched I think as a Council and to acknowledge the fire paramedic service, but indeed the working overtime of fire paramedic service and volunteer firefighters that's been happening throughout the province. I was in Korea representing Winnipeg and Council at the human rights…world human rights conference while my husband's small town of Lac Du Bonnet burned, Madam Speaker. And, you know, I got on the phone with Chief Schmidt, because Transcona was still burning as I took off, Madam Speaker. And I remember last council how we came together and really looked at air quality, Madam Speaker, and we really looked at fire safety and prevention, including going outside the border of our city on that prevention with the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service. And I was proud about those decisions that this council made. Indeed, we need to look further, Madam Speaker, I'm a proponent of a national fire administration service here in Canada. And I'm a proponent because really great brothers in arms like Lauren Schinkel from Lac Du Bonnet has really been on the front line working tirelessly along with all those other municipal officials and local governments including Brokenhead, Madam Speaker, including The Pas, who had the climate disaster that is fires burning in their community and a frozen lake, so the fire suppression couldn't really be activated. Madam Speaker, I think it is time that we recommit to leaning in towards climate justice and climate change and also working with the Federal Government on a national fire administration service. And that is why I was so pleased to be joined by my

colleague, Councillor Marcus Chambers, on the climate caucus call yesterday. And I'm so pleased to be on the climate caucus calls as I have been since talking about them to our Environment Chair, Councillor Mayes. So, Madam Speaker, I just wanted to rise, my family in Lac du Bonnet lost some beloved friends. And I believe they are victims of climate change. I believe they are victims of the fire that took them so suddenly because that is what can happen. And as our fire paramedic service works on saving us from the grass fires and more, we just need to respect the changes that are happening and lean into what is needed, Madam Speaker. So, thank you for giving me the time.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Rollins.

MINUTES

Councillor Dobson moves the minutes of the meeting held on April 30, and May 2, 2025, be taken as read and confirmed.

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

Councillor Duncan: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to move suspension of rules to hear from Jana McKee, Seven Oaks Immigrant Services Center, on item 2 of the PP&D agenda.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Duncan. That would be the lease at Garden City shopping centre, the expression of interest. This would be our only delegation. All in favor of suspension of the rules? Contrary? That is carried. There will be five minutes with no questions. Welcome to you, Jana McKee.

DELEGATIONS

Jana McKee: Thank you. Good morning, Madam Speaker. I am really pleased to share some comments, my perspectives with you on the library that's being suggested to be put at the Garden City shopping centre. As I stated, my name is Jana McKee, program director of Seven Oaks Immigrant Services. I have been in this role for over 15 years, and I have a strong understanding of the needs of the newcomer community in our area. Libraries serve a wide group of people. When I was younger, I used it, my kids growing up, they used it, my neighbors use it. Many folks I know, and I work with use it. Libraries are important spaces from computer access to programming access, to other services, books and other media material. Libraries are community hubs. This proposed location is accessible by bus, considering Garden City is a main depot. It's easy to walk to and has lots of parking for cars. New developments all in the northwest area of Winnipeg, they are considered car communities. I hope that the new bus routes will support the residents in the north in accessing the city and Garden City. Garden City is a central location of the northwest area. Some libraries are brick and mortar, but this location is in the heart of the area and in a mall. People and families can do multiple tasks, they can get kids hair cut, go grocery shopping, return or pick up new books all in one location. I want to thank my Councillor, Devi Sharma, thank you Madam Speaker. You have advocated for a long time for expanded services in northwest Winnipeg (inaudible) as it grows. I want to thank the Mayor for his leadership and all of Council for the importance being placed on library services.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Jana, we appreciate you coming today to put your comments on the record. Thank you. Have a great day. No further delegations.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED MAY 13, 2025

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to introduce the report and move adoption of consent agenda items 1 to 8.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes, 5. Okay, City of Winnipeg rapid housing initiatives' been pulled. And that is all. Call the question on items 1 to 4, 6 to 8. All in favor? Contrary? That is carried. Madam clerk.

Item 5 – City of Winnipeg Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) Round 3 – Distribution of Program Contingency Funds

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: I will just wait to hear from my Council colleagues, thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be voting in favor of the report. But what it highlights is really what our housing crisis, what our housing challenge is at this stage, which is a challenge around affordable housing, not so much housing affordability. You'll remember when Director Boris presented to us on the malls and corridors. She started by saying, in essence, where we have crisis is in lack of affordable housing. There's no doubt that single family homes, condominiums, etc., homes in Winnipeg are certainly much cheaper than the average home in major cities like Vancouver, Montreal, Toronto. Yet we are faced with a federal program that has one set of rules that is coming to us in two weeks or so, in that the Housing Accelerator Program that has one set of national rules. We are straining to come up with a made-in-Winnipeg solution relative to that. So, what this program, and U of W folks have done a very fine job, really have taken a leadership role in housing downtown. The challenge for us is in affordable housing. So, in a couple of weeks, we will be standing here, and it is not a crisis of the missing middle housing. We are already at over 1300 units, the target we had for the 36-month program was for 1026 units, so we are already 30 percent over what we sought to attain through the housing accelerator for missing middle, so we are fine on that. It's not a crisis about simply increasing housing at the top end and increasing supply somehow in the belief that that will drive down the price into an affordable housing range. It is also not about, we have had some talk here in the past about how we have to do these programs otherwise, because if we don't the City will go bankrupt. And I think that has been discredited or if we do this program, we won't need to build major road projects, won't need to do Kenaston or Chief Peguis. Well Council has spoken on that, we voted to proceed with those, and the Public Service has spoken on those, the Public Service has taken an extremely public position that those projects have cost-benefit...have a benefit, a net benefit. In fact, Peguis at 900 million was listed as having a net benefit because it will unlock more suburban development. So let us not have an (inaudible), a lecture and dispute in a few weeks time about how if we just do more of the housing accelerator fourplex kind of stuff, well, we will be able to avoid all of these major infrastructure projects. Council voted to proceed with the major infrastructure projects, the horizontal infrastructure, the new roads, the new suburban development. That was Public Service position, that we should do this and that would have a net benefit for the city. So, what this will come down to is a debate about we've got to do this to get Federal money and that is a fair debate. The exact details of what we must do have yet to be sorted out. So, I hope we keep that in mind when we are debating three-plexes, four-plexes. Shouldn't some of that be mandated to be affordable? Shouldn't it? Why would we have a whole debate about affordable housing crisis and then completely ignore that in the debate about a major housing initiative? So, none of the debate we are going to be having in two weeks time pertains to infrastructure money. That has all been allocated and none of that is for the four plexes or three plexes. The missing middle target that we were told we had to attain, long since gone. We have overshot it; we are in great shape we are more than 30 percent over the target already. 15 months into a 36-month program. So, keep in mind, when we are sitting here in two weeks, starting June 2nd for that hearing on housing let's remember the issue of affordable housing. I'm sure there will be amendments talking about whether we should include some affordable housing requirement as part of that initiative. I think that will bear serious consideration. Obviously, it's a public hearing we can't...we have to approach it with an open mind, and I think we all will. I just want to flag that concern at this end. What we will be debating in a few weeks time is not about the City's bankruptcy or it's not about avoiding major roads, it's not about missing middle housing. It is going to be about, A: we have to do this program to qualify for Federal funding and that is okay, but let's keep in mind the crisis here, as stated by the Director, as stated by the (inaudible), is an affordable housing crisis. So, we will have opportunity in a few weeks time to make some statements about affordable housing. To close, people in my ward have said look, you are going to sell off houses that are 240,000 dollars, have them torn down to have a new building going up and these units, it's not going to be condos, it's not going to be owner occupied, it is going to be rental. You are not going to have four owners in there; it is going to be rental. And these units, history has shown us, have not been affordable housing by any definition. The rental units have been costing 2,000 and 1,800 that's the sort of market in Glenwood. So, keep that in mind in a few weeks time when we are here, let's put some weight behind the affordable housing part of this accelerator as we debate how we are going to make a made in Winnipeg solution around the fourplexes. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor to close.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. You can call the question, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: All in favour of item 5. Contrary? That is carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

Madam Speaker: Next, we have a notice of motion that is circulated. Moved by Councillor Wyatt second by Councillor Chambers. Regarding the renaming of Kildonan Meadows Park to Lucki Family Park. Councillor Wyatt, I understand you would like to suspend the rules.

Motion No. 1
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Chambers,

WHEREAS Kildonan Meadows Park, located at 1120 Devonshire Drive West in the Transcona Ward, is a well-used public green space that anchors neighbourhood recreation and community gatherings;

AND WHEREAS Joseph "Joe" Lucki, born in North Point Douglas in 1934 to Ukrainianimmigrant parents, served the Town and later the City of Transcona as a police officer from 1959 until his retirement in 1989, rising to the rank of Detective and earning the Police Exemplary Service Medal for 30 years of distinguished, community-focused policing;

AND WHEREAS during his career Officer Lucki routinely undertook multifaceted duties, including firefighting, emergency medical response, public-health enforcement and court prosecution, reflecting an extraordinary commitment to public safety in a rapidly growing community;

AND WHEREAS after his daughter Patricia's tragic death in 1989, Joe Lucki and his late wife Isydora channelled their energy into civic volunteerism, beautifying Transcona through awardwinning horticulture, serving as long-time Fan Ambassadors for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, and supporting city-wide sporting events such as the Pan Am, Canada, and Indigenous Games;

AND WHEREAS on 27 April 2024 Officer Lucki, now approaching his 91st birthday (3rd October), received a prolonged standing ovation from more than 500 attendees, including Premier Wab Kinew, Chief of Police Danny Smyth and Winnipeg Police Association President Cory Wiles, at the Annual Police Officer Ball Gala, underscoring city-wide appreciation for his lifetime of service;

AND WHEREAS while some commemorative park renamings are paused while the Public Service undertakes a comprehensive review of the Welcoming Winnipeg policy, it would be a reasonable and respectful gesture to facilitate this renaming expeditiously;

AND WHEREAS renaming Kildonan Meadows Park in honour of Joe Lucki would publicly recognize his decades of professional dedication and volunteer contribution, inspire civic pride, and preserve the legacy of a family that has exemplified community-minded citizenship in Transcona and in Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. *That given Joseph Lucki's distinguished 30-year career of service as a City of Winnipeg police officer, his extensive volunteerism, and the community wide support for this renaming outlined in the attached letters, the Welcoming Winnipeg Policy be waived in this instance.*

2. *That Kildonan Meadows Park at 1120 Devonshire Drive West be officially renamed "Lucki Family Park"*

3. *That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing*

Councillor Chambers: Move suspension of the rules to hear this matter.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Chambers moves suspension to hear the item today and that would require, Mr. Clerk? Ten or eleven? Two-thirds, that's right. Okay and the package has been circulated here. Would you like to speak on the nature of the suspension?

