

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

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

CLERK: YES, MADAM SPEAKER. WE HAVE QUORUM.

MADAM SPEAKER: I CALL THIS COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 16th, 2026 TO ORDER, AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE IN TREATY ONE TERRITORY, THE HOME AND TRADITIONAL LANDS OF THE ANISHINAABE, ININIW, 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. WE'LL NOW HAVE THE OPENING PRAYER. PLEASE RISE IF YOU'RE ABLE AND WE'LL HEAR FROM COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: AS WE GATHER HERE TODAY AS MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL, WE SEEK TO BE EVER MINDFUL OF OPPORTUNITIES TO RENDER OUR SERVICE TO FELLOW CITIZENS AND TO OUR COMMUNITY KEEPING IN MIND ALWAYS THE ENDURING VALUES OF LIFE AND EXERTING OUR EFFORTS IN THOSE AREAS, AND ON THOSE THINGS UPON WHICH FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN BUILD WITH CONFIDENCE, LET US CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO MAKE A BETTER WORLD.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ROLL CALL, MADAM CLERK.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WE HAVE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND WILL YOU READ IT. THAT COUNCILLOR WYATT BE GRANTED A LEAVE OF ABSENCE DUE TO A PERSONAL MATTER.

CLERK: MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BROWATY, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD, THAT COUNCILLOR WYATT BE GRANTED A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM TODAY'S MEETING DUE TO A PERSONAL MATTER.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. PLEASE JOIN IN WELCOMING VICTOR PUZHEVICH FROM NELSON MCINTYRE COLLEGIATE AND XANDER WOODLEY FROM ELMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY. WE'LL NOW MOVE INTO MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS. MR. MAYOR, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: GOOD MORNING, MADAM SPEAKER AND THROUGH YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES IT'S GOOD TO BE HERE TODAY. THIS MORNING, COUNCILLORS EADIE, SANTOS, LUKES AND MYSELF STARTED THE DAY TODAY IN THE ARLINGTON BRIDGE WHICH IS OFFICIALLY COMING DOWN BEGINNING TODAY. FOLLOWING MORE THAN A MONTH OF PREPARATORY WORK THIS

MORNING, CREWS BEGAN TO REMOVE THE FIRST PIECE OF THE BRIDGE. IT WAS QUITE REMARKABLE TO SEE HOW THEY'RE DOING THIS DEMOLITION SO HOPEFULLY YOU GET A CHANCE, EACH ONE OF YOU GETS A CHANCE TO SEE THE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE AND THE WAY THEY'RE DEMOLISHING THIS BRIDGE. THE DESIGN WORKS ARE THE NEXT STEP TO BUILD A MODERATE REPLACEMENT IN EXACTLY THE SAME FOOTPRINT AND AS WE ADVANCE THE DESIGN OF REPLACEMENT, WE HAVE BEEN BUSY RENEWING BRIDGES ACROSS THE CITY INCLUDING THE ST. VITAL BRIDGE, CHARLESWOOD BRIDGE, AND OTHERS. AND WHAT IS GOING TO BE QUITE REMARKABLE IS THE CREWS HAVE SET UP A TIME LAPSE VIDEO CAMERA FOR THE ARLINGTON STREET BRIDGE AND THEY WILL UPLOAD A VIDEO SO THOSE INTERESTED IN WATCHING THE DEMOLITION CAN SEE IT. EARLIER THIS WEEK, DEPUTY MAYOR CHAMBERS AND I THERE TO SEE THE FIRST OFFICIAL FAN TO SECURE FIRST SEASON TICKETS FOR THE FRANCHISE LAUNCH SO THANK YOU TO EVERYONE HERE. ALL COUNCIL CALLING TO APPROVE THE \$600,000 GRANT TO HELP FUND UPGRADES IN THE SOCCER COMPLEX. THAT WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR WINNIPEG TO GET A NEW TEAM, AND WE'RE REALLY, REALLY THRILLED THAT THE DESTROYER, DESIREE SCOTT AND ROB GALE ARE AT THE CENTRE OF THIS INITIATIVE AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS NEW TEAM TO ENTERTAIN FANS ACROSS WINNIPEG. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. THAT IS VERY EXCITING. COUNCILLOR MAYES, OUR NEXT SPEAKER. TAKING A LITTLE MORE TIME TODAY COLLEAGUES.

COUNCILLOR MAYES: YES, MY FAMILY IS HERE TODAY SO I WANT TO SAY SOME THANKS TO THEM, AND I WILL BE BACK BECAUSE I GET TO DO THE PRAYER IN SEPTEMBER AND ENDING IT WITH THE SAME WAY, I STARTED IT, WHICH YOU'LL REMEMBER FROM THE HINDU TEMPLE, MADAM SPEAKER. I WANTED TO START BY SAYING THANKS TO MY WIFE - WELL, I WAS THE FUTURE ONCE BUT NOW IT'S LIGHTS OUT AND AWAY WE GO. SO, IT'S A TRIBUTE TO MY SONS. TO MY WIFE, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HOURS WHO IS A GRACEFUL PRESENCE AT ALL TIMES AND PUT UP 15 YEARS OF THIS AND THANKS TO THE PEOPLE IN ST. VITAL AND I SAY THANK GOD FOR THE LRSD, WHO I HAVE DONE A TON OF STUFF, INCLUDING THE DAKOTA COLLEGIATE PROJECT, AND I CONTINUE TO HAVE A LOT OF TIME FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES AND HOPE TO BE A SCHOOL TRUSTEE AGAIN. IN TERMS OF ADVICE, THE ADVICE I ALWAYS GAVE GRADUATING, REACH-FOR-THE TOP PLAYERS IS FIRST YOU REMEMBER THE ONES YOU GET WRONG AND AS YOU GET OLDER, YOU REMEMBER THE ONES YOU GOT RIGHT SO I'M GRATEFUL THAT I PLAYED HERE. WE DID GET FOUR MORE TRACKS BUILDING ON THE THREE WE'VE ALREADY DONE, A NUMBER OF YOU, VERY PROUD OF THAT. GRATEFUL THAT THEY NAMED THE REACH FOR THE TOP PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY FOR ME, AND I'M GRATEFUL IN A THE ALBANIAN AMBASSADOR CALLED ME ALBANIA'S BEST FRIEND IN MANITOBA. I DIDN'T SEE THAT ONE COMING. I ALWAYS WANTED TO PISS OFF COUNCILLOR - YOU'D BE DISAPPOINT END I DIDN'T HAVE A MUSIC '70s PREFERENCE, MADAM SPEAKER. SO, THE TEMPTATION TO THINK OF THIS IS A GREAT ENDING AND PARAPHRASING F. SCOTT FITZGERALD. THE POLITICAL WORK FOR ME WILL HOPEFULLY CONTINUE SO WE'LL GO WITH THE ORIGINAL AS WE ALL KNOW FROM THE LINE FROM THE GREAT GATSBY, BOTH BE GONE. I WANT TO THANK MY FAMILY AND THE PEOPLE IN ST. VITAL FOR THEIR FAITH - ST. VITAL FOR THEIR FAITH IN ME. [SPEAKING FRENCH] I HAD A GOOD RUN. [APPLAUSE]

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR MAYES FOR THOSE REMARKS, AND IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE YOUR FAMILY IN THE GALLERY, ALLISON, WELLS AND BEN, VERY, VERY NICE. THANK YOU NEXT, MADAM CLERK, WE HAVE A CONDOLENCE MOTION, RECOGNIZING OF THE PASSING OF COUNCILLOR ROLLINS'S FATHER. PLEASE READ THE MOTION INTO THE RECORD.

CLERK: MOVED BY HIS WORSHIP MAYOR GILLINGHAM, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW, BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL PLACE ON RECORD ITS PROFOUND SORROW AT THE DEATH OF PAUL L. J. PARENT, FATHER OF COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, WHICH OCCURRED ON JUNE 27, 2026. THIS COUNCIL

EXTENDS TO COUNCILLOR ROLLINS AND HER FAMILY ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES IN THEIR BEREAVEMENT.

MADAM SPEAKER: PLEASE RISE FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, OUR CONDOLENCES ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. COUNCILLOR LUKES, WILL YOU MOVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2026?

COUNCILLOR LUKES: SO MOVED.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. WE'LL MOVE ON TO DELEGATIONS. OUR FIRST DELEGATION IS CHRISTIAN CASSIDY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TREES WINNIPEG, WHO IS IN OPPOSITION TO ITEM 11 OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED JULY 7, 2026. IT'S THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2026 STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE BASKET FUNDING ALLOCATION). OUR DELEGATION IS HERE IN-PERSON. WELCOME TO YOU.

CHRISTIAN CASSIDY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MADAM SPEAKER: FIVE MINUTES ON THE CLOCK.

CHRISTIAN CASSIDY: I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION OF ITEM 11 FROM THE LAST EPC REPORT THAT SEEKS TO CUT \$1.263 MILLION FROM THE TREES BUDGET. TREES WINNIPEG WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1992 AS A COALITION TO SAVE THE ELMS, WHICH IS STILL OUR LEGAL NAME, AND WE ARE CREATED DUE TO GREAT CITIZEN CONCERN OVER THE LOSS OF ELM TREES DUE TO DUTCH ELM DISEASE ASK THE NAME CHANGED IN THE EARLY 2000s, IT WAS AFFECTING THE WHOLE CANOPY. WE APPLAUDED THE CITY COUNCIL WHEN THEY PASSED THE FIRST URBAN FOREST STRATEGY. WE DIDN'T CONSIDER THE DOCUMENT TO BE PERFECT, BUT WE DID NOTE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE CITY'S HISTORY, THERE'S A LONG-TERM ROAD MAP FOR THE CITY'S URBAN FOREST WITH GOALS AND FUNDING BEHIND IT. AFTER THE 2024 TREE PLANTING SEASON, THE CITY REACHED AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE, IT HAD PLANTED AS MANY TREES AS IT HAS CUT DOWN, AND THIS IS PROBABLY SOMETHING THAT NEVER OR RARELY HAPPENED IN THE 30, 40 YEARS LEADING UP TO THAT POINT, AND WE CONSIDER THIS 1:1 TREE RATIO SHOULD BE THE STARTING POINT FOR THE CITY'S URBAN FOREST DEPARTMENT. TREES WINNIPEG WAS A LITTLE SHOCKED LAST WEEK TO READ THAT DPC IS USING THIS PLANTING BUDGET SORT OF A SLUSH FUND FOR AN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT THAT FELL SHORT. I DO UNDERSTAND THAT IT WAS UNDER THE INSTRUCTION OF PROVINCE MANITOBA THAT YOU DO, THAT BUT AS MY MOM WOULD SAY IF I WAS HERE, IF THE PROVINCE TOLD YOU TO JUMP OFF A BRIDGE, WOULD YOU DO IT? SOME TRIED TO ARGUE THE 1.2 MILLION WAS A SMALL PART OF THE PROJECT, AND IN SOME WAYS, IT IS AND SOME WAYS IT ISN'T. THE TREE PLANTING AND WATERING IS A VERY LABOUR AND EQUIPMENT INTENSIVE THING TO DO, SO A LOT OF THAT MONEY IN THE URBAN FOREST IS PEOPLE, BUCKET TRUCKS, THINGS LIKE THAT, SOMETHING THAT YOU WILL NOT LIQUIDATE IN A WEEK. THE 1.6 MILLION WILL BE FOR BUYING TREES AND THE AMOUNT YOU CAN PAY CONTRACTORS TO PLANT, TRIM, WATER TREES IN THE CITY'S URBAN FOREST. THE CITY ESTIMATES IT COST ABOUT A THOUSAND DOLLARS TO PLANT A TREE, AND WE HAVE DONE SOME SMALL-SCALE TREE PLANTING AND THE CITIES HAD SOME ECONOMY OF SCALES. IT'S NOT USUALLY PLANTING TWO TREES HERE OR TWO TREES THERE, BUT PLANTING 20 TREES IN A PARK OR SIX TREES IN A BLOCK AND IT DOES GET SOME ECONOMY OF SCALE FROM THAT. THIS IS 1200 TREES THAT WOULD NOT BE PLANTED THIS YEAR AND I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE ECONOMY OF SCALES ARE, BUT YOU CAN ASSUME THAT IS MAYBE 2, 3, 4,000 TREES THAT WON'T BE PLANTED. ADS YOU KNOW EARLIER THIS YEAR, THERE WAS THE DIRTS DETECTION OF [INDISCERNIBLE] WITH 45 TREES CUT DOWN DUE TO IT. IT HAS NOT GRABBED AFOOTHOLD IN WINNIPEG ASK NOT ALL THE BEETLES ARE QUITE ABLE TO SURVIVE, BUT WHEN IT

DOES GET A Foothold IN WINNIPEG, IT MEANS THE MOST NUMEROUS TREES IN THE CANOPY, ASH TREES, WITH 3,000 OF THEM WILL START GOING DOWN AND MANY U.S. JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE TRIED TO BATTLE EAB, HAVE LOST OVER 90% OF THEIR ASH TREES IN SOME CASES, A DECADE OF LESS. SO, BE IT IN TEN, 20, 30 YEARS FROM NOW WHEN THE CITY IS TAKING DOWN MANY THOUSANDS OF TREES BECAUSE WE'RE LOSING OUR ASH, PEOPLE CAN THROW UP THEIR HANDS AND SAY THE CITY KNEW THIS WAS HAPPENING 20, 30 YEARS AGO, SO WHY DIDN'T THEY PLANT MORE TREES? WE ASK YOU NOT TO SUPPORT TAKING 1.263 MILLION. THIS IS A PRESENTS DONATE FOR A SLUSH FUND AND THIS SESSION OF COUNCIL.

MADAM SPEAKER: DO YOU NEED MORE TIME?

CHRISTIAN CASSIDY: ONE MINUTE. HAVE THAT MEMORY BE CUTTING THE TREE BUDGET PLANTING THAT YOU PUT SO MUCH TIME AND EFFORT AND MONEY INTO THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WE HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS FOLLOWED BY THE MAYOR.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: HI, THANK YOU FOR COMING THROUGH THE CHAIR TODAY. WERE YOU AWARE THAT WE HAVE ANOTHER OPTION THAT COUNCIL WILL BE LOOKING AT TODAY THAT CONSIDERS A DIFFERENT FUNDING SOURCE AND THAT IN IT, IT CLEARLY SAYS THE PUBLIC SERVICE RECOMMENDED THAT THE SHORTFALL FUNDING IN THE SIB BE BALANCED BY RENEWING THE URBAN FOREST RENEWAL PROGRAMME, AND I DON'T BELIEVE IT'S CORRECT TO LAY IT IN THE FEET OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE, WHEN IN FACT THE PUBLIC SERVICE RECOMMENDED AN APPENDIX OF POSSIBLE CUTS. WERE YOU AWARE?

CHRISTIAN CASSIDY: I'M AWARE THAT THERE IS A MOTION. I DID TRY TO READ THE ENTRAILS AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND, BUT I DIDN'T QUITE GET ALL THE NUANCES OF IT.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: AND WERE YOU AWARE, BECAUSE YOUR CONCERNS TODAY IS TREE, SO IF I WERE YOU AND PERHAPS LIKE ME, WHICH IS THE QUESTION THAT YOU MIGHT BE CONCERNED THAT IF GIVEN AN APPENDIX OF OPTIONS, MAYBE NONE OF THEM THAT WERE GOOD, THAT THE 2027 COUNCIL ADOPTED STRATEGY ON TREES WERE CHOSEN. DOES THAT MAKE YOU A LITTLE CONCERNED?