Councillor Chambers: Yes, just very briefly. The motion here...to hear a motion that is drafted by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by myself. It is a motion to honor Joe Lucki who was a constable in Transcona for the Transcona Police Department before it amalgamated with the City of Winnipeg. Joe Lucki is a 91-year-old.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers I am more getting at the time sensitive nature. If you would just like to speak to that.

Councillor Chambers: Yes, which I was about to. Joe Lucki is a 91-year-old veteran of Winnipeg Police Service. And time is of the essence in terms of wanting to rename the park in honor of he and his wife. His wife passed away last year, and we are looking at getting this done in a timely manner.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, with that I will call for suspension of the rules. All in favor please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Dobson, Duncan, Eadie, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos, Wyatt.

Nays

His worship Mayor Gillingham and Councillor Sharma.

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 13, Nays 2.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, we will hear the item today. Councillor Wyatt, if you would like to speak to the item please.

Councillor Wyatt: Madam Speaker, the motion is very self-explanatory…if there is anybody who wishes to speak to it, I would refrain from speaking until my closing comments. But I would call the question unless there is anybody to speak to it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: I would like to see a park named for the gentleman who has obviously got a stellar record. However, I'm…and Councillor Wyatt had talked about suspending rules and I am fine with that. What I am not fine with is yet again going back to people in my ward and saying now there are three of you that have been waiting more than three years because of the Welcoming Winnipeg process, keep waiting, keep waiting. So, I guess should I come in here and claim you are all misogynists because you are against suspending rules to name parks for women suddenly. I thought we had a process, I thought we had a process.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes, we have got a motion before us. I understand your comments, but we have a policy coming forward, policy change. Could we speak to this today?

Councillor Mayes: Yes, so we have a policy change, so we are going to suspend rules for today to hear the item. So, we are going to suspend the whole Welcoming Winnipeg process for one park…so I am not sure. So is the policy then are we getting rid of the policy? I mean, it seems to me a little confused shall we say. You can come and lecture me about (inaudible). I am just at the point of...I have been waiting multiple years. We have people withdraw their names because they get so fed up with the way...I guess if you can jump the queue, you can jump the queue. Good work by Councillor Wyatt doing that. I will be back next month, I guess, with a lengthy list of people one by one by one by one, and Councillor Lukes will probably do the same. Councillor Lukes has done some good work getting parks named in her ward. I you would be delighted to support this if we had a coherent procedure, but we don't. So, we're talking about amending the procedure, so now we are going to exempt somebody from the procedure. I don't know, I mean, people pass away. Councillor Schreyer passed away, we thought we had decades left with him. We didn't. I would very much like to see a park named for this person I'd like to see parks named for the people in my ward who I nominated three years ago, and it's been trapped in the bureaucratic quagmire. And you can point fingers on that all you want and I am sure the Welcoming Winnipeg would say if you adequately directed us and resourced us...and God knows Mr. Armbruster there has been trying, to his credit, as did Michael Jack. I will support this when it comes around again, I might even support it today. But obviously the land rush will be coming, and I will have at least three at the next Council meeting. You can't just start exempting people from certain policies and then rebuke the rest of us for following policies. You just can't.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Councillor Duncan, followed by Councillor Allard.

Councillor Duncan: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be brief in my comments. Thank you very much for bringing this forward, Councillor Wyatt. And thank you very much for your service, as I had mentioned at the Police WPA gala a few years ago, Mr. Lucki. I think Councillor Mayes hit it on the head here. This is a process and at the end of the day Council is supreme. So, if we want to make a decision to vote on this today it is up to Council, it is not up to any SPC, it is not up to any committee that sits there. Council has this authority and if we wish to exercise it that is up to Council. I look forward to anybody else bringing forward any other motions that require suspension of rules that I can either support or not support along with a lot of factual evidence that we can review. The timing of this could have maybe come sooner but at the end of the day we make the decisions around here. And to pass the buck, probably not a great idea. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have…well first of all welcome to Mr. Lucki to the chamber. I have done a little bit of research regarding what appears to be exemplary work by this citizen for the City of Winnipeg. And I think I will be supporting this motion, but I do want to read a headline from bbc.com from September 27, 2023. Justin Trudeau apologizes after nazi veteran honored in parliament. So, I raise this, not to say that there is anything is wrong with this particular nomination. But I think that a modicum of vetting and a modicum of process would be good. Because we don't have a lot of information other than the motions being presented to us today. And I find it to be unfortunate to have…I feel that I need to express these words in the presence of Mr. Lucki, who appears to have led a life of exemplary public service. And I think it is unfortunate the way this is coming forward. I notice the Mayor voted in opposition to suspending the rules. Sometimes people have exemplary public records and there are things that we don't know about these people and there is a reason that we have this process. The Police Board has a process on nominations. We have had quite a bit of media on that, and quite a bit of things can happen through that vetting process. And so, I think this nomination looks to be a good one, I have no reason to believe that it is not a good one, but I also know that there hasn't been a thorough vetting process and that if there is list of names that comes forward from some of my colleagues. Some of those names may be problematic and we may not know that they are problematic until there is a headline like Justin Trudeau apologizes after nazi veteran honored in Parliament. And so, I believe I will be supporting this. This process, with all due respect to my colleagues, is not good, it's very not good. Thank you, Mr. Lucki for your service. I would hope that my colleagues in the future use a little bit more discretion with the influence that they have as local City Councillors and give due respect to their colleagues in terms of considering these nominations and having the time to do so and being able to do...reflect and not have person being honored in the chamber while we have these deliberations because I do not think that is fair to Mr. Lucki either. Thank you for your consideration.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, there is quite a package that has circulated here before us. Councillor Chambers, should I call on you to speak at this time and maybe you can speak to the package before us.

Councillor Chambers: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. And I do rise in support of this motion this morning. As you can see there is a bit of a history of Mr. Lucki's service to the City of Winnipeg, which is pre-dated by his service to the City of Transcona. You will also see in the package that he has received commendations and letters of support by the previous Chief of Police, the current Chief of Police, he has received a letter of support by the late Nelo Altomare as well as myself. Again, this is all information that is contained within this package that alludes to not only the service that Mr. Lucki has provided in a lengthy period. But also, the sacrifices that his family has made, losing his daughter in the late 80s to a drunken driver and again as reiterating what I said earlier, losing his wife last year. This is a way of honoring the service that he provided to the City and a way of acknowledging the sorrow and pain that he felt as a father losing his daughter. Madam Speaker, thank you for that opportunity to present this morning.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers. Any further speakers? Councillor Gilroy?

Councillor Gilroy: So, I want to rise because this is unfortunate, I did support allowing it to be heard but I really do believe that we have a process here and I really feel that it is unfortunate how this was brought forward. I am even kind of uncomfortable with the fact, I am not sure if as Councillors we should be actually being the ones putting names forward. Those should be coming from the community members…so it is an uncomfortable issue that I have with that. I do think that we have a process, I signed onto the Indigenous accord because I believe that we need to make changes here. And I feel really uncomfortable with the fact that I'm circumventing the rules in order to prioritize somebody. As so, as much as I respect and honor the heritage of many people that come forward that do a crazy amount of wonderful things for our community. And I think that that is important that we recognize those people, but I don't want to…I want to make sure that we are following the rules, and we are really honoring the process that we put forward in order to ensure that when we are naming things, we are having a process that is being reflective of

everybody in our community. And so that is why I won't be supporting this moving forward. I do note that the Councillor asked the family to be here for this debate, which I feel is unfortunate, but I do want to thank the person that is here today for his service and this is not about the person. It is about a process that we need as a City to follow. And I really caution us to really think about if we should be naming parks as Councillors, and if that should be coming from us. But anyways, I want to close with that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. Any further speakers? Councillor Eadie?

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in favor of renaming a park for Mr. Lucki and his wife. I have had the honor of meeting him at a couple of Winnipeg Police officers' galas. He seems like a fine respectful man, provided a lot of service to Transcona. Even when the City of Winnipeg amalgamates and his wife, of course, a lot of good works. So, I am supporting this, Madam Speaker, I will be voting to allow this. I just wanted to speak to a couple of things. We are having the Welcome Winnipeg policy relooked at, coming back with something that could be workable. And, you know, I am not sure that the Indigenous community is really happy with any police officers today or decades in the past. We are on a path of reconciliation. I have signed the accord. But Mr. Lucki is a fine gentleman, there is no inappropriate activity. In fact, he is delivering services to Winnipeggers for all of those years. But, you know, I think the difficulty in thinking about this, there was that process. I think I mentioned this, Madam Speaker, when I had seconded the motion by the Mayor to have us to re-evaluate and relook at it. Reconciliation is not about retribution or revenge in terms of what happened in the past. Reconciliation is looking for opportunities actually to acknowledge the Indigenous peoples of Winnipeg and Manitoba in our communities, because as I said in my thought of the day, for thousands of years the Indigenous people were gathering here at the rivers quite often and living and moving around. And the Metis of course, with the Red River Metis. So, I think in reconciliation we should be reflecting and looking at the opportunity for Welcoming Winnipeg Committee to explore and look for ways that we could actually acknowledge the Indigenous, Metis people of Winnipeg and Manitoba. I think that would be an improved policy in that, because right now really the process is untenable. We heard from Councillor Mayes and I understand his frustration. And I am just going to conclude, well, I wanted to mention that there are processes to have a vote on Council not through the Councillor, but you do not want to prevent a Councillor from bringing forth a motion to name or rename something because we are elected by the people of our wards, we represent those people. And, you know, we also vote that have an effect on people all over Winnipeg. All 15 of us today but I just want to leave that note. And I want to thank Councillor Wyatt for bringing forth Joe Lucki and his wife and renaming this park. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Any further speakers? We can go to you, Councillor Wyatt, with the closer.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to thank all the speakers. If I could just start with Councillor Mayes. I definitely share Councillor Mayes' frustration. I can assure Councillors Mayes and other Councillors, Councillor Allard has spoke to this, that I have been holding off bringing names or bringing parks forward when I saw last year Councillor Browaty had a park in his ward that went through the process, had a negative recommendation and I said, well I am not sure how that is going to work. So, that is why I held off on this and then when I saw the motions come earlier this year with the Mayor regarding a review of policy and the frustration is that what I was told, well wait until the policy comes out and then bring it forward. I was told that that will be July, and we know that sometimes it can then become September, October. I didn't want to miss another season for the very nature of this dedication because of Mr. Lucki and his youth, let's put it that way. I can tell the Council chamber that I have no less than six parks in brand new neighborhoods ready to be named with Indigenous names. I have one in an existing neighborhood to be named, a beautiful forest, but I have been waiting for this process and I wish we could walk and chew gum at the same time, but it seems like we can't on this for whatever reason, I don't know why, but I don't want to dwell on that. But I have these names…not names, they are parks that can be named by elders, by the process, whatever process is decided with the new process coming forward. I have an Indigenous son; I have found great healing in the Indigenous teachings that I have received. And so, I do this only because, yes, maybe I am testing some members of Council's patience, but my patience has been tested as well. I want to say that ultimately Councillor Gilroy, I hear you but we...as it was pointed out by Councillor Eadie, we are representatives in a representative democracy. Duly elected by our citizens. I like to think that we should be about results, process is important but ultimately, we are held accountable by results, whatever that may be. And I can tell you this didn't come from myself; this did come from the community. I mean you could see that I have been waiting; I have a letter here from Nelo Altomare who passed away earlier this year, a letter from last year. The support is…I have known Mr. Lucki and I want to also thank Councillor Chambers also for seconding the motion and for his support and for all members of Council, for suspending the rules and I understand why the Mayor voted not to suspend the rules because he is respectful of the process that he has initiated and I respect that. I want to say Madam Speaker and yourself supporting the Mayor, Madam Speaker, I respect that as well. I met Mr. Lucki back when I was an executive assistant to Councillor Rick Boychuck, that's over 30 years ago. Joe and Isadora, always apart of our community.

You know, when Joe lost his daughter Patricia to a drunk driver in 1989 and I can only imagine if I lost a son to a drunk driver. It dramatically affected them; it dramatically affected them. But they carried on, not only did they carry on for all the years of service that he gave to the City of Winnipeg, City of Transcona, town of Transcona. They carried on in community service, they gave of themselves, and I think that was part of the therapy of how to deal with the loss of Patricia. Patricia was lost that day, another young lady by Carrie Campbell was lost that day in the same car, at the corner of Day and McMeans in 1989. And I can only imagine how that hollows somebody out, but he carried on and Isadora we lost, she was a beautiful woman, a beautiful person. They did community service, they helped...they delivered flyers for Rick Boychuk, they were involved in the City election, they cared about the community and Joe still does, he rides his bike and people say hi to him. He was passionately practicing community-based policing at the time. And I know I would have preferred a different process, but this is what we have right now and I don't want to wait and lose another season. I waited last year, I don't want to wait this year, I don't want to play roulette with God in terms of…I don't want to speak about that here today, to be honest with you, with Mr. Lucki here. And so, I just would encourage members of Council, and I appreciate that I know I am testing your patience. Also, please be assured I have six parks ready to name in Indigenous. By the way two months ago when the folks were here, the two doctors I actually spoke if you recall in question period, I spoke and I spoke about this with them. That I have these names (inaudible) I want to get this going. I have Indigenous names but now we've been told to hold back until the process is done. So, I am respecting that request that is coming from higher office (inaudible) other than this, because I can't wait, I have been waiting long enough, not I, the community has been waiting. And I think it is in terms of any kind of…the community has been so supportive of the Luckis' with the loss of Patricia. And they have been supportive of us, Joe and Isadora in so many ways. Those are my comments, Madam Speaker. I hope the motion passes. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. I will call the question. All in favor? Contrary? There are three we will note in opposition and that is carried. Councillor Gilroy, Councillor Rollins, and Councillor Mayes. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Lucki, for being here. Mr. Lucki, thank you for being here.

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

Madam Speaker: We now move on to by-laws, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: I move By-law 10/2025 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favor? Contrary? Carried.

City Clerk: By-law 10/2025

Mayor Gillingham: I move that By-law 10/2025 be read a third time and the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

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

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – THREE READINGS

Mayor Gillingham: I move that By/law 45/2025 be read a first time.

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

City Clerk: By-law 45/2025.

Mayor Gillingham: Madam Speaker, I move that By-law 45/2025 be read a second time.

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

City Clerk: By-law 45/2025.

Mayor Gillingham: I move that the rule be suspended and By-law 45/2025 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favor? Contrary? Carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: Okay, we'll now have question period for the Mayor. Councillor Rollins followed by Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Question for the Mayor, Madam Speaker regarding the Transportation Master Plan that Council proposed and passed. Recently there have been...recently, there were announcements that Council has not looked at with respect to restrictions on payment. Does the Mayor still support the Transportation Master Plan in its recommendations? First question.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. If the Councillor could be more specific related to what aspects of the Transportation Master Plan.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins.

Councillor Rollins: Sure. I assume that...Council passed the Transportation Master Plan. Part of the Transportation Master Plan was parking strategies for the downtown. The Transportation Master Plan is a comprehensive document. The policy document laid out several policies that it would influence. One of them was the long-awaited 2021 commitment of Council that we were going to have a downtown parking strategy. And that was a commitment we made to the Downtown Biz, the Exchange District Biz. And within the Transportation Master Plan, we told both Biz zones just wait. Just wait for those. We were...the Transportation Master Plan outlined a forward-thinking downtown parking strategy. So, the first question again, and I can fill everyone in, but, first question again is, does the Mayor still support the Transportation Master Plan?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: I want to thank the Councillor for the question. I will certainly take a look at Transportation Master Plan, related to...I think, she's, maybe ultimately referring to changes the parking authority has brought forward here recently, and certainly, we'll take a look at all of that in light of her question, just to get more specifics on that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Third question.

Councillor Rollins: Yes. why was the Mayor…why did the Mayor then proceed with public communications that celebrated a plan, including payment methods and rate considerations without providing that long overdue strategic update to the Downtown and the Exchange District Bizes?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. There is the report that came out with the Department and the announcement recently, looks at saving 3.6 million dollars in capital costs to replace the pay stations, and 1 million dollars in operating costs each year. And really, it's embracing the technology over 80 percent of people that are parking in the downtown are using, while still making it available to those that would use parking cards and scratch cards. Making those methods of payment available to them as well. The Department, if you look at news reports has been talking about making this change since 2018. So, the news is…some of the specifics are new, but the move towards this transition has been talked about for several years.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins one more question. I know the second one was clarification. Go ahead.

Councillor Rollins: Thank you. Four of the six guiding principles in Winnipeg's Parking Strategy explicitly aims to support business investment, economic growth, goods movement and downtown vitality. How does eliminating cash payment options, without consultation or proposing parking rate hikes up to 20 dollars, as the Chair of Property and Development suggested in the press, align with those principles?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. Just to reiterate, once again, we still have paid parking that will be required on our streets. As this rolls out, I think that there is important work to continue to do related to comms, communication, discussing matters. So that, ultimately at the end of day, customers can get the service that they need. I said that recently to media. Weather it was picked up on or not. I said this ultimately is about ongoing communication to the customers. I know the Department has more work to do on that. We all have more work to do, my office has more work to do, to make sure that as this rolls out for the summer, that everybody who needs information gets information. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow, followed by Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you. Just a quick question, as we know, and unfortunately, the generational things happening, the City of Winnipeg is losing an enormous number of high-quality staff quick. Every week there seems to be a new announcement of someone leaving, especially there's the Assessment branch, there's the Property and Development branch, pretty well everywhere. But one glaring one, I'm just interested still on is an update on the CAO search.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. Yes, so the CAO search, I believe is going well. The recruitment committee met recently. They did interviews with a number of, I believe, high-quality candidates, and this is just in the last few days, in fact, early this week. So, I believe that the recruitment process is going, I believe it is going well, and I think we've got some really high-quality individuals who have put their name forward wanting to be the next CAO of the City of Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Just to continue on the parking theme. Is the Mayor aware that the parking tickets that you are able to purchase is only available at the parking store?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: I want to thank the Councillor for the question. Yes, in my scrum yesterday, you know, obviously, you know, the media can't write everything, or clip everything, in a video. I did indicate at that point, and I continue to maintain, I think our Parking Authority needs to look at other options, as to where those tickets may be available. That is very convenient for people all across the city. I think they need to look at making them available, you know, at places beyond the parking store for those individuals who may need those scratch tickets.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question.

Councillor Rollins: Will the Mayor commit that prior to any of physical changes of losing these meters that they will be (inaudible).

Madam Speaker: Councillor Gilroy. Question.

Councillor Gilroy: Okay. will the Mayor commit, to prior to these meters being taken out, that these will be easily accessible. A lot of people in my ward, Madam Speaker, don't use a phone and really rely on those tickets.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Just as I said, I will continue to, you know, I will communicate with the department. I encourage Councillors to communicate with the department as well, related to the impact of this on their ward and how we can make sure that, collectively, the communication to the customers and to the stakeholders is strong. If it hasn't been strong enough to this point, that it is strong, clear, and helpful in the months ahead.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final question.

Councillor Gilroy: I guess my last question is, why weren't the downtown Councillors consulted prior to this happening, as it really is going to impact their wards.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. Again, as I said a moment ago, this has been talked about since 2018, at least. I can't speak to the degree to which the Department spoke to Councillors.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Some of us took the Welcoming Winnipeg program seriously. Some of us worked to name parks for Inuit groups, as I did, Tunngasugit, in collaboration with the Indigenous Inuit community. Now that we are no longer giving any weight to that groups' opinions, as shown by the exemption earlier today. Can the Mayor…well, that was majority vote, Councillor Rollins. So, can the Mayor...would he prefer all of the…obviously we should consider everything that is in the queue and consider jumping the queue, as we've just done. So, would the Mayor prefer all of that coming forward at the July council meeting or are we going to have endless series of one-off debates about whether people are meritorious enough to justify jumping the queue. Some of us took this process seriously, some of us have been waiting years, because we were told repeatedly by the CAO.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes, a specific question.

Councillor Mayes: Would the Mayor prefer all at once to jump the queue or lets just get everybody and have big debate or not?

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you. I do think that it's a…frankly, I don't mind answering tough questions. I think that one is unfair.

Madam Speaker: Second question.

Councillor Mayes: How are we to proceed then, should we now wait? Those of us who have waited years, should we wait longer for whatever the review process is? We already heard from Welcoming Winnipeg and the debate around the Mill project in Councillor Browaty's ward. That the people on that Committee didn't feel their work was being taken seriously, so we are now voting to not hear from them at all. So, would the Mayor prefer that we simply take everything that is in the queue and deal with it, in a one-off basis?