CHRISTIAN CASSIDY: IT WOULD. IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE AS OWN ORGANIZATION AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE TREE PLANTING GROUPS, WE'LL KEEP AN EYE ON IT. EVEN IF THERE IS LONG-TERM FUNDING PUT TO THE URBAN STRATEGY, BUT EVERY YEAR, IT'S GOING TO BE A BATTLE TO MAKE SURE THAT FUNDING STAYS IN PLACE.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: AND RELATIVE TO THE \$2 MILLION, THIS IN THE PARK, WE HAD PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED TO THEM, RELATIVE TO MANY FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN WRITING IN TO SAY TO COUNCIL, HEY, IT'S WITH SOME IRONY THAT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE SEEING YOU BE REQUIRED TO FUND A ZOO PROJECT WITH WHAT IS IN YOUR GREEN AND HEALTHY GROWING CITY CLIMATE DOLLARS, THE 2027 TREE COMMITMENT. DO YOU SHARE THAT POINT OF VIEW WITH THOSE WRITING TO COUNCILLORS SAYING THIS IS AN INTERESTING CHOICE?

CHRISTIAN CASSIDY: CAN YOU PIT THOSE TWO THINGS TOGETHER?

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: YES.

CHRISTIAN CASSIDY: YES. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE SHORTFALLS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: DID YOU SAY CHUCK E. CHEESE. SORRY. I MISHEARD YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: THANK YOU. RUN ON A VERY, VERY TIGHTER BUDGET THAN THE PROVINCE. WE CAN'T RUN COVERAGES. SO, I'M CURIOUS ON YOUR PERSPECTIVE, YOU KNOW, ON HOW THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PROVINCE AND THE CITY TELLING US TO COMING UP WITH THIS IN THE LAST MINUTE, YOUR THOUGHTS?

CHRISTIAN CASSIDY: YES, IT'S AN AGE-OLD ISSUE WITH THE CITY. THEY CAN'T RUN A DEFICIT AND HIGHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT LIKE TO DOWNLOAD THINGS ON TO THE CITY THAT EITHER ISN'T THEIR RESPONSIBILITY OR THEY DON'T WANT TO PAY FOR. IT IS UNFORTUNATE, GOING INTO THE WHOLE DEBATE WHETHER 1% OF THE SALES TAX SHOULD GO TO THE CITY, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THE CITY IS A CREATION OF THE PROVINCE AND PROVINCES WILL ALWAYS DUMP ON CITIES NO MATTER WHAT PROVINCE. I'M SURE IF YOU TALK TO ANY CITY ADMINISTRATION IN ANY PROVINCE, THEY WILL SAY, YEAH, THE PROVINCE KEEPS DUMPING STUFF ON US AND WE CAN'T COMING UP.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: SO THE SECOND QUESTION, IS KIND OF DID YOU KNOW. I'D REALLY APPRECIATE THE PEOPLE THAT COME DOWN AND ADVOCATE FOR ISSUES LIKE THIS THAT - WE HAD THIS WITH THE ROAD SAFETY ISSUE, A FIRE STATION IN WAVERLEY WEST AND I DON'T REMEMBER THE OTHER ONE THEY REDIRECTED THE MONEY - OH, SPRAY PADS. I WOULD ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE FOR THE PROVINCE TO QUIT DOING THERE. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE CITY HALF YEAR THROUGH TO CHANGE IT. YOU DO GREAT WORK AND I APPRECIATE THAT TREES WINNIPEG WOULD ADVOCATE WITH THE PROVINCE TO NOT BE DOING THIS.

CHRISTIAN CASSIDY: FAIR ENOUGH.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE. YOU WANT TO JUST STAND DOWN AND WE'LL HEAR FROM THE NEXT DELEGATION.

CHRISTIAN CASSIDY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MADAM SPEAKER: STAY ON THE BENCH, PLEASE. NEXT, WE HAVE JEAN ALTEMEYER, ALSO IN OPPOSITION TO THE SAME ITEM. PLEASE COME FORWARD. WELCOME.

JEAN ALTEMEYER: HELLO. TO FIGURE OUT GLASSES AND PRINT. MY NAME IS JEAN ALTEMEYER. I AM APPEARING HERE ON BEHALF OF TREES PLEASE WINNIPEG, NOT TREES WINNIPEG, BUT CLEARLY, WE'RE CALLING THIS, AND WE, TOO, ARE IN OPPOSITION TO ITEM 11, WHICH WE KNOW HAS BEEN CHANGED BUT WE'RE HERE ANYWAY. LAST WEEK, THE MAYOR ASK MEMBERS OF THE EPC VOTED TO SHIFT \$1.2 MILLION FROM THE URBAN FOREST AND THE MEMORY AGREED TO FIND THAT FUNDING ELSEWHERE AND TODAY, WE FIND OUT WHAT THAT PLAN IS. TREES PLEASE WINNIPEG REMINDS YOU THAT MOST OF YOU SIGNED THE TREES PLEASE PLEDGE FOUR YEARS AGO AS PART OF THE CAMPAIGN. IN THAT PLEDGE, YOU PROMISED MORE WINNIPEG TREES MORE PLANTING. FOR EVERY ONE LOST, WE PLANT TWO. YOU PLEDGED A 7-YEAR PRUNING CYCLE, AND YOU AGREED THAT BEST PRACTISES WOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO ALL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO PREVENT UNNECESSARY DAMAGE AND LOSS OF TREES. WE HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS, AND WE APPLAUD GETTING OUR FIRST EVER URBAN FOREST STRATEGY. THE MAYOR'S JULY 9th POST OBSERVES THAT SINCE THE LAST ELECTION, WINNIPEG HAS MADE HISTORIC INVESTMENTS IN PROTECTING, MAINTAINING AND EXPANDING THE URBAN TREE CANOPY. FUNDS HAVE BEEN SPENT ON IMPROVING THE TREE PRUNING CYCLE FROM WHAT WAS A PRETTY ABYSMAL 25 YEARS TO NOW

ABOUT AN 8.5 INDUSTRY STANDARD. MORE BOULEVARD AND PARK TREES WERE PLANTED APPROACHING THE 1:1 RATIO. BIG THANKS TO THE IMPRESSIVE FORESTRY STAFF AND ITS LEADERSHIP AND TO THE MANY COMMUNITY GROUPS ALL OVER THE CITY WHO HAVE FOUND ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO PLANT TREES; HOWEVER, IT APPEARS AS WE SEE THAT THOSE FUNDS REMAIN VULNERABLE. ONE OF OUR TREES PLEASE KEY MEMBERS WROTE A BOOK RECENTLY "OUT ON A LIMB." IT DETAILS THE BENEFITS OF TREES NOT JUST TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BUT TO THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT, TOO. THE BOARD MEMBERS DELIVERED A SIGNED COPY OF EACH MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL. OUR CANOPY HAS MADE GREAT PROGRESS, BUT WE ARE STILL FAR FROM REACHING THE CANOPY COVER OF 24%. IT CONTINUES AT GREAT THREAT AS CHRISTIAN MENTIONED TO THE VOLITILE WEATHER, WHICH WE'VE ALL EXPERIENCED, AND CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT. UNLIKE MANY OTHER CANADIAN CITIES, WINNIPEG ALLOWS LANDOWNERS TO STRIP A PROPERTY OF TREES WITHOUT LIMIT OR PERMIT. THERE ARE NO REPERCUSSIONS; NO BYLAW PREVENTS THAT. A WINNIPEG RESIDENCE NEEDS A PERMIT TO BUILD A DECK, AND THAT DECK WOULD BENEFIT THEM, BUT THAT SAME PERSON CAN GO AHEAD AND DESTROY A 70-YEAR-OLD TREE THAT PROVIDED SHADE TO THE STREET AND COMMUNITY WITH NO LIMITS. MAYOR GILLINGHAM, THIS IS A VALUE TO US BECAUSE IT'S PART OF WHAT MAKES WINNIPEG LIVABLE, RESILIENT AND LIVABLE, AND WE AGREE, TREES GIVE BACK IN SO MANY WAYS. A WELL-TREE NEIGHBOUR PROVIDES SHADE AND CAN BE 40 DEGREES COOLER.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE MOVES EXTENSION. ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

JEAN ALTEMEYER: TREES PROVIDING RAINWATER REDUCING THE STRESS ON SEWERS AND PIPES WHERE WE'RE TAKING THIS APPARENT NEW FUNDING, AND WE HAVE CERTAINLY EXPERIENCED SOME VOLITILE WEATHER. A LARGE, HEALTHY TREE CAN STORE APPROXIMATELY 65 TIMES THE AMOUNT OF CARBON AND REMOVE 15 TIMES MORE AIR POLLUTION THAN SMALL TREES DO. SHADE FROM TREES CAN DOUBLE THE LIFE OF AN ASPHALT ROAD, AND WE RECENTLY HEARD ABOUT ROADS BUCKLING. WINNIPEGGERS WILL GO TO THE POLLS AS THE COUNCILLOR SAID, CAN TWO TO THE POLLS AND THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT [INDISCERNIBLE].

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE SOME QUESTIONS NOW. ANY QUESTIONS? COUNCILLOR EMMA DURAND-WOOD.

COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD: YOU SAID THE WINNIPEGGERS REALLY LOVE THEIR TREES AND THERE ARE ECONOMIC BENEFITS, SO I WONDER IF YOU COULD TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THAT, THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS, THE ACTUAL HARD RETURNS, OUR INVESTMENTS RESULT IN FOR THE CITY.

JEAN ALTEMEYER: WELL, IT IS - THE EVIDENCE IS THAT A WELL-TREED AREA PROTECTS EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE. TREES ARE ONE OF THE FEW PIECES OF STRUCTURE THAT ACTUALLY GAINS VALUE, AS IN WHEN YOU DRIVE A CAR OFF THE LOT, IT LOSES VALUE, AND ROADS ONCE USED, STARTS TO LOSE VALUE. SO IT'S IMPORTANT IN THE LONG RUN TO BE WELL-TREED. IT PROTECTS HOUSES AND BUILDINGS FROM HEAT AND CAN HELP LESSEN STORM WINDS AND SUCH THINGS. IT IMPROVES PROPERTY VALUES. IT IMPROVES HEALTH. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO SEE TREES AND THEY'RE ABLE TO SPEND TIME IN TREES. NOT TO MENTION, BIODIVERSITY.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU. THAT WE IN WINNIPEG ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY, AND WE PROVIDE TREES. I KIND OF MISSED THE POINT, BUT I WOULD ALSO POINT OUT AND WONDERING, I'M PRETTY SURE SHE KNOWS ABOUT IT, BUT I BELIEVE A LOT OF US LIVE BY THE RIVER, SO TREES ACTUALLY HELP STABILIZE THE RIVERBANKS. IS THAT RIGHT, MS. ALTEMEYER?

JEAN ALTEMEYER: ABSOLUTE. ALONG THE PARKS ASK CITIES, THERE IS INTENSIVE PLANTING TO DIVERSIFY, TO CUT DOWN ON THE AMOUNT OF GRASS THAT NEEDS TO BE CUT, TO PROVIDE - ON THE AMOUNT OF GRASS THAT NEEDS TO BE CUT. YOU HAVE TO OFFSET THE BEAVERS, SOMEHOW, BECAUSE BEAVERS DON'T LIKE TO BE MOVED SO YOU CAN'T MOVE THEM. SO WE PLANT FOOD FOR THEM, AND WE PROTECT OTHER SPECIES SO THAT THE TREES CAN GET BIG. SO, YES, AND STABILIZATION OF THE RIVERBANK, WE'VE CERTAINLY LIVED IN THE AREA SINCE 1968 AND THE RIVER TRIES TO KEEP GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE HOUSE AS TREES FALL.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT QUESTION, COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THIS WILL BE MY LAST QUESTION. COUNCIL WILL BE VOTING TODAY. IT'S A MOTION BY THE MAYOR THAT WE WILL BACKFILL WITH SOME DEBT REDUCTION, SO MY QUESTION WITH SOME OF OUR DEBT CEILING ROOM, SO THEREFORE, MY QUESTION IS SIMPLY, THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF TREES, DOES THAT SUPPORT EVEN USING DEBT IN ORDER TO PLANT ASSETS THAT WILL BURDEN OF PROOF THE ECONOMICS OF OUR CITY?

JEAN ALTEMEYER: WELL, FOR ME TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION, I PROBABLY NEED TO BE SITTING IN ONE OF YOUR CHAIRS BECAUSE YOU HAVE ACCESS TO THAT ECONOMIC ANALYSIS. WE KNOW TREES ARE CRUCIAL. WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THE AREAS WHEN THEY LOSE ALL THEIR TREES, AND TREES SUPPORT THE QUALITY OF WATER SYSTEMS. THEY CAN FILTER AND SLOW DOWN ENOUGH AND CAN PROVIDE ALL SORTS OF THINGS. SO COUNCIL DEALS WITH MANY QUESTIONS WHERE SIX OF ONE, HALF DOZEN OF THE OTHER ALL NEED TO BE DONE, BUT THE IMPACT OF THIS LOSS OF 1.2 MILLION AND THE TREE PLANTING AND THE IMPACT OF THE WATER SEWER FEELS TO ME WOULD BE WAY BIGGER OF A LOSS FOR FORESTRY THAN THE IMPACT ON SEWER AND WATER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT QUESTION. ANY QUESTIONS HERE. I THROUGHOUT A SAW A HAND. THAT CONCLUDES OUR QUESTIONS FOR TODAY. THANK YOU, MS. ALTEMEYER.

JEAN ALTEMEYER: THANK YOU. WE'LL SEE YOU IN OCTOBER.

MADAM SPEAKER: OUR NEXT DELEGATION IS DAVE GREEN, CO-CHAIR OF OURS-WINNIPEG IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 5 ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT DATED JULY 6, 2026 REGARDING FUNDING PARKLAND ACQUISITION. WE HAVE OUR DELEGATION REMOTE TODAY. WELCOME.

DAVE GREEN: YES, I HAVE A PRESENTATION I'M TRYING TO SHARE. DO YOU SEE IT YET OR NO?

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. GREEN, THERE'S NO SHARING THE SCREEN AT COUNCIL. THAT IS MORE A PROCEDURE AT COMMITTEE, SO IF YOU WANT TO VERBALLY GIVE YOUR PRESENTATION, THAT WOULD BE GOOD.