Madam Speaker: Council Mayes, same question. I think that Council Duncan said it well. Council is supreme, we saw something come forward earlier today.

Councillor Mayes: Council is supreme. There is a policy that we were told to follow. I apologize to Council for following the orders of the CAO to follow the policy and wait three years for people who are completely meritorious. So, then, are we in order then to start bringing forward these renamings and simply avoiding the process, since we have now voted to not follow the process? So, I won't ask for the Mayor's support on individual ones. That is not fair question to the Mayor. But how are we to proceed? How is that question.

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

Mayor Gillingham: I did vote against the suspension of the rules, because my preference was that we continue on the path that we are on. Ultimately, when I lost that vote, then I look at the, you know, the merit of the individual. Councillors are going to do, at this point, I guess, what Councillors are going to do. I still prefer that we do have report coming back from Welcoming Winnipeg. I think that is a very important report. But, of course, you know, Councillors will make their decisions as far as how they proceed.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next question. Seeing none. That concludes question period for the Mayor. Next is the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES DATED MAY 5, 2025

Councillor Santos: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move consent agenda items for May 5 and move adoption for items 1 to 4.

Madam Speaker: All in favor? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into question period under this committee. Any questions for Councillor Santos? Seeing none today.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
DATED MAY 6, 2025

Madam Speaker: Next is the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works. Councillor Lukes, the report.

Councillor Lukes: Sure, well I'll pull number 2 and move consent on 1 and 3.

Madam Speaker: Item 2 is the Transit Automatic Fare Collection Strategy. Call the question on 1 and 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Item 2 – Transit Automatic Fare Collection Strategy

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you. I just wanted to pull this just to highlight that at the Public Works committee we had very good robust discussion with the Public Service on the recommendation, the silver option that we are moving towards to develop a new payment system for transit. And I guess I just wanted to highlight all of the work we are doing in Transit to make our transit system better, easier to use for the public. So, this movement now to an automatic fare collection strategy is looking at faster payment, different ways to do payment. The Department will be looking through all the product that we offer. Looking to reduce some of the paper-based product, and we will be coming back with a report on any changes they are going to be recommending to the actual sort of list of product that we offer. So, I think that this is very exciting I just wanted to highlight again that we are heavily investing in improving transit to serve the citizens of Winnipeg better. We heard loud and clear that people wanted improved transit. We are doing our route change right now, which, there we go, that word change. We are doing the route change, we have a lot of questions, I just wanted to remind Councillors that if you wanted to do a session in your ward, we have Transit trainers that will come out, all you have to do is just book the day. I think Councillor Duncan, Councillor Gilroy, Chambers, myself we are doing some sessions just to have the travel trainers come out and talk about these new changes to the routes. And yeah. I just wanted to pull this to highlight that we are doing good work on transit, it's significant funding to make these changes. But we move tens and hundreds of thousands of people a year through transit, so I think it is very important. And once the changes…once the dust has settled from the changes I think we are going to see a dramatically improved transit system.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, any further speakers on item 2? Councillor Chambers.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise this morning in support of this item on the agenda, and I also want to take the opportunity to thank Councillor Lukes on her leadership of the Public Works Standing Policy Committee. In discussion about the automated pay fare system, I asked some questions during the standing policy committee whether this would be an opportunity to improve the outcomes for the ride operators. Again, where there is that dispute with regards to fares, it can result in the abuse of the ride operator. And again, this is an opportunity to have better outcomes for the ride operators where an individual who is using transit services can pay with options that are available to them, upon boarding the bus. So, I think this is a great opportunity for Transit, I think it is a great opportunity for the ride operators, an opportunity to reduce the amount of fare evaders. Again, having different options available to them for payment I think will provide better transit service to the citizens of Winnipeg. So again, thanking Councillor Lukes on her leadership on the standing policy committee.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Chambers. Any further speakers? Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I would like to thank the folks at Transit for moving forward with this report. Again, during the budget working group process one of the things we noticed was that we are having challenges with, fare evasion, with the peggo product even working. Peggo has not been a very successful fare system here in the City of Winnipeg, I'd argue since the get-go. And at budget working group we decided let's try to move forward with funding and the rollout of new fare products. Transit has been very busy; their whole customer service team has obviously been very busy with the whole rollout of the new frequent transit network so being able to do this at the same time certainly stretches their resources. So, I do appreciate the work they have done there. I am very fortunate, I have the opportunity personally, to travel here and there and one of the things I have experienced in

other jurisdictions is far superior transit products. The ability to pay with contactless, cards in your wallet, with getting a QR code in Calgary to pay for your fare without setting up an account, getting a QR code that you can read on a bus. I was in Australia earlier this year and interesting that we are having this conversation at the same time as we've been talking about phasing out cash and parking meters. The buses in the gold coast of Australia do not take cash. You have to purchase a fare product before you get on the bus, whether it's at a depot or using some sort of…or using your card. So, it is modernization and it is going to make things better, I truly do believe. Whether it's a bank card, a credit card or a fare product to buy. Again, right now of course with Peggo cards you can charge them up at 7-Eleven as well as at Shoppers Drug Mart stores in the City of Winnipeg. So, there are alternatives for people who don't have…that want to use cash to continue using the products. Things like fare capping, New York City they have a weekend fare. You max out at a certain number of dollars using the subways and buses in New York, you keep using same credit card for example, for tapping. (Inaudible) whether it be a weekend, a week, a month or a year. They can set up fares for frequent users, to encourage frequent use, can cap out at a certain point. Again, I'd like to thank the Public Works Committee, Budget Working Group and everybody in Transit for moving this forward. There are still steps to go, but it looks like we are moving towards having a modern transit fare payment fair system in the City of Winnipeg. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Browaty. Seeing no further speakers. Councillor Lukes to close. Okay, I'll call the question. All in favour of item 2? Contrary? That's carried. Next is the Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development...oh, yes, we need to do question period first. Thank you.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: Any questions for the Chair, for Councillor Lukes? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Given that the Parking Authority is falling under Public Works, I believe, Madam Speaker, with this new change getting rid of the pay stations out on the streets, there is some misnomers out there that I was listening to on CBC Radio this morning. And so, my question is, Madam Speaker, are there provisions to allow people to use their debit cards, not just credit cards, to make payment through an app or through the telephone which is there? And maybe she could explain that. I think we need to keep reiterating that most people driving cars do have a bank account and a debit card. Many people in low income do not have credit cards, but they do have cars. They find a way...ability to have cars and they often end up downtown. Can you confirm, Madam Speaker, I am wondering if the Chair of Public Works can confirm that people will be allowed to use their debit cards to make parking payments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Yes, I can confirm that. I was looking for the press release to pull it up quickly. But, yes, you can use your debit card also to pay. And you can phone in your debit card. One thing I do want to say is…and I mean, it is not really directly to the question of the Councillor, but the Parking Authority did start a strategy, a plan, back before the pandemic, got delayed, as did the Transportation Master Plan. The Transportation Master Plan is coming forward. The Parking Authority will have their plan come forward for consultation. They will be doing consultation on the big picture parking plan for downtown and for the City of Winnipeg. We expect that to come forward late, or in July or September. It is on the Engage website. We've been waiting for this. But, due to the pandemic, due to the transportation plans' delay, the parking strategy comes after the Transportation Master Plan.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Councillor Eadie. Second question.

Councillor Eadie: I just wanted to point out; she did answer my second question. But, just on a little bit of a note. I am not sure of all the things, but how you pay isn't necessarily part of a parking strategy? Question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Sorry, what was that question?

Councillor Eadie: Essentially, Madam Speaker, the question is how you pay for your parking is probably a very small, small component of a parking strategy for downtown and elsewhere in the city?

Councillor Rollins: Sure. How you pay is small component of it. What you pay and when you pay, I think are the big

factors.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next question, Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just...I wanted to rise and ask the Chair the question and just let her know that I did do a forum yesterday on the transit changes. And I want to thank the two members that came out. It was very helpful for the people that were there, wanting to really learn about new changes. But my question to follow up...in this process I did learn that the paper copies. That they are no longer going to be having paper copies. And my area really requires paper copies. And I think that it is really cheap. That the City could be doing paper copies. So, my question is, can we look at bringing back paper copies, especially for people that are in areas where they just don't have cell phones?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: So, we have mentioned this, noted it, it is in the tool kit, that the City will be providing paper copies of the entire route…of the entire system, I should say. What is challenging to provide paper copies is, it is not like...now we have the spine and feeders. So, it's not that like it's a route to go somewhere like the old system, right? It's not a route to go somewhere, it's almost like you need the entire understanding of the network versus just like the route 74 or something. So, we can talk about this more. I will talk about it offline. And we will look at what we can do. I totally hear what the Councillor is saying.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Rollins, did you have a question?

Councillor Rollins: Yes, Madam Speaker, thank you. Madam Speaker, similar question to the Mayor. How does eliminating cash payment options without consultation or proposing parking rate hikes of up to 20 dollars, like her EPC colleague did in the media, align with principles of the Transportation Master Plan and the policies that have been long-awaited? She rightly points out it's on Engage Winnipeg, it is on the website, a hold over from 2021 and re-confirmed in 2022? Fist question.

Councillor Lukes: Sorry, what is the first question again? I just want to be clear.

Councillor Rollins: So, how does eliminating cash payment options without consultation to businesses, or proposing parking rate hikes of up to 20 dollars. That I found out, and my biz zone found out through the words of, you know, your Council colleague. And I will, Madam Speaker, stick a pin in a future question for Councillor Duncan. But proposing parking rate hikes of up to 20 dollars for the downtown, align with the principles associated with the Transportation Master Plan?

Councillor Lukes: Ok, so, I really have no idea about the 20 dollars for downtown parking rates. That is news to me.

Councillor Rollins: Madam Speaker, I have another question. Other municipalities like Edmonton have integrated parking changes into their budgeting process. Winnipeg has failed to offer the same level of transparency to the Biz partners. You know, when these organizations are instrumental in developing and supporting the strategies that Council has endorsed, does the Chair of Public Works see that as important?

Councillor Lukes: So, through my role as Chair of Public Works, I work very closely with the Downtown Biz, the West End Biz, the Osborne Village Biz, related to many Public Works initiatives. Probably my fault. I assumed the Parking Authority, and I haven't got an answer back yet from them, but I assumed that they would be talking to the downtown Bizes about the removal of the parking meters. Maybe they have, maybe they haven't. I am not sure. I left it up to them which maybe I shouldn't have done that, because I am hearing that they weren't clear on this. So, I need to do further clarity from the Parking Authority on really, what sort of communication went on. I know communication isn't sometimes as adequate as we would like. I am optimistic, you know, we've got new communication people coming to lead the charge. I think our communication system will be much greatly improved. But that doesn't address the issue right now. So, I will report back to you, Councillor Rollins, when I hear from the Parking Authority on what engagement they actually had.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final question.