DAVE GREEN: SURE. I CAN DO THAT. ANYWAY, I'M DAVE GREEN, THE CO-CHAIR OF OURS-WINNIPEG. A POSITION WE HAD - THIS IS FOR ITEM NO. 5 DEALING WITH PARKLAND ACQUISITION FUND. OUR POSITION WAS THAT WE SUPPORT THE CITY OF WINNIPEG TO ADOPT A PARK ACQUISITION FUND AS OUTLINED IN THE JUNE 11th, 2026 ADMINISTRATION REPORT ENTITLED FUNDING PARK ACQUISITION AND SUPPORT THE EPC RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CAPITAL BUDGET OF 2.46 MILLION AND 7,000 IN 2028 BE REFERRED TO THE 2027 BUDGET PROCESS. OUR POSITION CONTINUES AND WE THINK THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE POLICIES LISTED OF LAND DEDICATION OF REAL ESTATE LAND APPENDIX C, SALE OF PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION OF APPENDIX B WOULD CERTAINLY PUT MONEY IN THE ACQUISITION FUND. WE DEFER ANY ADOPTION OF THE ACQUISITION FUND AND ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICIES THAT WILL BE

GOING TO THE SPECIAL PRIORITIES ACTION COMMITTEE CAUSING FURTHER DELAYS. OUR FEELINGS ARE DELAY, DELAY, DELAY WILL EQUAL OUR FEAR OF EVENTUAL NO ACTION AT ALL. WE ADVOCATED FOR A GREEN SPACE PLAN AT LEAST AS FAR BACK AS 2014. WE THINK THE PLAN WOULD ELIMINATE AD HOC AND ADDITION MAKING FOR GREEN SPACE AND PARKLANDS. IN 2022, CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED THE NEW DOCUMENTS OF WINNIPEG 2045 THAT INCLUDED DEVELOPING GREEN SPACE AND BYLAW POLICY AND PART OF THAT IS ALSO LOOKING AT INQUIRING AN ADDITIONAL ACRES OF GREEN SPACE BY 2045. ALSO, IT APPEARS THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON THE DRAFT GREEN SPACE PLAN HAS ALSO BEEN DELAYED UNTIL NEXT SPRING. OUR BACKGROUND CONTINUED FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR A SPECIFIC FUND TO SUPPORT PARKLAND AND LOOK FOR A FUND WHERE BUSINESSES COULD MAKE MONETARY LAND OR LEGACY DONATIONS AND BE ABLE TO RECEIVE A TAXABLE TAX RECEIPT, A FUND THAT WOULD BE STRICTLY USED TO INQUIRE LAND SPACE AND NOT DIVERTED TO OTHER USES AND WORK IN HARM ANY WITH A GREEN SPACE LAND OF PURCHASES WITH LANDS IMPORTANT TO ACQUIRE. THE RESERVE FUND DOESN'T APPEAR TO MEET THIS NEED. OUR CONCERNS NO, DEDICATED FUNDINGS FOR GREEN SPACE AND LOSS OPPORTUNITIES FOR - [INDISCERNIBLE] LOST OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARKS TO OBTAIN DESIRED LANDS AND ECOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT LANDS AND A - LANDS. THE FINAL CONCERNS, AS DENSITY INCREASES IN INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PROPERTIES BECOME SMALLER, WE NEED MORE GREEN SPACE FOR THE HEALTH AND NATURE BENEFITS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC. DESPITE POSITIVE AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL POLICIES LISTED PREVIOUSLY, THERE ARE STILL CONCERNS WITH A COUPLE OF THE POLICIES SUCH AS THE REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION WHERE IT APPEARS THEY HAVE TO PAY FULL MARKET VALUE TO GAIN ANY CITY-OWNED LAND. WE NEED ASSESSMENT FOR CITY OWNED LAND AND CONSIDER - THAT IS CONSIDERED FOR SURPLUS AND NEED TO TARGET THAT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I'LL TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS. FIRST UP, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU FOR THE DELEGATION FOR APPEARING HERE TODAY. A FEW QUESTIONS, IF I MAY. THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE AS YOU NOTED DOES NOT IDENTIFY CAPITAL FUNDING TO BE REQUESTED FROM COUNCIL HERE TODAY. IT'S IN THE 2027 ASK, SO WILL THE DELEGATE BE IN FAVOUR OF ANOTHER POLICY THAT HAS NO GUARANTEE OF BEING FUNDED.

DAVE GREEN: I'M NOT REALLY SURE WHAT YOU MAYBE.

MADAM SPEAKER: RESTATE THE QUESTION. WE CAN RESTATE THE QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THE CAPITAL ASKED FOR 2.6 MILLION IN 2027 - [INDISCERNIBLE].

DAVE GREEN: I THINK WHEN I'M LOOKING AT THE POLICY OR THE AMENDMENTS TO THE DIFFERENT POLICIES, THE REAL ESTATE POLICIES, A LOT OF THOSE, THEY'RE LOOKING AT THERE'S ALREADY FUNDS COMING IN SO THOSE ARE JUST CHANGING SOME OF THE PERCENTAGES AROUND. THE CAPITAL FUNDING WAS A RECOMMENDATION TO REFER THAT TO THE 2027 CAPITAL FUNDING PROCESS, SO IT'S BEING REFERRED TO THAT, AND SO I'M NOT REALLY TOO SURE BY CHANGING SOME OF - ON THE AMENDMENTS AND SOME OF THE REAL ESTATE POLICIES, THERE IS ALREADY PLAN COMING IN AND THIS IS CHANGING SOME OF THE PERCENTAGES SO MONEY COMING FROM THE OTHER SALES WOULD ACTUALLY GO INTO A LAND ACQUISITION POLICY FUND. IS THAT NOT CORRECT?

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. SECOND QUESTION, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THIS WOULD CREATE A RESERVE BUT THE RESERVE WOULD NOT BE FULLY FUNDED AND WOULD IT NOT MAKE MORE SENSE, AND WE'VE SPOKEN ABOUT THE UPCOMING ELECTION, TO PUT THE FEET TO THE FIRE OF THOSE SEEKING ELECTION TO COMMIT TO FUNDING THIS AS OUTLINED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE ALONG WITH ALL OF THE AMENDMENTS IN THE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN JUST AS WHAT WAS DONE WITH THE URBAN FOREST PLAN.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

DAVE GREEN: IT'S CERTAINLY GOING TO BE AN ELECTION ISSUE, I THINK. WE WOULD BE PUSHING FOR THIS. I GUESS, I'M OBVIOUSLY NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE FULL INNER WORKINGS OF COUNCIL, BUT I'M NOT SO SURE HOW MAKING THIS NO. 1 AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS THAT IN THE UPCOMING PROCESS. I MEAN, AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, THE NUMBER ONE RECOMMENDATION DOESN'T SAY THAT THAT MONEY IS GOING TO BE THERE. IT'S GOING TO BE AND A PROCESS, SO YEAH, IT'S GOING TO BE AN ELECTION ISSUE, BUT IF COUNCIL VOTES NOW AND SAYS YES, WE'LL FORWARD THIS TO THE BUDGET PROCESS. FRANKLY, I DON'T SEE HOW THAT CHANGES ANYTHING, BECAUSE YES, IT'S NOT DEFINITE MONEY, BUT HOW WILL IT CHANGE IF YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING AND WE TRY TO BRING THIS UP TO THE GENERAL ELECTION AND WE NEED THIS MONEY.

MADAM SPEAKER: NEXT QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: UNFORTUNATELY, COUNCIL HAS PUT THROUGH MANY POLICIES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN FUNDED AND IT'S BECOMES EXTREMELY PROBLEMATIC, MADAM SPEAKER, AND THAT BRINGS ME TO MY LAST QUESTION, HAVE YOU OR ANY OTHER ORGANISATIONS REACHED OUT TO COUNCILLORS TO PROVIDE LAND FUNDING FOR ANY TYPE OF PARKLAND ACQUISITION, BECAUSE THAT DOES MEET CRITERIA UNDER LDR, WHICH I WOULD BE HAPPY TO RESPOND TO AS WELL.

MADAM SPEAKER: THE RESPONSE.

DAVE GREEN: THE ISSUE WITH THE LDR, AND YOU HAVE THE FIRST TWO THINGS WHERE ALL OF A SUDDEN, THE PUBLIC SERVICE - THAT MONEY WAS TAKEN OUT ANYWAY, AND SO THE LDR AND THE IT DOESN'T SEEM THE LDR IS DOING ITS PURPOSE FOR BEING ABLE TO ACQUIRE LAND. AND THE THING IS A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, WE ACTUALLY MET WITH THE CITY ADMINISTRATION, I GUESS, FINANCE PERSON, BEFORE SHE RETIRED BECAUSE WE WERE LOOKING FOR A FUND TO BE SET UP THAT WOULD BE USED STRICTLY FOR ACQUIRING LAND AND IF PEOPLE WANTED TO DONATE TO THAT, THEY COULD, OR IF THEY HAD LAND TO DONATE, THEY COULD DO THAT. AND UNDER ONE OF THESE REAL ESTATE POLICIES, IT SEEMS THAT IS GOING IN THERE WHERE YOU'RE ALLOWING THEN PEOPLE TO DONATE LAND WHERE IT SEEMS THE CITY CAN'T TAKE ON THAT LAND RIGHT NOW.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, DAVE. THAT CONCLUDES OUR QUESTION PERIOD UNDER THIS PRESENTATION. THANK YOU AND HAVE A GOOD DATE.

DAVE GREEN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

MADAM SPEAKER: THE LAST DELEGATION IS TERRY WACHNIAK WITH RESPECT TO WINNIPEG TRANSIT ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN, 2026 AND THE STATE OF THE SYSTEM. WELCOME.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR, COUNCILLORS, I'M GOING TO BEGIN BY SAYING ANYONE EXPECTING TO SEE AN ARLINGTON BRIDGE BUS LINE IN ANYTIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE BETTER NOT BE HOLDING THEIR BREATH. THERE'S A DELIVER.

MADAM SPEAKER: PLEASE SPEAK ON THE ITEM BEFORE YOU.

TERRY WACHNIAK: I AM SPEAKING TO THE BUSES.

MADAM SPEAKER: PARDON ME.

TERRY WACHNIAK: YOU SAY THERE'S A DELIBERATE DECEPTION, ING DOT, DOT, DOT AND YOU'RE SKATING A LINE TO BASICALLY CALLING US DECEIVERS, SO MADAM SPEAKER, IT'S A POINT OF ORDER.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. WACHNIAK. RESPECT IN THE CHAMBER. WORD MATTER SO WE HAVE TO WATCH OUR MOTIVATION WHAT WE'RE CONVEYING TO THE PUBLIC. YOU'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE.

TERRY WACHNIAK: I'LL REPHRASE IT AND CALL IT A DELIBERATE OMISSION.

MADAM SPEAKER: ON TO THE PRESENTATION.

TERRY WACHNIAK: THERE'S A DELIBERATE OMISSION GOING ON ABOUT THE POTENTIAL TO TURN ARLINGTON BACK INTO A VIABLE BUS ROUTE, AND THAT IS THAT IT IS COMPLETELY AN UNFUNDED PROJECT NOW. THIS COUNCIL VOTED TO SPEND \$17 MILLION ON COMPLETE DEMOLITION. THAT TURNS OUT TO BE A TINY FRACTION OF WHAT'S REQUIRED, AND THIS COUNCIL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER 30 TO \$50 MILLION FOR THIS TO BE COMPLETE. THAT HAS NOT BEEN PRESENTED TO COUNCIL BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED ON MAY 25th AND ANYONE WANTING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT WOULD BE WISE TO ASK A QUESTION. NOW, THE TRANSIT SYSTEM THAT WE NOW HAVE HAS DONE TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE DAMAGE TO THE BUSINESS DISTRICT OF DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG, TURNING DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG INTO THE HARDEST PLACE TO REACH BY TRANSIT. IT IS THE STREETS OF DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG ARE AS BAD OR WORSE AS THE PANDEMIC ITSELF AND PROBABLY WORSE BECAUSE IT'S NOT THE PANDEMIC THAT HAS CAUSED THIS. THIS COUNCIL HAS CAUSED IT. THE DECLINE IN RIDERSHIP OF BUSES IS DIRECTLY RELATED - THE DECLINE IN RIDERSHIP IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE TRANSIT SYSTEM THAT HAS ELIMINATED 1,700 BUS STOPS AND MORE THAN 200 BUS SHELTERS. IT'S NOT FUN TO RIDE THE BUS IN WINTER WHEN YOU HAVE TO WALK AND WAIT FOR BUSES, WHICH WAS ONE BUS THAT GOT YOU TO DOWNTOWN IS NOW TWO BUSES AND THREE TRANSFERS, AND IT'S NOT GOING TO IMPROVE. THE WINNIPEG TRANSIT SYSTEM HAS NO PLANS OF THIS TO RETURN. DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG BIZ SAYS IN ORDER TO FIX THE CRISIS OF COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA, WE NEED TO RETURN THE BUS ROUTES TO GRAHAM AVENUE AND THE BUS STOPS THROUGHOUT THE DOWNTOWN AREA. OF IT HAS TO BE CONVENIENT AGAIN, AND YOU HAVE A TRANSIT SYSTEM THAT SAYS NO TO ANY OF THAT. NO NEW FUSSES FOR FX2, COUNCILLOR EADIE. THAT'S NOT COMING. THE SAME THING THAT GOES FOR - WELL, WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO FIX TRANSIT. YOUR TRANSIT SYSTEM MAKES NO COMPROMISES FOR DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG. WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO IS RECOGNIZE THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS AND PUT IN PLACE - ORDER TO BE PUT IN PLACE A DOWNTOWN SHUTTLE BUS, A FREE SERVICE RUNNING THROUGHOUT THE DOWNTOWN AREA INCLUDING GRAHAM AVENUE. GRAHAM AVENUE HAS TO BECOME A PRIMARY BUS ROUTE AGAIN. THE ENTIRE SYSTEM HAS TO BE RETURNED TO THE ORIGINAL SYSTEM WE HAD, AND YOU CAN HAVE SPINE AND FEEDER IN THE SUBURBS; THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT, BUT THE DESIGN OF WINNIPEG TRANSIT IS TO BRING THE POPULATION WHERE THEY WANT TO GO, WHICH IS DOWNTOWN, AND THE SYSTEM THAT YOU HAVE PUT IN PLACE AND THAT THIS COUNCIL SUPPORTS DOES THE EXACT OPPOSITE, AND IT DOESN'T DO ANY BETTER IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT THAT TIME UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA. 92% OF THE STUDENTS THAT USE THE BUSES THAT GET THERE SAY THE NEW SYSTEM IS WORSE. WINNIPEG DOWNTOWN BIZ WILL TELL YOU THAT 85% OF THE PEOPLE USING THE TRANSIT SYSTEM NOW SAY THAT IT IS HARDER TO GET TO DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG THAN ANYWHERE ELSE.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WE'LL TAKE QUESTIONS NOW. COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANKS, MADAM SPEAKER. I'M ASKING QUESTIONS JUST TO CLARIFY THINGS. MADAM SPEAKER, FIRST THING I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION IS MR. WACHNIAK DOES NOT KNOW, BUT IN THE FALL OF THIS YEAR, WHAT WILL BE HAPPENING, MADAM SPEAKER, IS THE FX-2 WILL BE STOPPING AT MOUNTAIN, CATHEDRAL AND INKSTER, AND IT WILL ALSO BE STOPPING AT HARTFORD AND THEN THE STOP AT 31 AND BECAUSE KILLBRIGHT IS NOT EXACTLY THE BEST PLACE STOP TO GET ACROSS THE MAYBE STREET SAFELY, THERE WILL BE A WAS STOP - THERE WILL BE A BUS STOP AT BURN AND MAIN, WHICH IS CLOSE TO THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS BY McDONALD'S AND EDMONDS PARKER, SO THERE ARE IMPROVEMENTS BASED ON MY ADVOCACY TO TRANSIT STATING TO IMPROVE THE FX-2, WHICH IS A VERY FREQUENT BUS. YOU'RE AWARE OF THAT?

TERRY WACHNIAK: NO. QUITE FRANKLY I CAN ONLY BEWARE OF WHAT I'VE SEEN IN THE STANDING COMMITTEE. AND I'VE SEEN BOTH YOU AND COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS SHUT DOWN BY THE ADMINISTRATION SAYING, NO, WE DO NOT RECOMMEND MORE BUS STOPS, SO YOU MAYBE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT IT, BUT THERE'S NOTHING THAT SAYS THAT WILL HAPPEN YET.

MADAM SPEAKER: NEXT QUESTION.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: MY SECOND QUESTION IS YOU MUST BE AWARE THAT THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CENTRE, THAT PROJECT 3 IS CURRENTLY UNFUNDED, AS WELL, BUT AS WE WORK FORWARD AND WE GET ELECTED, WE CONTINUE WORKING TOWARDS FINDING THE DOLLARS TO DO THINGS THAT WE WANT TO DO. THE MAYOR'S MADE IT CLEAR WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING FOR THE MONEY TO BUILD A NEW ARLINGTON BRIDGE. ARE YOU AWARE OF THAT, MR. WACHNIAK?

TERRY WACHNIAK: BEFORE YOU CAN FIND THE MONEY TO BUILD THE ARLINGTON BRIDGE, YOU HAVE TO FIND THE MONEY TO FINISH THE DEMOLITION. THAT PARTIAL BRIDGE, TWO THIRDS OF THAT BRIDGE ARE GOING TO REMAIN STANDING UNTIL YOU FIND 30 TO 50 MORE MILLION DOLLARS. IF YOU CAN'T FIND THAT MONEY, THAT BRIDGE STANDS THERE FOR YEARS.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THAT IS JUST FACTUALLY INCORRECT. I ENCOURAGE THE DELEGATE TO DO HIS HOMEWORK.

MADAM SPEAKER: THAT CONCLUDES OUR QUESTION PERIOD.

TERRY WACHNIAK: CAN I NOT RESPOND?

MADAM SPEAKER: THAT CONCLUDES OUR QUESTION PERIOD. THANK YOU AND WE'LL MOVE TO REPORTS THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED JUNE 16, 2026. MR. MAYOR, NOTING THAT WE HAVE AMENDING MOTIONS FOR ITEMS 1 AND 3.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THE REASON THAT THESE MOTIONS ARE HERE TODAY.

MADAM SPEAKER: WE'LL BE DEALING WITH EACH ITEM INDIVIDUALLY AND WITH RESPECT TO ITEM 1, MR. MAYOR, QUESTIONS.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: YES, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR, IF YOU'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE ITEM AND WE'LL INTRODUCE THE AMENDING MOTION.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THIS A MATTER RELATED TO SECOND PLAN AMENDMENT REGARDING 1390 AND 1427 DUGALD ROAD. WE LAID THE MATTER OVER LAST COUNCIL MEETING AND AS YOU INDICATED, THERE IS AN AMENDING MOTION RELATED TO THAT TODAY.

MADAM SPEAKER: AND THE AMENDING MOTION IS MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUNCAN AND SECOND BY COUNCILLOR BROWATY. YOU CAN TAKE THE PODIUM. JUST ONE MOMENT.

MADAM SPEAKER: TOME ONE HAS A LIGHT AMENDMENT AS DOES ITEM 3. WE ARE DELETING MOTION 1-A. WE HAVE TO HAVE YOU BACK, OR PERHAPS YOU CAN PACKAGE IT INTO ONE. I THINK COUNCIL WOULD BE OKAY WITH THAT.

OKAY, I CAN DO THAT. MADAM SPEAKER, A COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON JUNE THE 16th OF 2026 AT THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THREE CONCURRENT APPLICATIONS TO ENABLE THE WATERS URBAN VILLAGE MULTI-USE DEVELOPMENT, SO THOSE THREE DOCUMENTS AT THAT TIME WAS A COMPLETE COMMUNITY AMENDMENT, ADOPTION OF A NEW SECONDARY PLAN AND A SUBDIVISION OF A REZONING APPLICATION. THE REPORT INITIALLY RECOMMENDED A 150-MITRE SETBACK, HOWEVER, THROUGH DISCUSSIONS AT THAT MEETING, EPC DID SETTLE ON 150 SETBACK SO AFTER FURTHER REVIEW OF THAT DECISION, A LOT OF THIS WAS DONE ON THE FLY OF THE MEETING BUT AFTER REVIEW, WE DID BECOME AWARE OF TWO INCONSISTENCIES THAT RESULTED IN THE MISS ALIGNMENT OF THE - AND TWO MINOR AMENDMENTS ARE PROPOSED HERE TODAY THAT ARE BEING DRAFTED AND PUT FORWARD. I CAN SPECIAL SPEAK TO MOTION NO. 2, WHICH IS EPC NUMBER 1, IS PA2025-26 AND WHAT THIS DOES IS IT REMOVES THE CURRENT INACCURATE 1.A PLAN, AND IF I'M PERMITTED, I CAN SPEAK TO MOTION 3.

MADAM SPEAKER: YES.

SO FOR MOTION 3 WHICH IS IN RELATION TO EPC ITEM 3, 4-2026 THIS PUTS 4.A AND 4.B BACK AND PUTTING THE SETBACK NUMBERS BACK INTO 2.A AND 2.B REFLECTING THE EPC WITH THE 150 MITRES.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW.

THE LAST QUESTION REGARDING 2A AND 2B. WHAT I'M READING IS WE ARE GOING TO DELETE 328 FEET FROM A THE ADDITIONAL SETBACKS AND INCREASE THE SETBACKS TO 277 FEET; IS THAT CORRECT?

WE'RE GOING FROM 328 DOWN TO 115 MITRES.

CAN YOU JUST USE FEET? THAT IS WHAT I HAVE IN OUR REPORT.

AND FOR 1A, THE PROPOSAL IS TO DELETE THE WHOLE THING SO DOES THAT MEAN THEY DON'T HAVE PROPERTY SETBACKS?

THAT IS IN REFERENCE TO THE 150. WE WANT TO DELETE THAT BECAUSE IT'S BEEN ADDED TO SOMEWHERE ELSE.

IS IT 150.

IT'S 115. 1, 1, 5?

SO WE'RE DELETING 1-A BUT YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT 1-A ISN'T BEING DELETED. IT'S STILL GOING TO BE 115.

1-A REFERS TO [INDISCERNIBLE] IN OTHER AREAS OF THAT AMENDMENT THAT WE HAD DONE AT EPC, WE DO REFERENCE THE 115, WHICH IS THE 328 FEET.

OKAY.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW, I THINK YOU'RE REFERRING TO ITEM 1 TO BE DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: RIGHT NOW, WE'RE DELETING IT ENTIRELY, SO IF IT'S NOT THERE, IT'S NOT 150 MITRES, HOW MANY MITRES IS IT?

IT'S 115 MITRES.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: OKAY. THE OTHER ONE I UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: VERY GOOD. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, ANYTHING DIFFERENT.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS:

YEAH. HAS LANDMARK BEEN ADVISED AND ARE THEY AMENABLE TO THE CORRECTION.

I'M SORRY. CAN YOU REPEAT THAT.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WAS - HAVE THEY BEEN ADVISED TO THE CHANGE AND ARE AMENABLE?

YES, THEY ARE COMPLETELY AWARE OF THIS.

THE SECOND QUESTION, THE HEARING WAS EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE, IS IT BECAUSE IT BYPASSED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DAYS? MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THAT IS PART OF THE PROCESS OF THIS PARTICULAR ITEM, WAS TO GO TO EPC NOT COMMUNITY COMMITTEE. THE CLERK CAN CLARIFY THE EXACT PROCEDURE WHY THAT'S THE CASE.

BECAUSE IT WENT LONGER THAN THE LEGISLATIVE DAYS?

NO.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: THE CEO DISCUSSED THINGS DONE ON THE FLY, A MISALIGNMENT OF THE DAS, CAN YOU CLARIFY.

REFERENCE TO 150 MITRES WAS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT AND NUMEROUS AREAS, AND DURING THAT MEETING, WE WERE TRYING TO AMEND THIS, AND WE THOUGHT WE CAUGHT ALL THE 150 MITRES IN THE DOCUMENT, OBVIOUSLY WE DIDN'T, AND WE'RE TRYING TO CORRECT THAT TODAY TO 115.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN. I WANT TO REMIND COUNCIL THIS WAS ON

THE AGENDA LAST MONTH AND IT'S A LAYOVER, SO IT'S GOOD TO CLARIFY EVERYTHING TODAY.
COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU. TO COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, THESE WERE REQUESTS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE CONCURRED TO MOVE FORWARD, ESSENTIALLY THESE BEING ERRORS IN PRODUCING FOR COUNCIL'S CHAIR.

MADAM SPEAKER, THROUGH YOU, THAT'S CORRECT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THAT CONCLUDES OUR QUESTION OF THE CEO. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN, YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE AMENDING MOTION IF YOU WISH, SPOKEN ABOUT IT IS DELAYING RECOMMENDATION 1-A IN ITS ENTIRETY.

I'LL BE BRIEF, MADAM SPEAKER, THIS IS A CLEAN-UP. UNFORTUNATELY, AND ALL OF US HAVE SEEN THIS AROUND THE TABLE WHEN THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMES FORWARD WITH A REPORT THAT HAS RECOMMENDATIONS IN THERE THAT AREN'T CONCURRED IN BY THE APPLICANT, AND THEREFORE, POTENTIALLY CONSIDERED BY THAT COMMITTEE, THIS BEING AN EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE, CHANGES HAPPEN, AND CHANGES HAPPEN AT EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE THAT UNFORTUNATELY WERE NOT CAUGHT IN THEIR ENTIRETY BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE WHEN PRODUCING THIS DOCUMENT FOR COUNCIL'S SECOND CONSIDERATION, SO THIS IS IN ITS ENTIRETY AND CLEAN-UP. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? QUESTIONS ASKED OF THE CAO. THAT'S GOOD. CLOSE ON THE QUESTIONS? MR. MAYOR, DO YOU WISH TO CLOSE THE ITEM? AMENDING MOTION 2. ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

WE VOTED ON TWO AMENDMENTS.

MADAM SPEAKER: WE JUST VOTED ON ONE AMENDMENT. THE OTHER AMENDMENT GOES WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEM, ITEM 3. ITEM 2 BEFORE US CURRENTLY HAS NO AMENDMENTS. MR. MAYOR, YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE THE ITEM. THE REPORT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. OKAY, COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD.

COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE FINANCIAL AMENDMENT FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT, IT'S PRETTY EASY TO BE SOME WAYED BY THE TOP LINE NUMBERS BUT - SWAYED BY THE NUMBERS AND WE SEE THERE IS A LOT OF RISK AND I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A FEW THINGS THAT STAND OUT TO ME THAT ARE HUGE RED FLAGS. ONE, THE DEVELOPMENT WILL LOSE MONEY AND SUBSIDIZED BY THE REST OF THE CITY. THE FIA SPELLS THIS OUT AND AQUOTE A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE MORE THAN 1.3% ANNUALLY WILL BE A GROWTH IN VALUE. THEY EXPECT THE DOLLARS WILL BE SUPPORTING OUR EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS WHICH THERE IS AN END ALSO AMOUNT NOT TO PROP UP NEW DEVELOPMENTS. SECONDLY, IT DOESN'T INCLUDE REPLACEMENT COSTS AND WE'LL GET NEW PIPES FOR FREE BUT ON THE HOOK FOR REPLACING THEM FOREVER AND THE, THEREFORE, THIS COST IS NOT CONSIDERED BUT WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURE IN FUTURE YEARS. I THINK WE'RE LUCKY IF WE'RE GETTING ROADS LASTING 75 YEARS. I JUST DON'T THINK THAT REALISTIC. SO WHAT HAPPENS IN YEAR 76? WHERE WILL THE MONEY COME FROM TO REPLACE THE ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE? THIRD, SERVICING A NEW AREA WITH TRANSIT WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE REST OF THE CITY SERVICE. AGAIN, WE'RE ALREADY STRUGGLING WITH THE LEVEL OF TRANSIT SERVICE THAT WINNIPEGGERS NEED AND DESERVE. WE'LL SPREAD THOSE DOLLARS EVEN MORE THINLY. THE RECOVERY RATE WILL BE 20% SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN THE CITY AVERAGE AND THE FIA SAYS A NET COST OF 53 MILLION, AND NOTES THAT SHOULD THIS CHANGE THE-RUN LEAD OF THIS FIA,

COULD BECOME MARKEDLY DIFFERENT. MADAM SPEAKER, THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL NOT MAKE OUR CITY MORE PROSPEROUS. WE STOP ADDING NEW INFRASTRUCTURE IS MAKING BETTER USE OF THE ROADS AND PIPES WE HAVE. FOR THIS REASON, I WON'T BE SUPPORTING THIS. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. ALL IN FAVOUR OF ITEM 2. CONTRARY. WE'LL HAVE A RECORDED VOTE. THERE ARE FOLKS FOR AND OPPOSITION. COUNCILLOR LUKES IS ABSENT. ALL IN FAVOUR, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR GILLINGHAM, COUNCILLORS [ROLL CALL].

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE. COUNCILLORS ALLARD, DURAND-WOOD, GILROY, ORLIKOW.

I WANT TO THANK THE CAO FOR THE RATIONAL AND I'LL TURN IT OVER THE COLLEAGUES FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

THAT EPC CHANGES TO THE DISTANCE FROM THE PROPERTY LINES GIVEN THE SURROUNDING CONTEXT IN THESE NEIGHBOURHOODS. THIS WILL ENSURE THERE'S PROPER SETBACK AS WELL AS PROPER SOUND BARRIERS AND EXPECTATIONS AROUND THOSE SOUND LEVELS FOR ANY FUTURE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM? COUNCILLOR DUNCAN, DO YOU WISH TO CLOSE.

MADAM SPEAKER: I'LL CALL THE QUESTION ON AMENDING MOTION 3. ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. THAT'S THE MAIN ITEM 3 AS AMENDED. ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD NOTED IN OPPOSITION. COUNCILLOR ALLARD IN.

WE'LL HAVE A RECORDED VOTE.

CLERK: HIS WORSHIP MAYOR GILLINGHAM -

SORRY, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: JUST HAVING AN ISSUE UNDERNEATH THE DESK HERE.

NO PROBLEM.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR GILLINGHAM, COUNCILLORS BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, EADIE, SANTOS AND MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: COUNCILLORS ALLARD, DUE RETARDANT-WOOD, GILROY AND ORLIKOW.

THE VOTE, MADAM SPEAKER, YAYS NINE, AND NAYS, FOUR.

MADAM SPEAKER: YAYS, NINE. ALL IN FAVOUR, WE HAVE TO DO THE VOTE ALL OVER AGAIN. WITH A TECHNICAL GLITCH. ALL IN FAVOUR, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR GILLINGHAM, COUNCILLORS BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, EADIE, SANTOS AND MADAM SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR SHARMA.

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: COUNCILLORS ALLARD, DURAND-WOOD, GILROY, ORLIKOW AND.

MADAM SPEAKER, YAYS, EIGHT, NAYS, FIVE.

MADAM SPEAKER: ITEM THREE CARRIES.

MADAM SPEAKER: WE'LL NOW MOVE TO THE EXECUTIVE POLICY DATED JULY 2nd. WE DO HAVE AMENDING MOTION WITH ITEM 5 AND ITEM 11. MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I INTRODUCE YOUR REPORT AND MOVE THE ADOPTION TO.