Councillor Rollins: As a Chair, the departments often will bring forward risks lists that imply what they will have to do should they not have the budget. Did the Chair recall this in her discussions with the Winnipeg Parking Authority during budget?

Councillor Lukes: No, I didn't. I wasn't on the Budget Working Committee, and I didn't…even though we did get a briefing, I didn't have a risk list that I recall seeing from the Winnipeg Parking Authority on the meter removal program.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Just quickly, Madam Speaker. Did you know that while I was working, sitting as the president of the Selkirk Avenue Biz, and actually doing the administrative work, that we received a number of Parking Authority requests for consultation. Yes, it was before Covid. There wasn't really any mention of the pay stations. But Madam Speaker, over the years, did you also know that there were many…several complaints through my office that went through that the machines weren't working, and this is how the WPA came to a conclusion we just can't afford to utilize these pay stations anymore? It is a did you know.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Good to know. And I do find that we've had, you know, challenges let's say with the Transportation Master Plan, with the Pedestrian Cycling Plan, with the Transit Plan. When we did consultations all before pandemic, then pandemic and minds went in all other directions. And it just seems like we didn't do consultations, but we did, or we did them through the pandemic. So, yeah, it is difficult working through a glitch like that in the whole line of communications and projects. So, very well people may have been consulted back in 2020, which seems like eternity ago. And that is a challenge that we are having to face and deal with now.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next question by Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Through you to the Chair, are you aware that there are approximately 35,000 commercial parking spots in the downtown area?

Councillor Lukes: That I am. Yes.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question.

Councillor Duncan: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Are you aware, Madam Chair, that of those 35,000 commercial parking spots, many of them controlled by, I won't name the company, are still cash payments.

Councillor Lukes: That I am, because I only got the app a couple weeks ago, so I am very familiar with that. Yes, cash payments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final question.

Councillor Duncan: Are you also aware that we are frequently criticized and at times supported by some downtown Councillors to get rid of those surface parking spots to develop residential, which would further reduce the ability to pay with cash?

Councillor Lukes: Yes, and I will say very proudly that we had an Appeal Committee hearing the other day. At Councillor Gilroy's ward and I think we are blowing up two of those parking lots for development for 150 units.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. That concludes question period under this committee. Next is the Standing Policy Committee on Finance and Economic Development.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: There's no reports today, no motions. We'll get right into question period. Any questions for our Chair, for Councillor Browaty? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, Madam Speaker, it is now May. I am just wondering, in terms of preparation for the 2026 budget, is there anything that the Councillor could shed us a light on, in terms of that work? For example, is he prepared to share if a direction has been given to staff in terms of the...the terms of reference being the targeted tax hike, in terms of coming forward with some preliminary work for the budget working group when that should be? They

usually are directed early to start assembling that work and just anything else that he might be prepared to share.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, through you to my colleague from Transcona. Following last year's budget, and as part of the budget recommendations, the establishment of a budget savings group was formed, and I continue to work with Councillors Allard and Councillor Duncan on meeting with public service to find additional savings throughout the fiscal year. Again, going back to the Mayor's political commitment from the last election of 3.5 percent that is definitely where we are focusing our energies to get the tax increase back to 3.5 percent that was promised through his political commitments. We certainly face challenges. The ongoing tariffs, the ongoing inflationary costs. You know, I keep hearing about, you know, the price of a fire truck was doubled in five years. Things like that are certainly making the finances of the City hard. Winnipeggers recognize when they go to the store, things are costing significantly more than in the past. So, we are certainly working to make sure that Winnipeg is not exasperating the affordability crisis that I think many people are experiencing. But, again, we are certainly working with the Public Service to get the budget in line and ready for presentation later this year.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question, Councillor Wyatt. Right to it.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker, through you to Councillor Browaty. It is more of a are you aware question. That when I had the opportunity to be chair of ASD, Alternative Service Delivery, I might even have the files still in my basement. That, I keep a lot of files on all of the things, including many of you…no, I'm just kidding. That I had many initiatives underway at the time, with Mr. Ruda, what I like to call, friendly called firewall. To try to get...find savings, and that there are maybe possible suggestions I would be prepared to share confidentially with Councillor Browaty in terms of targeted savings within the organization. Some of these may be low hanging fruit, some of these might be more politically challenging, or economically challenging, but just are you aware?

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, through you to my colleague. We are certainly willing to look under any rock, any seat, and any couch cushion to find savings opportunities for the City of Winnipeg. And whether it is more appropriate to handle those offline, and privately, we are certainly looking for both, you know, easy short-term wins, as well as the more significant, and even capital intensive sometimes, options if that brings us the proper long-term savings. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Final question.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Chair, through you to Councillor Browaty. That we've been receiving...as a more are you aware. We have been receiving lots of calls from residents about their tax bills. Are you aware that once we…I explain two things. The shift occurring within our assessment base because of the shift between industrial, commercial. Mostly industrial over to residential. That that pie is shifting, putting more on the residential. And that the cap of the 1,500 on the tax credit. Once that's calculated, there was a gentleman with 13 percent, he said his tax is up. When we talked about, then all of a sudden boom, now it was in line with tax increase that we had brought forward. So, are you aware that maybe...is there an opportunity to do better communication with the public in that regard so that they understand what is happening, we are losing our tax base to the Rural Municipalities, and the industrial, because they have half of the mill rate and no business tax. And then on top of that, you know, the cap from the Province, which has affected a lot of properties, that 1,500 dollars cap. Believe it or not, even in my ward.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt, we've got the question. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I could use remaining 10 minutes here for question period to bore you to death on all sorts of tax impacts from even just the changes in last couple years. I do encourage all my colleagues for that matter to look at the communications that have come from the Public Service in the last couple of days, as well as even the fairly, again, our media don't have a ton of time to do in-depth stories. I think that the Free Press did a very good job today, summarizing some of the things that do impact taxes. One thing that Councillor…my colleague from Transcona mentioned is the fact that the portion of the roll that is comprised of residential properties has grown compared to commercial and industrial properties over last 20 years. While they've appreciated in value, commercial properties overall, as a percentage of the roll they are less, because residential properties have increased faster, you know, in the last, you know, many years. You know, sure the office towers of Portage and Main, they're assessed at a higher value than they were 25 years ago. But they have not grown nearly as fast as residential properties. That certainly has been part of the impact. The fact that, again, we have school divisions with some fairly dramatically different mill rates, that causes significant discrepancies in what a house would

pay in education taxes from one part of the city to the other. Madam Speaker, your school division, one that I am part of, as well as Councillor Santos, has a much higher mill rate than the Pembina Trails school division, out in west Winnipeg. To the point where a typical home is paying a fair bit more. The point where you max out that 1,500 dollars credit is dramatically different. I think the Province's communications at Budget times saying, you know, here is a home value, and here is what the difference is, was very misleading. Because that was not the case, universally across school divisions, here in the City of Winnipeg at least. So, again, I thank him for those questions. And I do think there is an opportunity to better communicate with all residents what the magic formula is, the magic box that impacts what people pay for property taxes, both for the City of Winnipeg, as well as the education taxes to the Province. You know, I know one paper here in the City of Winnipeg indicated that, you know, the Mayor and Council are responsible for the entire tax load. That is blatantly untrue. We have nothing to do with setting school division taxes. It's like blaming…the example I use is an 800 dollar TV at Costco. Here it is, you know, 12 percent sales tax. In Alberta it is 5 percent. Blaming Costo for that TV being 56 dollars more in Winnipeg, that it is in Calgary. That is not accurate, and that is what the local paper was trying to suggest. So, again, it's confusing. Obviously, some people don't get it.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Browaty. There was one other question. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: I did the follow up for Councillor Wyatt (inaudible). But Councillor Wyatt reminded me of another point, regarding the efficiency drive that we were looking for, that was in our budget. I am hoping there are a number of seasoned Councillors that have gone through this in the past, seen the ideas, and there's new Councillors too that may have bright ideas as well. We all know that change is coming. We can't stay on the same path as we have. The City is struggling to maintain itself. So, I am hoping that in the future there will be an opportunity for your three groups or with the minister or with the CFO to meet with Councillors to get some ideas and feedback. Maybe SOAs. Maybe whatever. It doesn't matter. Because, at the end of the day it is going to land on the table. We all are going to either, like we are learning today, people don't like to be surprised, especially Councillors. So, if you can find a way to involve the whole council. Either...I'm not sure what method; I know you guys are busy. It would be greatly appreciated.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much. Through you to my colleague. I certainly appreciate the invitation, and I'm more than happy to take up any Councillor that would like to meet at any time, within reason, to share their ideas, to flush out things, you know, to go down some rabbit holes to look for changes to the way the City operates, to find savings. And yeah, again, compared to other orders of government, I think, you know, we have some pretty good efficiencies. But there is always room for I think, further improvement. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker, through you, back to the education tax matter. Recently in one of the media outlets someone from the school divisions of Manitoba indicated, I think their quote was something along the lines that the school divisions are the most transparent in adopting their budget process, given that some of them go in camera to vote on their budgets. Would the Chair like to comment on that?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you very much, through you to Mayor Gillingham. Again, yes it does appear that some school divisions do go in-camera. I am not here to pretend to follow as closely the other six or seven school divisions in the City of Winnipeg as to all of their exact procedures for debating budgets. But, again, even at the City of Winnipeg, when we have open houses, you know, when we invite public participation, interest is fairly limited. The public, I think, elects us with the expectation that we are going to have their best interest at heart. I think that we are very open and transparent in terms of what we present. There's lots and lots of information in our publicly facing budget books, in the presentations that we have, and the opportunities to allow the public to come and speak and present and share their thoughts, opinions, and we have a lot of public forums. There's typically a month of opportunity from the budget tabling to the budget passing. Where any member of the public can reach out to one of us, if they have any thoughts. Our process is, I think, quite public, and again, I am not familiar with every school division, but I don't see that necessarily from the ones at the City of Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions? Seeing none. We will move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development.

REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
DATED MAY 8, 2025

Madam Speaker: Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would introduce the report of May 8, 2025, and move adoption of consent agenda items 1 to 13.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to step down item 1, 4 and 9. 9 I have to declare a conflict, fiduciary.

Madam Speaker: 1, 4 and 9 you have a conflict.

Councillor Wyatt: On 9 I have a conflict.

Madam Speaker: Yes, thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Pull item 8, please.

Madam Speaker: Anything further? Thank you all. Call the question on 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10-12 and 13. All in favor? Contrary? Carried.

Item 1 – Portage and Main Intersection – Decommissioning Study of the Concourse.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: Thank you very much, I look forward to hearing from my Council colleague on the extension of time here of 90 days. I look forward to hearing back from the Public Service following that 90 days with a plan here that we can debate around the Council table.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, Madam Speaker. I just want to rise to put some of my comments on the record that I expressed to the standing committee. First of all, I think we should be cognizant of the fact we are the City…that the ship has sailed in terms of the vote of opening and closing portage and main, that's happening. Now, the issue in terms of the concourse, not so clear. I just want to put some comments on the record, and that is this. That in event the concourse is decommissioned, let us not forget it will have significant impacts on our assessment values in that neighborhood. In other words, you can be guaranteed that all the towers will be appealing their assessments the minute that concourse is decommissioned. They will also be appealing their assessed values inside of Winnipeg Square. I know the Mayor has said in the past that it is about a million dollars operating…to currently operate the concourse. I would suggest to you that the reassessed values will rival that in terms of actual lost dollars to City of Winnipeg. So much so that Winnipeg Square itself, which has multiple shops, if you go down there during the day, especially let's say at lunchtime you can see the traffic of people going through the concourse from the various towers that are not on that corner, three other towers and making their way into Winnipeg Square. That will be reduced significantly if the concourse is decommissioned, especially well we know our weather in this city. People go underground to avoid the weather, people here in this very chamber use the very walkway underneath main street to get their vehicle. You know what I am talking about. So, we will see a significant devaluation of the assessed values we will probably see a lot of boarded up shops, I will predict to you, inside of Winnipeg Square if we go ahead with decommissioning. I want…I would love this report to be called the decommissioning possible rehabilitation of Winnipeg Square versus just a possible decommissioning. Second part of this I want to just put it on the record as I said in the committee, Madam Speaker. Is that we as Council in January of 2023, found upwards of 30 million dollars and the report warned us as high as potentially 50 million, to rehabilitate the parkade for vehicles only a few blocks away at the millennium library. We dipped into our debt capacity to do this with the Parking Authority. It was questionable about the study, I raised lots of questions on their…on the analysis that the Winnipeg Parking Authority conducted, where they were the jury and the decider. They were both parties. There was not an independent lens to provide whether or not we should go ahead ourselves or we could sell that parkade.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt, you are aware this is the extension of time before us. The item is an extension of

time.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, I am. I am just pointing out the fact Madam Speaker, that the parkade we have the ability, in other words, to renovate a parkade for vehicles underground but we don't have the ability it seems to renovate a walkway for pedestrians. For those who have spoken and advocated for pedestrians over and over again in so many ways, cycling and everything else. Pedestrian traffic in heart of downtown at Portage and Main, the concourse underneath I think any other city does not…once they establish a concourse under ground. Montreal has them all over the place. They are not decommissioning them. They are maintaining them. It's a sign of a city that we have a bridge that is closed called the Arlington bridge and now we are talking about decommissioning something that was visionary at its time. Maybe you could argue that the closing of Portage and Main wasn't, that was a debate we had, that debate is over. But to keep the concourse open is absolutely crucial. Or else we are going to be hit right in the pocketbook in our assessment values, and you are going to see a direct impact. The tower they put above Winnipeg Square with all the residential will not be enough. That is not enough traffic to support the shops that are down there now. Those shops down there now, do not…their business, folks, is basically 9-5 and then after that that shopping mall is dead. There is not much activity. They rely on those towers to make ends meet. You close down the concourse you are going to have reassessments across the board and they will be successful. They hire Altus, they hire third-parties the third-parties usually successfully take the case to the Board of Revision and that Board of Revision will allow the reassessments, I can guarantee you and it will be certain percent. And you will see Altus and all these companies who do that…that they eat what they earn based on their reassessed values and what they get, they get a percentage of that. But their clients, being those towers and all of the shops in Winnipeg Square they will be doing it jointly with these companies I can guarantee you. Let's look at keeping this facility open if we found the money for the parkade only a few blocks away for cars, we can find the money for pedestrians. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Any further speakers? Back to you Councillor Duncan for close. Can we call question?

Councillor Duncan: You can call the question.

Madam Speaker: Okay, call the question on the extension of time. All in favor? Contrary? That is carried. Councillor Wyatt, you are noted in opposition. Thank you. Item 4, Madam Clerk.

Item 4 – Reallocation of Residual Strategic Facilities Master Plan Capital Program Budget to the 2025 Health/Life Safety/Emergency Systems Refurbishment/City-wide Accessibility Capital Program Budget

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: Thank you, I will hear from my Councillor colleague.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: (Inaudible) stood this down, Madam Speaker, so...hoping to shed some light, I have been learning a little about accessibility budgets or lack thereof or budgets that were closed recently that we had once a time in the City. That assisted us with building ramps, building elevators, capital money that was once available that was phased out partly under, I believe, Mayor Bowman. From what I have been able to do research on. That would be wonderful to reestablish in the terms of accessibility that we once had in terms of capital because just the other day I got an email from a…wasn't a constituent, it was a resident of another person's ward who had rented a hall at a one of my community clubs only to find out their so called elevator to the upper hall where they were having a function was broken and there was a person in a wheelchair who couldn't get to the upper hall. And to me, when I fell if you recall at the last election, I was on that little scooter when I rolled into the chamber here when we were doing our swearing in. Until you actually experience a disability, until you actually feel it which I, for the first time in my life the inability to properly walk. You can't really appreciate what some folks are going through and what they go through in life and I gained a new sense of appreciation for accessibility issues. And so, I wanted to raise this; I want to thank Councillor Eadie for all the work he's done in the past on accessibility. And if there is any way we can reestablish the capital programs that were once available to help community groups, especially City facilities to upgrade themselves I think that would be a very positive thing. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, any further speakers? Seeing none. Councillor Duncan to close. I can call the question? All in favor of item 4? Contrary? That is carried. Madam Clerk, item 8.

Item 8 – Closing – Portion of Craddock Avenue East of St. Mary's Road – DAC 1/2025

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. This was an interesting item that came to P&D. At first there was a little confusion around this being a public hearing and new information being brought forward, that was clarified that on road closures that is not the case so this being a closing of Craddock Avenue, that did not apply. So, we did hear from public works at the time that said, tap the brakes here, consider that we might be looking at this portion as a future off-ramp from Abinojii Mikanah onto St. Mary's. At that point in time, having that new information and in combination with not having an actual plan before us that included housing units, I did not support this. I did not support this at EPC as well and unfortunately; I won't be able to support the amendment made at EPC here today. We do have to have some look to the future as we have discussed on a few other items today and this is one of them to ensure that we are not handcuffing ourselves when our city continues to grow. You look at the immense growth in the south end now and the continued growth that is coming in the future and I don't know that it would be in our best interest to put that at risk for one development. I will say that perhaps some more due diligence should take place by the public service especially when they are putting forward an extensive report that includes our malls and corridors and this being included in that, that might have been an oopsie, a lack of communication between departments. We are working on that, we are trying to get people out of their silos and to look at everything that might come up in these future plans for Winnipeg as we continue to grow and expand. But I look forward to hearing from my Council colleague.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wanted to thank the Mayor and those members of EPC that did support this reversal of what was concluded at Planning Department Committee…Property Committee. There was a…as you can see, there was a public hearing, Riel community committee voted unanimously in favor of the road closing. 39 registered people in support. Zero against. So, the opposition was from the Public Service. So, to sit here and be told repeatedly that we are now all thinking like housing departments and the whole Public Service is thinking like a housing department. And then to come to a hearing, and I have met with these people for years, I met with them dozens of times. So, the entire rationale against it aside from it will be harder to pick up garbage at two houses, pretty easily solved, was in order to facilitate future growth in the south end of Winnipeg, Abinojii Mikanah including the intersection at St. Mary's will need to be improved, no further specifics. The proposed development that will be facilitated by this closing is unlikely to be compatible with these improvements. Is it an off-ramp, is it a tunnel? No specifics, no map, no drawing. So, you have the following, the original draft of Transportation Master Plan says, you know we were going to make improvements to St. Mary's Road further north to deal with congestion and that was to be done by 2021 (inaudible) we are going to move that to 2050, we are going to delay that 30 more years. So, lots of work by me, kudos to the Department and thanks to Councillor Lukes' Transportation Master Plan, if we ever see it, well they know we should be much more...we are doing a study we don't need to delay that 30 years. We don't need to delay a problem that we identified in 2005 for 50 years. So here we are saying but we have to get going, we can't allow housing because we might need a future roadway there. So, we have the following, here we are trying to facilitate housing growth on malls and corridors. It is undoubtedly in a corridor; it is undoubtedly eligible for the infrastructure money that we have approved under the Housing Accelerator Fund because that only applies to certain corridors. However, the Public Works Department is saying, no, because we might need it for a future improvement. We're not going to tell you what that is, we are not going to give you any specifics on that, we just might need it later. There's a Hydro corridor in-between this site and Abinojii Mikanah, don't worry about that, we might need the road maybe later. The road is about 50 meters long I would say, what is left of the road. So, I won't get into the details on this, and Councillor Duncan and I have talked about it. He has been respectful and it is an interesting file but the frustration of going to a hearing where you have 39 people in favor of it and no one opposed and the staff are saying, no, we don't like it but we won't give any specifics we just don't want it because we might need to put a major roadway in there. So, what you need to do instead is put in a bunch of fourplexes that won't be popular on nearby streets and that will mean we won't have to do future road projects because we will save all this money. The mind boggles, I mean, here we are, the Mayor ran on the Malls and Corridos piece, I voted for that. Trying to emphasize housing, as the applicant said I am not near one rapid transit line, I am near two rapid transit lines because it's almost right at the corner of Abinojii Mikanah and St. Mary's Road. So here we have a piece of land on a corridor, and we are being told how all the City Departments are thinking like housing departments now and yet we have opposition, the only opposition comes from the public service. We will have a public hearing in a couple weeks. It will take a week maybe, about certain aspects of fourplexes, three plexes. It will be a lot of people in favour; it will be a lot of people opposed. We will try to find a made in Winnipeg solution. I certainly hope we are not going to be told, hey if do this we won't have to do major road projects because we are already voting to do that as I indicated earlier. Here we have the public service saying, no, no don't do this thing on a corridor that everyone seems to favour because we might need it later for a major road project. We don't know when, we don't know when. Abinojii Mikanah is almost 50 years

old now we haven't needed it today we might need it in another 50 years or 100 years, we might. The frustration of this, you are try and come up with housing policy on the malls, on the corridors, you have one part of the Public Service saying we are going to delay the road project in your ward by 30 years to deal with congestion but we might need to do a major road project down here at the south end, so don't put in the housing where there is no opposition. I mean it is just incredibly frustrating. So, for today, I am certainly supportive of what EPC recommended. My thanks to the Mayor that seems to have listened on this one, my thanks on that. It is a corridor piece. We are trying to do malls and corridors, that is what people ran on. So, let's move forward with this, it will be very tricky to work out the details. They will have to come forward with a specific proposal. My thanks to Councillors Chambers and Allard for supporting it at Riel. But, I got to say, if we are saying the Public Service is all thinking like a housing department, I am going to have to say, well, on this one I am going to think like a housing department and I am going to vote for housing here and maybe I'll oppose some of the changes that are coming in a couple weeks and people will say I am against housing but then I will remind you of this, I am the guy trying to get this thing built so we can have a housing on a corridor near rapid transit lines. I think it is a very good project. I hope to see if go forward I hope people support what EPC voted to do.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next, Councillor Chambers followed by Councillor Allard.