MADAM SPEAKER: A WORD OF CONTRACT FOR DESIGN BUILD AGREEMENT FOR PROGRESSIVE DESIGN BUILD AT THAT TIME NEW PROJECT. THE OTHER ITEM, MR. MAYOR.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: 8.

MADAM SPEAKER: CONTRIBUTION TO A PUBLIC SKYWALK FOR A NEW HOTEL AT 220 CARLETON STREET. WITH THAT I'LL CALL THE QUESTION ITEM 2, 4, 6, 9, 12. ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. MR. CLERK.

CLERK: FOR PROGRESS DESIGN BUILD FOR BIOSOLIDS FOR PROPOSAL 779-210B.

THIS IS THE PROJECT ON THE WATER CONTROL, THE PROJECTS THAT ARE INVOLVED. THE COMPREHENSIVE WORK, THE LARGE SCALE OF THIS PROJECT AS SOMETHING WE'VE BEEN WORKING TOWARD AS A COUNCIL FOR A LONG, LONG TIME, SO THE WORD OF THIS CONTRACT IS REALLY EXCITING NEWS AND SPECIFICALLY, THE PROGRESSIVE DESIGN BUILD DELIVERY MODEL IS PROVING ALREADY TO BE THE RIGHT CHOICE OF DELIVERY MODEL FOR THIS PROJECT. OF THE SXK AND THIS WILL ALLOW THE PROJECT TO BE INNOVATIVE IN THE DELIVERY, BE INNOVATIVE IN THE WAY OF WORKING WITH PARTNERS, TEAM MEMBERS THAT ARE MAKING SURE THIS PROJECT GETS DONE ON TIME AND CERTAINLY MOST IMPORTANTLY FOR THE PEOPLE OF WINNIPEG TO BE ON BUDGET. I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT. THIS IS A REALLY GOOD STORY ASK A HUGE, HUGE STEP FORWARD IN THE WATER POLLUTION CENTRE, WHICH WE KNOW IS NECESSARY. WE NEED TO GET THIS BUILT FOR THREE REASONS, TO MEET THE ENVIRONMENT LICENCING TO SAVE LAKE WINNIPEG AND PROTECT OUR RIVERS AND REPLACE AGED INFRASTRUCTURE. THE CURRENT PLANT IS ABOUT 95 YEARS AGO AND WE'RE STILL USING THOSE ASSETS, AND OF COURSE, TO UNLOCK FUTURE CAPACITY TO WINNIPEG CAN CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE COMING GENERATIONS SO REALLY PLEASED TO SUPPORT THERE TODAY, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. WE ARE CELEBRATING THIS MILESTONE AND MADAM SPEAKER, NO QUESTION, I CONTINUE TO HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THESE PROJECTS REPORTED TO COUNCIL EMBLEMATIC IN THE REPORT OF CONSTRUCTION OFFICER WE HAVE - THELE - DELVES INTO PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND REPEATS THE EXECUTIVE PRESSURE AND

THE INSURANCE VOICE REALLY SLIPS INTO PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND THERE ARE SO MANY FACTS PRESENTED THAT HAVE NO INTERPRETATION AT ALL. IT UNDERSTATES REALLY IMPORTANT RISKS, WHETHER IT'S THE PUMP VIBRATION ISSUE OR THE ADDITIONAL TESTING UNDERWAY MINIMIZING ISSUES OR A SCHEDULE ANALYSIS THAT LACKS DEPTH AND THIS CAN FRANKLY BE UNDERSTOOD GIVEN SOME OF THE DISCUSSION THAT WENT ON HERE TODAY, BUT WHEN, YOU KNOW, THE REPORT SAYS THE COSTS RAHM STABLE AND THEN LATER IDENTIFIES CONTAMINATED SOIL, RESTORATION, GATE REPLACEMENT THAT WE KNOW DRIVES UP COSTS, THESE ALL, YOU KNOW, CONSUME CONTINGENCY COST AND A BETTER ASSURANCE STATEMENT WOULD SAY IT REMAINS BEEN BUDGET AUTHORITY. IT REMAINS CONTINGENCY AS EXPECTED TO DLIEP BUT THAT CONTRACTS ARE BEING FINALIZED, ET CETERA. THAT WOULD GIVE COUNCILLORS PERSPECTIVE. THE GOVERNMENT SECTION IS WEAK BUT SO IS THE POSITION OF THAT VERY POSITION, SO I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT, THE LACK OF POSITIONALITY OF AN UPCOMING OFFICER THAT THE MAYOR HAS INDICATED IS COMING. SO I WANT TO MEET THIS MILESTONE WITH THE ATTENTION IT DESERVES. IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT MILESTONE, BUT THE REPORTING I AM FINDING IS VERY LACKING TO COUNCIL. THE EXECUTIVE TAKEAWAY IS COMPLETELY MISSING FROM THAT, YOU KNOW, THE FUNCTION THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE ADVISING US. YOU KNOW, AFTER FIVE PAGES, YOU STILL WANT TO ASK, WELL, WHAT SHOULD I REMEMBER FROM ALL OF THIS? AND YOU KNOW, THERE'S VERY LITTLE READABILITY THAT WE'VE COMMENTED ON BEFORE, SO MADAM SPEAKER, IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT MILESTONE, AND I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE THE STATUTORY OFFICER'S HELP IN THE SHOULD COUNCILLOR ADVISOR HERE. I THINK ULTIMATELY IN TERMS OF GOVERNANCE, IT SHOULDN'T - IT'S AN IMPORTANT DAY AND AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I AM VERY PLEASED. OUR PUBLIC SERVICE AND THE PEOPLE WE'RE LOOKING TO CONTRACT WITH HAVE DEMONSTRATED, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT THIS PROGRESSIVE DESIGN BUILD AND THIS CITY KNOWS HOW TO BUILD AND KEEP WITHIN BUDGET, MADAM SPEAKER. I'D BE QUITE PLEASED, MADAM SPEAKER, WITH THE REPORTING. WE GET TO ASK MANY QUESTIONS IN THE SEMINARS THAT WE HAVE FOR COUNCILLORS AND GET TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS WE HAVE PERTAINING TO IT, AND THERE WERE A LOT OF QUESTIONS IN THE LAST SEMINAR THAT WE HAD AND ALSO, THERE IS A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS THAT WE ASK AND LOOK AT AND READ THE MONTHLY REPORTS, MADAM SPEAKER. THERE'S RISK MEASUREMENT. I GUESS - I CAN'T REMEMBER IF THERE'S A FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE COLOUR AND WHAT THAT RISK LEVEL ACTUALLY MEANS, MADAM SPEAKER, BUT I'M JUST SO IMPRESSED WITH NEWPCC AND HOW ITS PROGRESSING ALONG WITH OUR DEPARTMENT. WE'RE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK ON IT AND MANY OTHERS. WE'RE WORKING AT DEALING WITH ISSUES AS IT GOES ALONG WITH THE PROGRESSIVE DESIGN. ANYWAY, I'M REALLY PLEASED THAT WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT COMES IN ON BUDGET AND, I MEAN, IT DIDN'T DONE YET. THERE COULD BE ISSUES. THERE ARE RISKS WITH ANY OF THESE PROJECTS THAT MIGHT OCCUR, BUT WE ARE MAINTAINING THE RECOMMENDED CONTINGENCY FUND, MADAM SPEAKER, IF THEY DO RUN INTO ANY PROBLEMS. WE'VE DONE PRETTY GOOD IN PROJECT NO. 1 IN TERMS OF CONTINGENCY AND BEING ABLE TO COVER OFF SOME COSTS THAT WERE TOTALLY UNFORESEEN, MADAM SPEAKER. ANYWAY, THE RECOMMENDATION HERE IN THE REPORT, THE AWARD IS MOST EXCELLENT AND, AGAIN, AND I WILL JUST CANNOT IN THANKING THE PUBLIC SERVICE FOR HAVING THIS ALL REARRANGED AND REPORTING TO COUNCIL AND GIVES AN IN THE FOR ALL OF US WITH THE ALSO SEMINARS SO WE CAN ASK MORE DETAILED QUESTIONS, SO I SEE NO PROBLEM WITH HOW THAT IS DONE AND HOW IT IS PRESENTED. WE ALL KNOW WHAT VALUE ENGINEERING IS. THIS CONTRACT ACTUALLY INCLUDES COVERING OFF THE COST OF PROJECT 3. THERE'S A PIECE IN HERE THAT WILL BE DEALING WITH THAT, MADAM SPEAKER, AND THAT'S HOW PROGRESSIVE DESIGN WORKS. THEY DISCOVERED THAT, HEY, WHOA, THIS WOULD BE GOOD BECAUSE WE HAVE TO DO PROJECT 3. AND WE MUST HAVE THIS THING DONE AND COMPLETED AND IT WILL. THANK YOU.

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

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: YOU CAN CALL THE QUESTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: QUESTION ON ITEM 3, ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. MR. CLERK, ITEM 5.

CLERK: APPLICATION TO THE CANADA FEDERAL PUBLIC PLAN, CTEF, THE FUNDING PROGRAMME FOR WINNIPEG TRANSIT.

MADAM SPEAKER: NOTING THERE IS AMENDING MOTION 5 SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I THINK IT'S AMENDING MOTION 4.

MADAM SPEAKER: AMENDING MOTION 4. THAT'S RIGHT.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I'LL WAIT TO HEAR FROM MY COLLEAGUES AND THOSE THAT MOVE THE AMENDING MOTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW, YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE THE AMENDING MOTION.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: YEAH. THEY WILL COME BACK WITH A REPORT IN THE FUTURE REGARDING THE REQUIREMENT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ELIMINATE ALL PARKING REQUIREMENTS OFF THE BOARD. THAT REPORT WILL BE COMING DOWN IN A FUTURE DATE, SO WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. WE ALL KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. AREA RESIDENTS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GET A RESIDENTIAL PARKING PLAN IN PLACE. IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. THEY HAVE TO APPLY FOR IT, AND IT HAS TO BE APPROVED, BUT IT'S COMING. I FIND IT DISGUSTING, YEAH, YOU HAVE TO PAY 5, \$10 FOR HOW MANY CARS THEY GET PERMITS FOR. YOU DIDN'T ASK FOR THIS. ONLY THESE CERTAIN AREAS GET ZERO PARKING PERMITS. THEY DIDN'T WANT THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT TO HAPPEN. TO SEND IT BACK TO YOU, NOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET MORE PARKING PERMITS AND YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR IT. I THINK IT'S FAIR, AND I'M SPEAKING FOR MY NEIGHBOURHOODS THAT THEY CONSIDER OF WAIVING SOME OF TO PERMIT FEES, ONE CARS, TWO CARS. JUST CONSIDER IT. COME FORWARD AND SEE THE COST. WHEN THEY COME BACK WITH THAT REPORT - THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO DO, WHEN THEY WRITE THE REPORT, THEY SAY WE DID CONSIDER IT, AND HOPEFULLY COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER IT. THAT'S ALL THIS MOTION IS FOR. OTHERWISE, YEAH, IT'S A HEAP OF MONEY SO I CAN'T SAY NO BECAUSE OF THE PARKING REQUIREMENTS, WHICH I ALMOST WANTED TO WITH THE IMPACT AND DEVELOPMENT, BUT IT PROVIDES AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF FUNDS FOR THE TRANSIT SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE BEEN HEARING TODAY, THAT HAS BEEN UNDERFUNDED. I CAN'T SAY NO TO THAT MONEY. I WISH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD STOP DOING THIS TO US. I PERSONALLY LIKE TO SAY STOP, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND LET US MANAGE IT OUR WAY BUT, AGAIN, THEY HAVE THIS ONE THING FITS ALL MODEL DEFENCE, SO I'M TRYING TO DO THE BEST I CAN FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOODS THAT I REPRESENT, WHO ARE ALREADY FACING HUGE PRESSURES SO HOW YOU VOTE WHEN THAT REPORT COMES BACK, I'LL BE PROBABLY WATCHING AT THAT TIME LAKE AND SEE HOW YOU GUYS DID.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: MADAM SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW, THERE WERE QUITE A FEW COMMENTS THAT HE MADE THAT I DON'T WANT TO ECHO INCLUDING HIS COMMENT ABOUT THE LAKE, BUT MADAM SPEAKER, HE COULDN'T BE MORE RIGHT ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND WHETHER IT HAS TO DO WITH ZONING. THERE HAS TO BE A BETTER PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS WITH RESPECT TO LARGE-SCALE INFRASTRUCTURES AND WHAT WE WANT FOR OUR CITIES AND OUR COUNTRY. WHETHER IT'S THE TRANSIT AMBITIONS THAT WE'RE PARTNER WITH THE PROVINCE ON ON AFFORDABILITY AND BARRIER-FREE TRANSIT, ROLLING OUT A DEEP AFFORDABLEABILITY ISSUE AND WORKING AFFORDABILITY - AND BOTH THINGS CAN BE TRUE. YOU CAN BE EXCITED, BUT YOU CAN ALSO RECOGNIZE THE SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROGRAMME. I RECENTLY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO DATA CENTRES AND ATTRACTING THEM TO THE PROVINCE AND P CITY'S ROLE THAT PLAYS IN THAT. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW SAID IT'S CONNECT IT TO ZONING. WE LOOK AT IT AS LIGHT OR HEAVY - SORRY, I LOST THE WORD FOR THE ZONING BY-LAW, BUT INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITY, AND MADAM SPEAKER, YOU KNOW, WE'VE SEEN MASSIVE DATA CENTRES DENIED RECENTLY BY PREMIER BECAUSE QUITE SIMPLY, HYDRO COULDN'T CONSIDER IT AND THAT GETS US BACK TO TRANSIT AFFORDABILITY AND THE TRANSIT DEAL WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WE CERTAINLY DIDN'T GET WHAT WE NEEDED HERE, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP TRYING AND THAT'S WHY I HOPE COUNCILLOR BROWATY WILL BE BACK AS MY PARTNER. I HOPE THAT WINNIPEGGERS WILL ENGAGE ON UNDERSTANDING THE MATH BEHIND TRANSIT AND READING THIS REPORT, AND I'LL CERTAINLY WANT TO, YOU KNOW, SHOW RESIDENTS HOW YOU PUT TOGETHER TRANSIT FUNDING AND I KNOW MY COLLEAGUE, COUNCILLOR LUKES WOULD WANT TO UNDERLINE SOME POINTS, IF SHE WAS HERE WITH RESPECT TO THIS REPORT, BUT MADAM SPEAKER, I WANTED TO PUT SOME WORDS ON THE RECORD, AND I HOPE THE AMENDING MOTION IS ALSO SUPPORTED. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT ON WORDS LIKE MINE AND COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW'S AND OTHERS THAT HAVE TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT, BUT THEY'RE NOT PAYING THE PRICE FOR THAT DEVELOPMENT AND DON'T HAVE THE SAME ACCESS TO THESE STREETS BECAUSE WE'RE GROWING THE CITY UP AND NOT OUT. WE SAW A SIGNIFICANT VOTE AND WORDS ON THE RECORD BY COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD WHO I KNOW TO BE AT THAT TIME FOREFRONT OF CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE, SO THESE ARE THE TYPES OF CONSIDERATION WE HAVE TO HAVE. IF WE WANT TO GROW THE SUPPORT FOR DENSITY AND DEVELOPMENTS THAT GO OUTSIDE OUR CURRENT FOOTPRINT, MADAM SPEAKER, WE KNOW THEY COME AT A COST, BUT WHAT WE ALSO MUST DO, IF YOU REALLY APPRECIATE THAT WORDS LIKE MINE ARE GROWING UP. THEY ARE LAND LOCKED. THERE IS NO INFILL TO SPEAK OF THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE SOME CONSIDERATION ON THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF CITY SERVICES THEY MIGHT NEED FROM THE PARKING PLAN TO THE GARBAGE COLLECTION, MADAM SPEAKER. SO I'M HOPING THAT THIS AMENDMENT IS SUPPORTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE'RE ONE TEAM, ONE WINNIPEG, AND ONE CITY, AND WE'RE TRYING TO BUILD IT COLLABORATIVELY AND BUILD TOGETHER WITH DOWNTOWN SUBURBANS LIKE I HAVE AND SUBURBAN ASPECTS LIKE YOURS, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I RISE TO PUT ON THE RECORD WITH REGARD TO FX-2 THAT RESIDENTS ON St. MARY'S ROAD WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL PERMIT FEES AS A RESULT OF THIS REQUEST WHERE THE FX-2 DOESN'T PROVIDE THAT SERVICE.