Councillor Chambers: Thank you, Madam Speaker. When this came before us at Riel Community Committee, I was very impressed in terms of how the proponents are planning to incorporate both business and residential units into this redesign and redevelopment of this space. So, I am supportive of the road closure again hearing the comments that were made by the Public Service with respect to potentially needing this space for an off-ramp. Again, this is about housing, this is about housing on a transit corridor, this is about a business being able to maintain it's presence in the community. And potentially expand its presence in the community. They have been a great business for the community for these many years and the opportunity to further develop this location to include residential housing, to include the expansion of their business, I think will be a great opportunity for the local community. So, I am in support of this project, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will be supporting the recommendation from the Riel Community Committee. I don't always agree with Councillor Mayes on infill issues, but I do agree with Councillor Mayes in this point. I think this an example where we can raise the values of our lands almost immediately. And that reduces the tax burden for all Winnipeggers every time we do that. I am aware of land being held across the city, some land I am aware of is being held because of…as far as I understand it, and if there is information that points otherwise I would be happy to take that new information. But, land being held since like 1972, that could be used as…for punctual design for Public Works plan that we know will not happen given that we are already studying a new plan after we studied the Marion and Archibald road widening and underpass/overpass project which came in at 460 million dollars cost for call it 800 million dollar class three, maybe. I guess my point being I think this is an example of looking to the future but looking to the future with the wrong lens. I think we need to have…we need to take these opportunities to increase the values of our lands, which reduces the tax burden as opposed to freezing development on lands for possible future, probably will not happen, projects. Which have been…the latter has been my experience with over 10 years now as City Councillor, I'm concerned about the opportunity costs that results from these types of recommendations. The public market lands, packer's lands, in St. Boniface, there was de facto expropriation well maybe it's not called that. Prescriptive easement on the lands in that development which resulted in what can only be a reduction in the lift of values of those lands which just squeaked by this Council. So, I wonder at how many opportunities are not happening, how many projects are not happening because of these types of rules. I have heard things like looking to the future and vision. I think if you look to the future and you look at things like turning ramps on streets. I don't imagine that is the type of city that we will be living in with all the changes that are happening with transit, active transportation, rideshare services, carshare services. The city is densifying, as that missing middle housing is materializing, as Councillor Mayes pointed out. I think we are using an old set of tools and I think we're leaving…we are leaving land undeveloped for the wrong reasons, and I think we need to readjust that somehow. And, in St. Boniface ward, there is a beautiful new 42-unit building going up and there was a similar objection from Public Works saying, how are we going to get the utility trucks in and out of the back lane? We don't recommend this development we recommend the lane be made bigger to fit Public Works standards. I don't blame Public Works for that, that is their standard, presumably the Council approved standard. But that's a case where a building may not have happened because of a standard that, if you know the site, would take probably 200 years in order to be achieved for that length of…for the lane to be as wide as the Public Works Department wanted to see it. So, I mean, yesterday we heard the Public Service talk about how they had respected our zoning by-law OurWinnipeg complete communities. It came to appeals and urban densification champion, Councillor Orlikow moved the motion to have it built, because it was obvious to us generalists that having, how many units, Councillor Lukes? Having a 150 units right beside the University of Winnipeg made sense. And that is another almost failed development where there is

going to be a clear lift to the net value of our lands and that's going to reduce the tax burden throughout the city because there is...the developer shall at no cost to the City construct all the things required for that particular development in heart of our downtown, well, right by the University of Winnipeg. So, I think there is room for the generalists. If we listen to every single Department…I remember reading this in one of the books on how to build cities, urbanism. If we listen to every Department, every group on how to build a city. We would end up with having nothing left, there would be no room for buildings. They would be…you would see roads that would be wide enough to accommodate levels of service for perceived traffic in 20 years from now, which I believe will be adjusted in other ways such as transit, active transportation, car share, uber, etc. As the world changes, as energy costs rise. But, they illustrated how, if you were to eliminate the generalist or the politician to make these calls you would end up with these ridiculous urban forms that would not serve...wouldn't serve. That would not make for livable city, a city that anybody would want to live in. Imagine lane after lane after lane and then biking facilities and then transit facilities and then a back lane to conform to the levels of service of Public Works. That kind of thinking doesn't work in mature existing neighborhoods where there is already built structure. So, I know I made a very general speech about a very specific application. But, generally speaking, if we have an opportunity to put buildings up on land, that raises the value of our land portfolio when we hold it and stop development it leaves that land appreciating in value much more slowly than it would if we put a building on it, which almost immediately reduces the tax burden. And I think the building on Provencher is beautiful, I think it is fine. I think it is going to help businesses in the area. It is going to help feed our Transit Master Plan, it's going to have buses going down Provencher every five minutes. That building might not have happened had we followed the Public Works recommendation, which in their defense is probably in our council policies to have lanes that are of that size. I am out of time. Please vote with the Riel Community Committee recommendation and Executive Policy Committee's recommendation.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. So, I hear that some of my colleagues have problems with, oh it might only be 50 years, if needed at all, Madam Speaker. I am representing the Mynarski ward, one of the oldest neighborhoods in Winnipeg called North Point Douglas and south, it used to be one, the railway split…but probably the oldest neighborhood in Winnipeg with a lot of things, development as it happened over 100 years ago. I have had to try to assist people who bought homes and there was certain regulations in place, to follow the proper sewer connections, proper public roads, proper this and that. And what happened, because they didn't consider the future, there is people who bought these houses which are a lot cheaper, but they are very unhappy, Madam Speaker. Because it actually...that part of the neighborhood was not planned properly. They let them go ahead and not follow regulations, Madam Speaker. Follow the rules and then, you know, I am here 100 and something years later, my office is trying to help people deal with it and it is not easy because once you decide to do something, to fix it way in the future, costs a ton of money. So, you can talk about increasing the assessment roll and so on and so forth, Madam Speaker. But the reality is, will that assessment increase be enough to allow for money to expropriate land if they do need to build some kind of way off of the main…I'll call it…anyway. And when I hear things like hydro line. Well, Madam Speaker, all you have to do is drive between mine and your wards and Councillor Santos' road, down Inkster to see there's actually roads that go under the hydro line. I don't know what this hydro line thing is all about, but roads do all through my ward and Santos and Sharma's road, go under hydro. While it looks pretty clear that it makes sense, there was 39 people in support, 0 not opposed. Nobody is looking to the future. What is the problem going to be in the future? I know today that Public Works is telling me they don't have money to expropriate land, Madam Speaker. They don't have money to expropriate land. Because we are using our land operating reserve to fund important things like community centre renovations, so we can't utilize that to expropriate land, apparently. There's no money there. So, Madam Speaker, this decision to close might sound good but I am supportive of Public Works, because, you know, Public Works and Water and Waste, those Departments…Water and Waste is the one you have to deal with because developers weren't pushed to connect to the actual waste system that we had, Madam Speaker. Public Works is dealing with situations all over like different wards where decisions were made long ago, for example, not to put in sidewalks which is a problem because sidewalks are clearly needed. But it was okay for whoever developed that particular property or whatever, they don't care, they don't want a sidewalk because they want to use the extra right-of-way, whatever, Madam Speaker. So, when we are making decisions and there is hearings, consideration, you know, they couldn't give answers, Public Works but they know there is a good possibility in the future. Look at provisions out on north Main Street, so we've got Chief Peguis trail coming through and then there is no way to get on and off Main Street north of…basically it is a lot of problems as you get north of Leila a bit further past the park. We have got problems, we are providing transit system stops, frequent transit and so on, there's no way for those transit users to get across Main Street, Madam Speaker. This is…so, nobody was planning to look into the future, we are going to need this, we're going to need to do that. So, Public Works is probably saying right now it doesn't warrant the need at this point, but in the future, there is a good chance, good opportunity for that and there's, you know, motor vehicles aren't going away. This is a great one, close off all streets, cyclists will be safer. Well, the reality is traffic will be there. So, today I am going to be opposed to…closing off of this street. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. No further speakers? Councillor Duncan to close.

Councillor Duncan: Sounds like a win-win one way or the other. We have vision for the future with roadways, disagree with Councillor Allard's comments there. Thank you for those or we get new residential units.

Madam Speaker: All had in favor of item 4…pardon me, Item 8. All in favour of item 8? Contrary? That is carried. Next item. Councillor Wyatt, you'll be recusing yourself for item 9, correct? Thank you.

Item 9 – Subdivision and Rezoning – 2360 St Mary's Road – DASZ 2/2025

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: Sorry, call the question please. Thank you.

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

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

Madam Speaker: We will now get into by-laws. Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will move By-law 132/2024 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favor? Contrary? Carried.

City Clerk: By-law 132/2024

Councillor Duncan: Madam Speaker. I will move By-law 132/2024 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favor? Contrary? Carried.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS – THREE READINGS

Councillor Duncan: Madam Speaker, I'll move that the following By-laws be a read a first time. By-law 26/2025, 27/2025, 46/2025, 47/2025, 48/2025.

Madam Speaker: All in favor? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law 26/2025, 27/2025, 46/2025, 47/2025, 48/2025.

Councillor Duncan: I will now move that the By-laws 26/2025, 27/2025 and 46/2025 to 48/2025, both inclusive, be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favor? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws 26/ 2025, 27/2025, 46/2025 to 48/2025, both inclusive

Councillor Duncan: I also move the rules be suspended and that the By-laws 26/2025, 27/2025 and 46/2025 to 48/2025 both inclusive be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favor? Contrary? Carried.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT
QUESTION PERIOD

Madam Speaker: Now we'll have question period under this committee. I'm going to call our Deputy Speaker up to take the Chair. Thank you.

Councillor Rollins: Mr. Speaker, no surprise, I want to ask the Chair of Property and Development, with respect to his comments that I read through the media regarding parking, to the extent that he can clarify the 2.50-dollar charge to the 20-dollar max charge he considers when the crowd warrants. Could he clarify if that is a policy he is pursuing, and if those are price points, or will there be more?

Councillor Duncan: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, and I appreciate the Councillor giving me the opportunity to clarify. You know, a lot of things get lost in the media, especially when you are providing quotes. And then a lot of things get lost around this council table. So, with that I will say as quoted: "with technology you can do anything" he said, referring to myself, "if there is nobody parking downtown, then maybe we can offer parking for free. If there is a mass influx of people that are parking, and the private vendors are charging 20 dollars for parking, and we are charging 2.50 for parking, maybe we look at opportunities to generate more revenue". That is considered dynamic pricing, that is not saying that we are going to charge 20 dollars for parking. But we are going to look at revenue opportunities, because there is a lot of asks around this table, Mr. Deputy speaker, and we need to fund those asks.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much. Councillor Rollins, second question. Seeing none. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I want to rise, just a preamble to the question, if I may, sir. And that is: a number of years ago, Council set aside I think about 400,000 dollars in a given year. I forget the exact amount, it was something in that order, towards assisting the Public Service to conduct secondary planning exercises. Typically, when the economy starts to slow down which we have seen now, in terms of our applications. This is a wonderful time for us to do planning and to prepare for when the economy picks up again, you know, to look at neighborhoods where we could increase density. Let's say, heaven forbid, Charleswood, and other areas of the city, where there is low hanging fruit, potentially, to see improvements happen, and I guess, I preface my question now and I ask the question. Is the Chair aware, that because of the lack of funding that exists, that tomorrow morning, at the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee, we will be moving over 200,000 dollars out of a Land Dedication Reserve, most likely, with the support of Councillor Browaty, to support the planning initiative now underway called the South Transcona Secondary Plan. This is to complement nearly 400,000 dollars being spent by the private sector already, on a significant plan that is going to add anywhere from 16,000 to 30,000 new people. I won't…the doors are a little bit less than that, but 16,000 to 30,000 new residents to accommodate in South Transcona. Not to mention we are trying to figure how to pay for community parks, regional park and community club. So, these are…and preserve nature, get to our thousand acres to help with that cause too. So, is he aware that we are going be doing this tomorrow, because of lack of funding that exists right now in the City, for exercises that are going to benefit the taxpayers and benefit the entire city, right? To meet our challenges.

Deputy Speaker: Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: Through you, Mr. Deputy Speaker. I was not aware that that was the plan at EKT tomorrow. Thank you for bringing it to my attention. I can say that the Transcona Ward has definitely done its fair share of development to contribute to the tax base. And thank you for looking at the LDR as an option to continue that. Definitely some work that we need to do around funding to make sure that we are properly planning and executing growth in our city.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. But my question is are you aware...and I am sure he is not aware of this. So, I will just say, I have to ask, are you aware that Public Works is now stepping up to be part of our…we have a resident advisory group, we meet every two weeks, sometimes every week. We have been doing this for basically a year. We are…they are advising us on crafting a plan, it will still go to Council for approval, of course. But we are trying to eliminate as much of the uncertainties by having the Public Service at table. Is he aware of that, the Public Work Service? And is it possible now that Public Works is stepping up to be at table all the time. That we can have a permanent member from P&D as well, because we would love that. To have somebody there to participate so that when they file the applications, it can be processed as quickly as possible for reconsideration before Council. And we remove a lot of the uncertainties.

Deputy Speaker: Point of order.

Councillor Chambers: A motion to work into the lunch hour?

Deputy Speaker: Ok, so the point of order is applicable here to work past lunch hour, all in favour? Opposed? Seeing none. Carried. Thank you, Councillor Chambers. Where are we at? The reply from Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: Yeah, that is great news that Public Works is on board with joining and giving input. Sounds a lot like, you know, concierge services that Councillor Rollins advocated for and that are full flight now throughout major developments in our city. I would be happy to consult with P&D and have somebody at table, where at all possible, to ensure that we have speedy developments that are well thought out, that aren't opposed by the Public Service at any point.

Deputy Speaker: Final question.

Councillor Wyatt: And my final question, kind of like the Seinfeld Kramer reality tour. We are going to have a kind of a chuckwagon tour of South Transcona for the consultants to get to know the community better. And I…are you aware that we will be extending an invitation to you, the Chair to join us as well, as part of the tour? As well as the Director of Planning, of course too.

Deputy Speaker: Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan: I am not aware, but I am excited to do the chuckwagon tour of Transcona.

Deputy Speaker: Take pictures. Ok. Seeing any other questions for Councillor Duncan? Seeing none.

REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE, AND ENVIRONMENT DATED MAY 5, 2025

Deputy Speaker: Moving on now to the Standing Policy Committee on Water Waste & Environment.

Councillor Eadie: 1-3. I'd like to move adoption of consent agenda items 1-3 for Water, Waste and Environment.

Deputy Speaker: Anybody? Seeing that, councillor 1, councillor 2. Councillor Wyatt wants to pull down item 2. Anybody else? Seeing none. I will consent agenda for items 1 & 3, all in support? Opposed? Seeing none. Carried. Item 2.

Item 2 – Climate Action and Resilience Committee – 2025 Operating Budget

Deputy Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, I would like to hear from colleague in regards to this budget request for a very important advisory committee to the…for environment and climate change.

Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, Madam...sorry, Mr. Deputy speaker. I stood it down just to make a couple points. That is, I think we have a lot of work to do in this file. We all know the warnings that have been issued globally that 1.5 climate moving beyond increasing by degrees more than 1.5. The impact could be quite devastating, and it could happen within many lifetimes of people alive today. We could see tens of millions of people on the move from global south to the global north. And we really need to take it up a notch. We have the ability from my time on Public Works we know, we budget for example going forward typically for fuel prices. We budget out for fuel prices to go up typically, over five years. Instead of us budgeting for fuel prices going up, we open up a reserve account, and we take those funds that we would be budgeting in the future for increased fuel costs, and we use it to finance the transition of our fleet to electric vehicles across the board. Frankly, I am not too sure about the hydrogen, I know Transit is going that route, but I am not sold on it. There is too many issues unknown, we are hearing about explosions in other jurisdictions and issues like that, not to mention the costs of maintaining the facilities, and built different facilities because of that technology. But I can tell you that recently the cost differential is massive in terms of fuel with electric vehicles. I one time…a year ago I sat with Larry Vicker, who is a huge believer in moving this direction by the way, in his office one evening, he had his electric vehicle out in the parking lot charging. We sat and talked and, in our time, we lost track of time. Reminiscing and talking about different things, we talked for about two and half hours. In that two and a half hours his electric vehicle charged, and it was 2.46 dollars, something to this effect. Even if a third of that is knocked

off because of the winter, as we know the batteries…we are talking about change. The amount of savings to us would be massive, in terms of fuel. And we could use it again by borrowing against the future projected fuel costs that we save. There is a business plan, in other words, Mr. Deputy speaker, that we could model ourselves, number one. Number two, when we went off and did our strategic study…one of the concepts that came out of that was for a green utility. That was myself, Councillor Eadie, others advocated for. Now could you envision this, this City building a massive solar array working with a municipality somewhere rural Manitoba. Could you imagine us installing the charging stations, not only for citizens around the city who are driving but in every household which we will need. Could you imagine the green utility, having that ability and the revenue? We are talking about property taxes and relying on property taxes, could you imagine how we could diversify our revenue from that alone. That we could once again be the energy producer. And I would remind chamber that it was the City of Winnipeg that built the first hydroelectric dams in this province not Manitoba Hydro. It was the City of Winnipeg that created Winnipeg Hydro long before Manitoba Hydro. And we did it with horses and axe and pick on the Winnipeg River with technology that would be mind boggling, the lack of technology. And we did it ahead of Manitoba Hydro, and then of course we sold it all off. We can recreate it again. We are on the verge of a technological revolution and we are sleeping. We could be taking advantage, and we could build this green utility that could fund and we could say to the Province, you know out of all the things give us a monopoly on this because you know what, we can deliver it. We do land use, we control land use, we can control the location, we can set up our own stations. Why should Esso, why should Shell, none of them based here, be taking the profits and putting up the electric charging stations and for more electricity? No, it is our province and we could be generating the hydro…(inaudible) don't get me going on that, we could have built a massive solar (inaudible) and we wouldn't have needed it. But we could have our own solar…we could be heading…and if you want to go anywhere in the world and see where they are doing this, we don't have to reinvent the wheel, folks. Israel, leading the charge. So, let's get on top of it, we have no choice. Even for the climate deniers, I'd say to you this. Is it worth the risk? What if you are wrong? What if it does…what if the permafrost in north starts to melt the rate, they say it is going to melt. And then northern Canada and northern Russia, when that permafrost melts, and trillions and tons of the worst gas, greenhouse gas starts to escape, methane, literally this climate's temperature could rise by degrees not in years but in potentially months. We could see a massive…the likes of which humankind has not seen for millennia. I am not trying to scare you, I'm just saying, why take the risk? We need to lead this country on this stuff. We led before when we were a city of 20,000 people. Tiny. Smaller than Transcona we led this country and this province when it comes to electric power generation and we could do it again. Thank you, Madam, I mean, thank you Mr. Deputy Speaker.

Deputy Speaker: No one else is going to speak to it.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Mr. Deputy speaker. By the way, your voice sounds good from coming up there. I would, just in closing we get advice from this committee; it is important to fund it. I am sure there are people at the table, Councillor Mayes who chairs that committee could probably tell you. A lot of good ideas are coming from there. Ultimately in respect to Councillor Wyatt, you know, we are trying to also protect the environment by trying to find 1.5 billion dollars for finishing off the north end sewage plant. Anyway, that is it. It is a worthwhile committee, and let's fund it.

Deputy Speaker: Okay, I see no more speakers in close. All in favour? Opposed? None. Carried. Move to adjourn. Councillor Sharma, all in favor? Opposed? Carried. Thank you everybody.

ROLL CALL

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

Council adjourned at 12:08 p.m.