MADAM SPEAKER: SEEING NO OTHER SPEAKERS. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW, DO YOU WISH TO CLOSE?

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: THIS IS A MOTION - [INDISCERNIBLE] THAT'S A WHOLE DIFFERENT STORY, TO THIS ONE FOR JUST THE 800 METERS FROM THE BRT STATIONS SO IT REALLY ONLY AFFECTS THREE COUNCILLORS SO HOPE THAT CLARIFIES.

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

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: YEAH, I APPRECIATE THE AMENDING MOTION AND I'LL BE GLAD TO SUPPORT

THAT MOTION AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOU CALLING THE QUESTION, PLEASE.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ALL IN FAVOUR OF AMENDING MOTION 4. CONTRARY. THAT'S CARRIED AND THE MAIN AMENDMENT. THANK YOU. MR. CLERK.

CLERK: ITEM 8, CONTRIBUTION TO A PUBLIC SKYWALK FOR A BRAND-NEW HOTEL AT 2 TO CARLETON STREET.

MADAM SPEAKER: MR. MAYOR, TO INTRODUCE ITEM 8.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: I STOOD THIS DOWN JUST TO HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT FUNDING THIS PROJECT IS MOVING AHEAD ONCE AGAIN. IT'S A PROJECT BUILT BY NORTH END PROPERTIES A NEW HOTEL THAT HAS BEEN ANTICIPATED FOR MANY YEARS LOCATED AT 220 CARLSTON STREET NEXT TO THE CONVENTION CENTRE. THIS IS ABOUT A CITY CONTRIBUTION FROM WINNIPEG TO THE PUBLIC SKY WALK AND APPRECIATE THE WAY MR. DRIVER HAS AUTHORED THE REPORTS. THESE FUNDS WOULD NOT GO TOWARDS THE HOTEL BUT THE SKYWALK WHICH IS PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE. IT'S A PROPOSAL FUNDING \$2 MILLION FOR THE GRANT FROM PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED TO THE NEW HOTEL AND \$1 MILLION NEW THROUGH TAX INCREMENT FINANCING. THIS FITS THE CRITERIA OF THE INCREMENT FINANCING. THE PROVINCE IS MATCHING THE \$3 MILLION. THEY'RE IN A BLACKOUT PERIOD AND CAN'T ANNOUNCE ANYTHING, BUT I DO KNOW THAT THEY ARE GOING TO COME FORWARD WITH THE \$3 MILLION SO \$6 MILLION TOTAL TOWARDS THE PUBLIC SKYWALK AND AS WE ALL KNOW, IT'S A LONG-AWAITED DEVELOPMENT THAT REALLY WAS ALL PART OF THE ORIGINAL EXPANSION PLANS AND EXPANSION FINANCIAL CALCULATIONS RELATED TO THE CONVENTION CENTRE. JUST TO BE CLEAR, THIS IS A TRANSFORMATIVE QUESTION IN THE VERY LAST PARAGRAPH OF THIS REPORT, IT STRIKES A TRANSFORMATIONAL PROJECT IS DEFINED AS AN ACCESSIBLE PROJECT LOCATED DOWNTOWN THAT INVOLVES A MINIMUM INVESTMENT OF \$100 MILLION FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES AND \$142 MILLION, THIS PROJECT QUALIFIES AS A TRANSFORMATIONAL PROJECT. WE ARE USING A TIFF FUNDING INSTEAD OF ACCOMMODATION FUNDING BECAUSE ACCOMMODATION FUNDING HAS BEEN USED TO ASSIST THE CONVENTION CENTRE WHO PAID DOWN ITS DEBT WITH AN ABSENCE OF THIS HOTEL.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: I WILL BE VOTING FOR THIS AND IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME WAITING. JUST TO CLARIFY, IN ORDER TO BRING IN THE BIG CONVENTIONS THAT HAPPEN AROUND NORTH AMERICA, WE NEED THESE ADDITIONAL HOTEL ROOMS, AND THAT IS THE PREMISE WE MOVED FORWARD WHEN WE LOOKED AT TAX INCREMENTAL FINANCING AND IT'S NOTICE JUST RELATED TO THIS BUILDING BUT ALSO THE BUSINESS TAX THAT IS RELATED TO IT. THOSE WERE TIFF, AS I RECALL. IT'S SO LONG AGO, SO FOR THAT MOSTLY PRIVATE FUNDED HOTEL HAS THE ABILITY TO BE BUILT. THANKS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: YEAH, I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR FOR ATTEMPTING, AND I'M GOING TO ASK HIM AGAIN SOME QUESTIONS, BUT I APPRECIATE THE RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS I HAD EARLIER ABOUT THE SKYWALK. THIS SKYWALK, WHEN I FIRST READ IT, I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY IT'S TIFF. IT SERVES THE HOTEL AND THE CONVENTION CENTRE. TO ME, IT'S A CORRIDOR TO GET PEOPLE FROM THE SUTTON HOTEL TO THE CONVENTION CENTRE. WE ALREADY AND AS I'VE KNOWN BEFORE, IS IT THAT TRANSFORMATIVE. THE CITY OF WINNIPEG HAS ALREADY GIVEN THE CONVENTION CENTRE BECAUSE OF THESES THEY ARE, 8 MILLION PLUS MORE BECAUSE ANOTHER TIFF HERE. I DO, OF COURSE, WANT THE BRIDGE, THE CORRIDOR. OF COURSE, WE DO WANT IT. I AM

NOT COMFORTABLE, THOUGH, WITH GIVING THE SUTTON HOTEL PEOPLE ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS PAUSE THAT'S COMING FROM OUR TAXES THAT WE'LL NEED IN THE FUTURE. THERE'S NO WAY AROUND IT. I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THAT. ONE, THAT IT'S ONLY FOR THE SUTTON HOTEL, WHICH WAS ALREADY PART OF THE PLAN FROM DAY ONE. AND NOW THIS LATE DATE, THEY COME BACK OH, I NEED ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE SKYWALK. THINGS HAPPENED, THE PROJECT SLOWED DOWN, PEOPLE SUING EACH OTHER AND ALL THAT KIND OF STUFF AND NOW IT'S BACK UP AND RUNNING. NOW WE'RE GIVING THEM ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS. WITH A COUPLE OTHER THINGS, THESE ARE PART OF IT SO MY RED FLAGS GO UP SO I'M CONCERNED GIVING SUTTON GROUP OR TO DEVELOPERS ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS THAT REALLY SERVES THEIR OWN NEEDS, NOT A CITY NEED EXCEPT IT POWERS THE SUTTON HOTEL. PROBABLY WILL STILL VOTE FOR IT, BUT I'M NOT COMFORTABLE. THE SECOND ONE IS IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE GENERATING ABOUT \$500,000 AND THAT ACCOMMODATION TAX SHOULD COME FROM A THAT. WE ARE BRINGING THE PEOPLE TO THE CITY AND THOSE KIND OF EXPENDITURES TO SUPPORT ACCOMMODATION STUFF. THEY WILL GENERATE THEIR OWN ACCOMMODATION TAX QUITE QUICKLY, SO I WOULD PREFER TO SEE IT UNDER THE ACCOMMODATION TAX GOING FORWARD. I KNOW WE SPENT MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN THE ACCOMMODATION TAX TO THE CONVENTION CENTRE BECAUSE OF A PROJECT NOT WELL THOUGHT OUT, SO I THINK WITH THE NEW MONEY COMING IN FROM THE COME - ACCOMMODATION TAX. WHY WOULDN'T YOU USE AN ACCOMMODATION TAX INSTEAD OF A TIFF.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: THIS IS A GOOD DEAL FOR THE DOWNTOWN. I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUE IN THE LEGISLATURE, DEPUTY PREMIER GLARA, WHO IS NO DOUBT AT THAT CABINET TABLE NEGOTIATING FOR THE PARTNERSHIP MONEY IN THE DOWNTOWN ALWAYS. MADAM SPEAKER, THERE'S BEEN QUITE A FEW HOTELS THAT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING IN THE DOWNTOWN THIS TERM. IT'S BEEN A LOT OF WORK. MY COLLEAGUE WHO IS DEPARTING, JANICE LUKES AND I DID A VERY MEMORABLE PANDEMIC MEETING WITH ONE OF THEM, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO GREATER ADVOCATE, IN FACT, WITH MANY OF THE DOWNTOWN DEALS IN HOTELS THAN COUNCILLOR LUKES. I'M GOING TO MISS HER, MADAM SPEAKER. IT'S NOT TIME TO MAKE THOSE KINDS OF SPEECHES YET, BUT WHEN I THINK OF MOTIONS LIKE THIS, THAT I DO HOPE IS UNANIMOUS, AND I DO APPRECIATE COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW'S WORDS BECAUSE IT COMES FROM A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE AND DAYS LIKE TODAY THAT HE'S DONE TIME AND TIME AGAIN ON BEHALF OF THE DOWNTOWN BECAUSE HE HAS STOOD SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH ME TO GET THE DEALS GOING NO GET ROCKING AND ROLLING. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW SUPPORTED THIS THE YEAR I ARRIVED, MADAM SPEAKER. WHY? BECAUSE AS HE POINTS OUT, HE WANTED TO SUPPORT IT TODAY. HE JUST HAS QUESTIONS AS ALWAYS, QUESTIONS THAT I WILL MISS HIM ASKING AND POSING IN THIS COUNCIL CHAMBER. THANKS, MADAM SPEAKER. RATES GO FOR THE DOWNTOWN.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. AS ONE OF THE COUNCILLORS, MYSELF AND COUNCILLOR DUNCAN SIT ON THE CONVENTION CENTRE BOARD, WE KNOW THAT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PROJECT FOR THE CONVENTION CENTRE, AS IT WILL ALLOW THEM TO ATTRACT MORE CONVENTIONS HERE TO OUR CITY, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN MORE HOTEL STAYS, RESTAURANT MEALS, AND TAXI RIDES TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT THROUGHOUT OUR CITY SO THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PROJECT. AGAIN, BEING CONNECTED RIGHT TO THE CONVENTION CENTRE ALLOWS THEM TO, AGAIN, GO OUT AND TRY TO ATTRACT MORE OF THESE TYPES OF CONFERENCES TO OUR CITY, WHICH WILL HELP BOTTOM LINE. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, IF ANY. MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM SPEAKER. I APPRECIATE THE DISCUSSION TODAY AND YES, I HOPE IT'S A UNANIMOUS VOTE HERE TODAY. IN CLOSE AND I'LL PICK UP ON THE OTHER QUESTIONS POSED BY COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW. THE HOTEL PROJECT, THE CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED BUT THE SKYWALK CONSTRUCTION HAS NOT STARTED, AND THIS SKYWALK IS PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE. IT'S PART OF THE WHOLE SKYWALK SYSTEM THAT PEOPLE USE ON A REGULAR BASIS ESPECIALLY IN THE WINTER MONTHS. BECAUSE IT'S PUBLIC ACCESSIBLE, TIFF IS REALLY AN APPROPRIATE FUNDING TOOL, SIMILARLY WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR TRUE NORTH SQUARE, SO THIS IS CONSISTENT IN WHAT WE'VE DONE IN OTHER INSTANCES, AND I'LL CALL THE QUESTION, MADAM SPEAKER. BEFORE I SIT DOWN, THIS IS YET ANOTHER EXCITING DEVELOPMENT IN DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG AND AT A TIME WHEN COUNCILLOR ROLLINS HIGHLIGHTED, THERE ARE A LOT OF EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS HAPPENING IN DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG. IT'S GREAT TO SEE THE TOWER CRANES UP AND THE WORK WITH HERITAGE BUILDINGS INTO RESIDENTIAL. THAT IS JUST AN EXCITING TIME IN DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG RIGHT NOW FOR REDEVELOPMENT. WE'RE BUILDING WINNIPEG AND DOWNTOWN AND I ASK FOR A UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THIS ITEM, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. WITH THAT, I'LL CALL THE QUESTION, ALL IN FAVOUR OF ITEM 8. CONTRARY, AND THAT'S CARRIED. ITEM 11, MR. CLERK.

CLERK: AMENDMENT TO THE 2026 STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE BASKET FUNDING ALLOCATION.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. THERE IS AMENDING MOTION TO GOING WITH THIS ITEM. AMENDING MOTION 1 MOVED BY THE MAYOR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BROWATY. MR. MAYOR, YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE THE ITEM.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM SPEAKER. I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR BROWATY FOR SUPPORTING AND SECONDING THE MOTION AS WELL. WE DO KNOW AS WE'VE HEARD CONSISTENTLY, THE TREES IN THE URBAN CANOPY ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE PUBLIC AND THIS COUNCIL, AS WELL. MAKE NO MISTAKE, NO ONE HERE IS NOT IN SUPPORT AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW IN PARTICULAR FOR CONSISTENCY IN THIS TO PROTECT THE URBAN CANOPY AND OF COURSE, IN THE 2022 CAMPAIGN, PART OF MY CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT AND WHAT WE HAVE TO INCREASE OUR BUDGET IN WHAT WE HAVE DONE HERE AS A COUNCIL OVER THIS TERM, AS A BODY, WE HAVE INCREASED THE INVESTMENT IN THE URBAN CANOPY BOTH IN PLANTING NEW TREES AND MAKING SURE MORE TREES ARE PRUNED SOONER TO REMOVE DISEASE FROM TREES AND ULTIMATELY SAVE OUR GREAT URBAN CANOPY. WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE US THROUGH THE AMENDING MOTION IS A FUNDING SOURCE THROUGH LAST YEAR, WE SAW THAT IN A DRY YEAR, WE SAW MORE AND WE WANT TO TAKE THAT AND BACKFILL AND TAKING 1.236 MILLION OF DEBT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE MAINTAIN OUR URBAN CANOPY, URBAN FOREST BUDGET, SO THAT IS THE REPORT AND THAT IS THE AMENDING MOTION BEFORE US, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: MAYBE THIS IS NOT THE QUICKEST WAY TO DO BUT WE HAVE A LOT OF BUSINESS AT CITY HALL AND SOMETIMES THAT HAPPENS, BUT WITH THE WORK OF TREES PLEASE AND TREES WINNIPEG AND MANY RESIDENTS IN MY NEIGHBOURHOOD, THAT'S FOR SURE, THEY REALIZE WE DO LISTEN. DON'T ALWAYS GET YOUR WAY, BUT WE DO LISTEN, AND SOMETIMES WE ACTUALLY DO WHAT YOU WANT US TO DO, AND THIS TIME, I THINK WE'RE DOING WHAT WINNIPEGGERS WARRANT US TO DO. THEY WANT TO MAKE SURE THE TREES BUDGET IS IMPACTED

AND STAYS AT THE SAME LEVEL BECAUSE CHRISTIAN FROM TREES WINNIPEG POINTED OUT QUITE CLEARLY, CLIMATE CHANGE. AFTER THAT BIG STORM, DRIVE DOWN ANY STREET. THOSE CREWS HAVE TO PICK UP ALL THAT STUFF AND GO BACK AND CUT THE BRANCHES, AND THEY ARE VISIBLY DOING THAT. IN MY WALK THIS MORNING, THEY'RE DOING THE ORANGE DOTS OF DEATH AND THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF TREES BESIDE IT THAT WEREN'T ORANGE DOTTED YET BUT YOU CAN SEE WITH THE LEAFLESS BRANCHES, THEY HAVE TO COME DOWN TOO. YOU GUYS HAVE TO FIND WAYS IN THE BUDGET TO INCREASE THE BUDGET JUST TO KEEP UP WITH GETTING THOSE ASH TREES DOWN. THERE'S NO SURVIVAL RATE ON THESE TREES, AND IT'S FAST. WE HAVE ELMS IN THE NORTH AND ASH HERE. NOW WITH THE NEW TREE POLICY THAT WE HAVE MULTIPLE TREE VARIETIES GOING AT ONCE, SO I ONE WANTING TO LEAVE ONE OF MY LAST MEETINGS BY ACTUALLY DECREASING THE TREES BUDGET AFTER ALL THE WORK WE'VE DONE AS A TEAM TO GET IT TO WHERE IT WAS. SO I SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE CHANGE OF HEART OR PLAN, AND YEAH, THIS ONE'S A LITTLE INTERESTING. YOU'VE DONE IT, AND I'LL BE SUPPORTING THE AMENDING MOTION.

I WONDER IF IT WOULD BE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, MADAM SPEAKER, TO QUOTE YOU EARLIER IN THE MEETING. WHEN I SEE A WHEREAS STATEMENT THAT SQUARELY INDICATES THAT THE PUBLIC SERVICE RECOMMENDED THAT THE SHORTFALL OF FUNDING IN THE SIB BE BALANCED BY REDUCING URBAN FOREST RENEWAL PROGRAMME, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THAT IS CORRECT, MADAM SPEAKER, AND HERE'S WHY. THERE WERE ANY NUMBER OF OPTIONS THAT WERE NOT GOOD RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE PROPOSED TO COUNCIL, AND THERE WAS A LIST THAT WAS PROVIDED ON THE SUPPORT WITH FUNDING FOR A STREET RENEWAL A PARK CONSERVANCY, THE LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT SERVICE, THE POLICE SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME AND FINALLY THE URBAN FOREST - URBAN FOREST RENEWAL PROGRAMME, AND WHY IT IS POTENTIALLY PROBLEMATIC, IT IS TRUE THAT THE URBAN FOREST RENEWAL MAY HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE BECAUSE IT WAS MORE SCALEABLE THAN THE ROADS BUDGET OR MAYBE THE BUDGET OF URBAN FOREST 2026, 2025 PROJECTS WERE COMPLETED AND THE REDUCTION, YOU KNOW, WAS SEEN AS CATCHUP BY THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE, BUT WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT ONE, TWO, THREE HAD A PARTICULAR BUDGET CONSIDERATION CONSISTING OF COUNCILLOR BROWATY, COUNCILLOR ALLARD, AND COUNCILLOR DUNCAN FOR A MAJORITY OF THIS CONCERN, AND I'M CONCERNED THAT AS A COUNCILLOR, I WALK ON TO FIND A NEW RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE ALLEGEDLY SOMETHING, THAT YOU KNOW, I THINK I UNDERSTAND IT TO NOT BE THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION THAT IN FACT, CASH TO CAPITAL OR DEBT IS NOT A RECOMMENDATION, SO AS A COUNCILLOR WHO WANTS ACCIDENT TO MY STATUTORY OFFICERS, SOMETHING THAT THE CHARTER REALLY INTENDS, MADAM SPEAKER, I DO FIND IT PROBLEMATIC HERE AT COUNCIL AS THE CLERK PASSES OUT THE MOTIONS, A RECOMMENDATION THAT WAS NOT ADVISED BY THE CFO, AND YOU KNOW, IT MIGHT BE AN OPTION TO HAVE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATION OFFICER, MADAM SPEAKER, COMING UP AND EXPLAIN THE SITUATION THAT WE HAVE BECAUSE WE ARE OUT OF SYNC WITH THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, MADAM SPEAKER, ON OUR FISCAL BUDGET YEAR AND THAT HAS CREATED NOT ONE, BUT TWO ISSUES IN BUDGET, AN ISSUE WHERE I SAW MY SPRAY PAD DISAPPEAR BECAUSE WE HAD TO BACKFILL FOR THE ZOO. WHEN WE'VE GOT A MAYOR OF THE CITY THAT COMES AND SAYS, HERE WE GO AGAIN. IT WAS A LITTLE BIT EARLIER THIS TIME AND THAT IS DIFFICULT. NUMBER ONE, WE COULD MAKE BIGGER SEDATIONS, TO TAKE OUR LUNCHES AND SEQUENCE OUR BUDGETS SO WE ARE IN THE SAME FISCAL YEAR, SOMETHING I WISH WE WOULD CONSIDER AND HAVE A REPORT ON AND FOLLOWING THAT, I THINK THE FINANCE AND MAYOR CAN LET THE COUNCIL KNOW WHEN THE STRATEGIC POLICY IS VOTED ON AND WHEN A GREEN AND HEALTHY CITY IS VOTED ON LIKE THE 47% INCREASE WE DID TARGETING 2027 URBAN TREES, THAT OUR STATUTORY OFFICERS WOULD BE FREE TO HAVE THAT DISCUSSION WITH COUNCIL, THAT THE PRIORITY OF URBAN FOREST RENEWAL WOULD BE SEEN AS SERIOUS AND THAT FOLKS WOULD BE AT THAT TIME TABLE THAT WOULD KNOW HOW IT WOULD LAND WITH THE PUBLIC. THAT WOULD BE IDEAL, SO THAT YES, COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE PUBLIC WHEN YOU'RE SNAPPED BACK IN

PLACE, THAT THIS WAS A PRIORITY BACK IN PLAN, THAT THAT COULD BE IN PLACE, BUT WHAT WE HAD, I THINK, THE GAMBLE SOMETHING PRECIOUS TO WINNIPEGGERS WOULD BE HELD UP TO THE PROVINCE, AND THAT SIMPLY DIDN'T WORK, MADAM SPEAKER. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AS A RESET, AND THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESET, BUT WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO SEE A COMMITMENT THAT THE BUDGET WORKING GROUP WOULD GET A LOT BROADER THAN COUNCILLOR BROWATY, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN AND COUNCILLOR ALLARD, MADAM SPEAKER, AND THAT EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE WOULD ALLOW FOR THE ACCESS AND THE CONVERSATIONS WHEN MONEY IS SO TIGHT LIKE THIS, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT THEY WOULD CONSIDER THAT MIX OF PRIORITIES THAT WERE PRESENTED TO THEM - AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THAT WE WOULD LOOK AT THAT LIST TOGETHER AS A COUNCIL AND SO IN THIS CASE, WE DID NOT. THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE ABSOLUTELY DID GET IT WRONG. YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS SUBJECT TO AN EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING PRIOR TO THEIR PUBLIC MEETING. I'D BE CURIOUS TO KNOW THAT, BUT CERTAINLY THE FUNDING LIST PROVIDED AND THIS WHEREAS STATEMENT, I THINK, FALLS SHORT OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF VPC THAT THE PUBLIC SERVICE, YOU KNOW, REED A LIST AND THEY MAY HAVE RECOMMENDED A LIST FOR THE URBAN FOREST RENEWAL PROGRAMME, BUT REALLY THAT IS AN ADDITION EPC TOOK AND TOOK IT FOR REASONS, REASONS THEY THEN TOOK BACK WITHIN 12 SHORT HOURS. SO MADAM SPEAKER, I'M LOOKING FOR A RESET. IF YOU CAN MAKE THE CHANGE FOR REASONS, WHY NOT MAKE THE GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY EXCHANGE AND BRING COUNCIL IN TO THE FUNDAMENTALLY FINANCIAL SEDATIONS SO WE CAN PARTNER WITH EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE AND SAY, YOU KNOW, THAT AIN'T GOING TO LAND. PEOPLE LOVE THEIR TREES.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. SEEING THE HOUR, DO WE WISH TO COMPLETE THIS ITEM?

NO, WE CAN GO TO LUNCH, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: OKAY. WE HAVE A RECESS NOW. THERE ARE A FEW SPEAKERS LEFT. WE'RE GOING TO RECESS NOW AND RECONVENE AT 1:30. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: GOOD AFTERNOON. I'D LIKE TO RECONVENE OUR COUNCIL MEETING FOR JULY 16TH, 2026. UP NEXT WE'RE ON THE REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE. AMENDMENT TO THE 20206 INFRASTRUCTURE BASKET FUNDING ALLOCATION. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM SPEAKER. IT'S STILL DISAPPOINTING WHEN WE GET THESE CHANGES AFTER THE FACT. I WOULD LIKE TO PUT ON THE RECORD IN TERMS OF SUGGESTIONS AND WHERE THE MODIFICATION CAME FROM. IT DIDN'T COME FROM THIS SIDE OF THE COURTYARD. IT WAS A BUREAUCRATIC WAY WE ADDRESS THE SHORTFALL. IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE EVEN IF WE HAD TAKEN THIS CUT, THIS WOULD BE THE SECOND HIGHEST FORESTRY BUDGET WE'VE HAD IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG TREE PLANTING AND TREE PRUNING. AGAIN, I GET THE IMPRESSION FROM TALKING TO THE ADMINISTRATION THAT, YOU KNOW, FORESTRY DEPARTMENT'S DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB WRAPPING UP THEIR INTERNAL FORCES AS WELL AS THE PRIVATE TO PARTNER AS WELL. IT WAS A COMBINATION OF BOTH CAPACITY AND THE FACT THAT IT WAS, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, SUCH A LARGE AMOUNT. REGARDLESS, I'M SUPPORT OF THE AMENDING MOTION TO RESTORE IT AND I THANK EVERYBODY FOR THEIR SUPPORT TODAY. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? HERE HERE. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS. COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE CHANCE TO SPEAK. IT IS NOTED THAT, YOU KNOW, DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE OR JULY, THERE WAS A STORM THAT IMPACTED THE CITY OF WINNIPEG AND ESPECIALLY ALONG THE STREET CANNISTON, THERE WERE QUITE A NUMBER OF TREES THAT WERE UNEARTHED AND TOPPLED OVER. SO, AGAIN, WITH THESE TYPES OF WEATHER OCCURRENCES HAPPENING, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE ENSURE WE ARE COMMITTED TO REPLANTING TREES. NOT NECESSARILY THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN UNROOTED BUT CONTINUE TO PLANT TREES AND EXPAND OUR TREE CANOPY CREATING MORE BIODIVERSITY IN TERMS OF WHAT THOSE TREES REPRESENT IN OUR CITY. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS. NEXT IS COUNCILLOR GILROY FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR EADIE AND COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: OF COURSE, IT WAS VERY CONCERNING AND I THINK THIS REALLY RELATES TO OUR CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN THAT'S ALSO ON THE AGENDA TODAY AND I HAVE A LOT OF CONCERNS THAT WE AS A CITY AREN'T REALLY TAKING CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES, WE'RE REALLY NOT TAKING THEM SERIOUSLY. OUR TARGETS, WE'RE NOT MEETING OUR TARGETS AND IT'S CONCERNING THAT I THINK THERE'S A DISCONNECT BETWEEN OUR OWN POLICIES AND WHAT WE WANT OUR ADMINISTRATION TO DO AND IF THIS WAS ON THE LIST THAT CAME FORWARD, THIS IS CONCERNING BECAUSE WE DO HAVE CLIMATE CHANGE TARGETS THAT WE AREN'T MISSING, MADAM SPEAKER. THAT THE TARGETS THAT WE NEED TO BE MEETING IN TERMS OF OUR 2030 DATES. SO IT'S VERY CONCERNING THAT THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT CAME FORWARD TO FOR UPC TO LOOK AT AND REVIEW. I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WHEN WE HAVE THESE TARGETS THAT WE ARE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT ADMINISTRATION THAT THEY HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO MEET THESE TARGETS. AND EACH DEPARTMENT HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO MEET THESE TARGETS. SO WITH THAT BEING SAID, I DO SUPPORT, OF COURSE, THE REMOVAL OF NOT USING THE TREE FUNDING BUT I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE NOTE. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU INCLUDE ALL OF COUNCIL WHEN THERE IS A FINAL MONEY THAT IS NOW ALLOTTED THAT WE DON'T KNOW UNTIL IT SHOWS UP ON THE DAY OF COUNCIL. SO IT WOULD HAVE BEEN MAYBE APPROPRIATE FOR AN EARLY MEETING FOR US TO KIND OF REVIEW AND SO WE WOULD BE ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS, MADAM SPEAKER REGARDING THE FUNDING. HOWEVER, I'M FINE WITH THIS CHANGE AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE UPC TO MAKE THE RECOMMENDED CHANGE. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT IS COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS REPORT GIVEN THAT THE MAYOR AND EPC AND EVERYBODY ELSE WOULD AGREE THAT WE NEED TO KEEP THIS PROGRAM WHOLE AS IT WAS IN OUR BUDGET AND I JUST, YOU KNOW, SOME PEOPLE FORMALLY OUT ON EPC WANT TO MAKE COMMENTS, I JUST WANT EVERYBODY TO KNOW WHEN THIS CAME TO THE TABLE, I WAS NOT VERY HAPPY AND NEITHER WAS ANYBODY ELSE BECAUSE WE ALL SUPPORTED TREES. WE'VE ALL PUSHED THAT FORWARD THIS TERM. THIS IS SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO US. THE REALITY IS THE PROVINCE SAID WE HAVE TO REJIG ON THIS ONE, THIS IS A SECOND CALL. AND I LOST A SPRAY - WELL, I DIDN'T LOSE IT BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT IT WILL BE FUNDED NEXT YEAR EITHER GIVEN IT BUT THE REALITY IS THE SPRAY PAD WAS SUPPOSED TO START WORK THIS YEAR. I ALSO SET ASIDE LBR MONEY TO IMPROVE THE PARK AND WHERE THE SPRAY PAD IS GOING AND IT TOTALLY SLOWED THINGS DOWN. NOT VERY HAPPY ON THAT, MADAM SPEAKER. BUT THE REALITY IS WE HAVE TO WORK WITH THE PROVINCE IF WE WANT THIS CASH, THE FULL \$93 MILLION AND ACTUALLY I - THERE'S A NUMBER OF PROJECTS THAT ARE ALREADY ONGOING AND HAPPENING BECAUSE WE PRESENTED THIS IN OUR BUDGET, WAS IT MARCH? FEBRUARY, MARCH. SO THERE'S BEEN SOME DIFFICULTIES WITH THE STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE BASKET AND WE'RE

WORKING IT OUT, BUT THIS IS THE FINAL ADJUSTMENT AND THEN APPARENTLY WE'LL HAVE A SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH THE PROVINCE SO THAT WE CAN RECEIVE OUR MONEY AND ACTUALLY IT WILL BE NICE THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE OUR MONEY. LAST YEAR WE DIDN'T RECEIVE IT UNTIL NOVEMBER, DECEMBER. THIS YEAR, HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE RECEIVING IT AS SOON AS WE PROVE THIS CHANGE AND THINGS MOVE ALONG BECAUSE A LOT OF THESE PROJECTS ARE UNDER WAY, MADAM SPEAKER AND THE REALITY IS WE NEED UNTIL WE GET THE FINAL SIGNOFF FROM THE PROVINCE, IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN AND I KNOW THEY HAVE THEIR OWN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES AND THEY SEEM TO HAVE PRIORITIES THAT ARE DIFFERENT THAN OURS. WE HAVE, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE MORE THAN JUST THE PARK IN THIS CITY AND EVERY ONE OF US IN ALL OF OUR WARDS, WE ALL HAVE NEEDS THAT COULD USE CAPITAL DOLLARS AND BUT ANYWAY, THIS IS THE REALITY WE'RE DEALING WITH. I'M VOTING FOR IT AND SORRY TO THROW A SCARE INTO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED TREES INCLUDING COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW WHO HAS PUSHED FORTH IN HIS CAREER TO GET MORE MONEY FOR OUR TREE CANOPY, TO TAKE CARE OF IT, TO BUILD IT MORE AND KEEP IT GOING. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD.

THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. IT'S SOMETHING THAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND EVERY MEMBER OF OUR CITY SHOULD BE PROUD OF. WE MANAGED TO TURN AROUND THE SHIP ON HOW WE CARE FOR OUR CITY'S PUBLIC TREES IN JUST A FEW SHORT YEARS. SEVEN YEARS AGO, WE WERE PLANTING FUR. WE WERE PRUNING AT A THAT NOT LONG AGO WE WERE SUBJECTING TO DEATH BY A THOUSAND CUTS BUT HERE IS THE INCREDIBLE THING. WITH A BUDGET COMMITTED TO PLANTING EVERY TREE LOSS, WE HAVE MADE A MASSIVE DIFFERENCE TO THE HEALTH AND CAPACITY OF OUR URBAN FOREST IN JUST A FEW SHORT YEARS. STREETS THAT USED TO BE FULL OF GAPS ARE NOW ON THEIR WAY TO BEING FULLY REFORESTED. TREES THAT SUFFERED MASSIVE DAMAGE ARE NOW ABLE TO WITHSTAND THOSE. AND THAT'S WHY THE PROPOSAL TO THIS BUDGET WAS SO SHORT SIDED. NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO BE BACKING DOWN ON OUR COMMITMENT TO THE URBAN FOREST. WE ARE SEEING THE CONSEQUENCES OF GLOBAL WARMING RIGHT NOW WITH OUR OWN EYES IN OUR OWN HOMES AND OUR OWN STREETS. ROADWAYS FLOODING. SEWER BACKUPS. PEOPLE STRUGGLING TO KEEP THEIR HOMES COOLER TO IT A LIVABLE TEMPERATURE. OUR SUMMERS ARE GETTING HOTTER. MORE INTENSE AND UNPREDICTABLE RAINFALL. WE NEED TO BE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO ENSURE OUR CITY STAYS COOL AS POSSIBLE. FOR THAT, THE SCIENCE IS VERY CLEAR. TREES ARE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE TOOLS. RESEARCH FINDS FOR EVERY ONE DOLLAR SPENT ON TREES, THERE'S A RETURN OF UP TO \$12. SO, VERY HAPPY TO SUPPORT THIS AMENDING MOTION. VERY GLAD TO SEE IT COME FORWARD. IF WE HAVE TO BORROW MONEY, THIS IS PROBABLY THE BEST THING WE CAN SPEND THAT BORROWED MONEY ON. TREES KEEP OUR ENERGY COSTS DOWN. THEY PROLONG THE LIFE OF ROADWAYS. THEY MITIGATE A HUGE AMOUNT OF STORM WATER. SO I WANT TO SAY A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE TREE AND THE NATURE COMMUNITY FOR ONCE AGAIN COMING TO SPEAK UP AND A BIG THANK YOU TO THE MAYOR AND EPC FOR RIVERSON COURSE ON THIS. VERY HAPPY TO SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER IF ANY. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM SPEAKER. I SPOKE TO EPC WHERE I DID NOT SUPPORT THE ITEM AT THAT TIME AND THIS IS NOT ABOUT TREES FOR ME. IT'S NOT ABOUT A PARK CONSERVE ANSWERY FOR ME. THIS IS ABOUT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT DOING THEIR HOMEWORK, GETTING THEIR BUDGET SET, LOOKING AT OUR SUBMISSIONS AND MAKING APPROVAL AND NOT PULLING THE RUG OUT AND THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME. SO MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES 345ED COMMENT HERE. LET'S REWIND THE TAPE TO 2024. \$30 MILLION. ARCHIVES BUILDING, NORTH END GARAGE. WE'RE JUST GOING TO TAKE THAT BACK AND REDESIGNATE IT FOR

YOU. 2025, SPRAY PADS, ROAD SAFETY. WAVERLY WEST FIRE STATION. WE'LL JUST CLAW THOSE BACK FOR YOU AND REPLACE ANOTHER \$5 MILLION AND THEN TODAY WE'RE CONSIDERING \$1.2 MILLION. NOW BEING CLAWED BACK FROM THE URBAN FOREST BUDGET. SURE, WE CAN TAKE IT FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE. FANTASTIC. BUT THEN WHAT? ARE THEY GOING TO PICK A PROJECT NEXT THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CITY? BECAUSE IF WE DID OUR HOMEWORK ON THIS, THEY'RE REPURPOSING THE FUNDING AND IT BENEFITS ME AS THE AREA COUNCILLOR WHO REPRESENTS OUR CITY PARK HERE AND PARK CONSERVE ANSWERY, OUR CITY THEY HAVE A CONTRACT TO WHAT IF WHEN THE IT'S 1.2 MILLION TODAY. IT WAS \$5 MILLION LAST YEAR. \$30 MILLION THE YEAR BEFORE THAT. AT SOME POINT IN TIME, THE GIG'S GETTING OLD. GET YOUR FINANCIAL HOUSE IN ORDER OVER THERE. IF YOU NEED \$1.2 MILLION, YOU COMMUNICATE WITH THE CFO. THE LETTERS ARE COMING BACK TO COUNCIL. WE KNOW WHAT YOUR PRIORITIES ARE. WE HAVE OUR PRIORITIES. THERE'S DISCUSSIONS. GET THEM ALL OUT. IF IT DOESN'T WORK THAT FISCAL YEAR, TRY THE NEXT ONE. SO I WON'T BE SUPPORTING THIS TODAY ON THE SOLE PURPOSE AS I DO NOT SUPPORT THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMING IN LAST MINUTE AND PEELING ANOTHER \$1.2 MILLION AWAY FROM WINNIPEGERS. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS. SEEING NONE. MR. MAYOR, TO CLOSE.

Mayor Gillingham: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS FROM EVERYBODY AND APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT HERE. JUST A COUPLE OF CONCLUDING COMMENTS ON THIS. WE ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN REALLY A RECORD BUDGET FOR OUR TREE CANOPY FOR PLANTING, TRIMMING, MAINTAINING OUR URBAN CANOPY WHICH WE KNOW IS IMPORTANT. ON THE ISSUE OF CLIMATE CHANGE THAT, PERHAPS, YOU KNOW, WE'RE MAYBE NOT MEETING TARGETS OR NOT DOING ENOUGH, I'D REMIND EVERYBODY THAT EARLIER TODAY WE INVESTED IN - I MADE A DECISION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE FACILITY. IF YOU TAKE THE INVESTMENT IN NEWPICK THAT WE'RE DOING. ADD THAT TO THE INVESTMENT IN CSL, THAT'S A \$4 BILLION INVESTMENT THAT WE ARE MAKING IN OUR CLIMATE IN PROTECTING LAKES AND RIVERS. OUR TRANSIT INVESTMENTS WHICH ARE AT RECORD LEVELS IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR CLIMATE. THE 60% INCREASE IN BUDGET FROM THE START OF THIS COUNCIL TO TODAY IN AN URBAN CANOPY IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR CLIMATE. MAKE NO MISTAKE THAT WHEN WE LOOK ACROSS OUR BUDGET, WE SEE THIS COUNCIL VERY SERIOUSLY INVESTING IN PROTECTING OUR CLIMATE AND MAKING CHANGES SO THAT WE COULD SEE BETTER OUTCOMES FOR OUR CLIMATE. IT SEEMS THAT EVERY PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IS AFFLICTED WITH THE SAME ISSUE WHETHER IT'S THE PC GOVERNMENT OR AN N.D.P. GOVERNMENT, THE SAME THING HAPPENS TO THIS COUNCIL OR EVERY COUNCIL NO MATTER WHO IT IS IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. THROUGH THE OPERATING GRANT AND ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE CAPITAL GRANT, THOUGH WE HAVE COMMUNICATED. IN THIS CASE WE HAVE XHUNGTSSED TO THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA VERY EARLY ON IN OUR BUDGET PROCESS FOR 2026, THIS IS THE NOTION ALLEGATION OF THE SIB BASKET. THE COUNCIL WAS GOING TO APPROVE AND THEN THE PROVINCE KNEW IT THIS YEAR AND LAST YEAR. WE ALL KNOW BECAUSE WE LIVED THROUGH IT VERY LATE IN THE GAME. IN FACT AT THE VERY LAST FEW WEEKS OF 2025, WE WERE TOLD THEY WERE NOT GOING TO SIGN OFF ON THE SIB UNLESS WE MOVE SOME MONEY TO THEIR PRIORITY PROJECT. IF ANYTHING IT'S BETTER NEWS.

MADAM SPEAKER: CALL THE QUESTION ON ITEM 11, ALL IN FAVOR, FIRST ON THE AMENDING MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, CONTRARY. CARRIED. ONE NOTED IN OPPOSITION, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN AND THE MAIN ITEM AS AMENDED. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. THAT'S CARRIED. NOTED IN OPPOSITION. MOVING ON, WE HAVE A MOTION CIRCULATED. MOTION BY MR. CLARK. MOTIONED BY THE MAYOR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ROLLINS. AND IT'S REGARDING NEW PUBLIC SPACE PROGRAM. MR. MAYOR.

Mayor Gillingham: IT WOULD BE AN AUTOMATIC REFERRAL BUT I MOVE.

MADAM SPEAKER: MAYOR'S MOVING THE SUSPENSION TO DEAL WITH THE ITEM TODAY. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY THAT'S CARRIED. MR. MAYOR, YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE THE MOTION.

Mayor Gillingham: YEAH. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF COUNCIL, PARTICULARLY COUNCILLOR ROLLINS FOR WORKING ON THIS. THIS REALLY CAME OUT OF A REQUEST FOR A MEETING THAT WE ALL HAD TOGETHER TO DEAL WITH A SERIES OF MATTERS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO EVERY COUNCILLOR RELATED TO WHAT WE'RE SEEING WHEN IT COMES TO SAFETY, ADDICTION, HOMELESSNESS, AND ALL THE ASSOCIATED MATTERS THAT GO ALONG WITH IT. THIS IS WHAT I WOULD SAY A FAIRLY COMPREHENSIVE MOTION IN THAT IT DEALS WITH NOT ALL MATTERS BUT MANY MATTERS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO US AS A COUNCIL. AT THE END OF THE DAY, AT THE HEART OF IT IS AN EXPANSION OF SOME OF THE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE SO THAT MORE PUBLIC PROPERTIES ARE COVERED OFF WITH DEBRIS. AND THE CLEAN-UP OF NEEDLES, WEAPONS, SO INCLUDING MORE CITY PARKS AND BUS STOPS, TRANSIT SHELTER, SIDEWALKS, LIBRARY GROUNDS AND BEYOND. ALSO AS WE SEE HERE AND ALSO REALLY BRINGS COUNCIL SUPPORT TO THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA TO CALL THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ASSIST THEM AND SUPPORT THEM AS A PROVINCE AND THEIR CALL FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DO MORE, TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS AND ADDICTION AND THE ASSOCIATED CRIME WITHIN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG AND ALSO TO PUT ON RECORD OUR SUPPORT FOR THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE AND CRACK DOWN AND OPEN ILLEGAL DRUG USE WHILE DOING SO IN A WAY. SO IT COVERS SEVERAL TOPICS AND I WANT TO THANK.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I WANTED TO THANK THE OFFICE AND THEIR COLLABORATION TO GET US TO THE MEETING. ALL COUNCIL COULD ATTEND AND TO, YOU KNOW, JOINTLY DO A PROJECT TOGETHER THAT WAS IMPORTANT TO THE CITY. I THINK THAT THAT WAS IMPORTANT, YOU KNOW, FOR ME AND IT WAS REALLY GOOD TO SIT DOWN WITH DESTINY WATT IN PARTICULAR IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE BECAUSE AS YOU KNOW, THERE WERE QUITE - THERE HAVE BEEN AND THERE CONTINUES TO BE QUITE A NUMBER OF URGENCIES. JUST TODAY, ONE OF MY DAYCARES IN OSBORNE VILLAGE WROTE SAID THIS DAY CARE HAD SOMEONE SLEEPING IN THE TREE HOUSE. THE SCHOOL BUSES COULD NOT BE EMPTY BECAUSE SOMEBODY WAS INTOXICATED AND HAVING BEHAVIOR THAT WAS TO THE EXTENT THAT THE CHILDREN HAD TO REMAIN ON THE BUS BEFORE THE DAYCARE. SO BY NO MEANS DO I BELIEVE THE WORK IS DONE HERE WITH THIS MOTION TODAY. THESE ARE ACTIVE SITUATIONS LIKE I SAID IN OSBORNE VILLAGE THAT KEEPS GOING. WE DO NEED TO HAVE ANOTHER MEETING OF COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE ONGOING PUBLIC SAFETY. I KNOW IT'S NOT JUST IN MY WORD, MADAM SPEAKER. THE INCIDENT TODAY WITH THE DAY CARE IS NOT JUST IN MY WARD. THE MOTION IS INTENDED TO ADVANCE PRACTICAL IMPROVEMENTS, EXPANDING PROACTIVE CLEAN-UP. IMPROVING COORDINATION BETWEEN PUBLIC WORKS, COMMUNITY SERVICES, TRANSIT, WATER, AND WASTE. OUTREACH ORGANIZATIONS. MAINTAINING AND EXPANDING, COOLING AND STABILIZATION SPACES OUGHT TO BE THE GOAL WHEN WE SAW THAT 38 WEATHER AND MORE. IT JUST GETS MORE EXTREME WITH PEOPLE HAVING CHRONIC MENTAL HEALTH, CHRONIC ADDICTIONS AND CHRONIC HEALTH ISSUES IN THE DOWNTOWN AND BEYOND, MADAM SPEAKER. ADVANCING FOR EXPANDED PROVINCIAL ADDICTION TREATMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, THE CALL FROM THIS COUNCIL, I WOULD ASK THAT ADDICTIONS MEDICINE BELONGS IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO WALK BLOCK MADAM SPEAKER. IN THE DOWNTOWN OUTSIDE OF CITY HALL. ACCESS CENTER DOWNTOWN WITH 40, 50 PEOPLE. AND SEEING OPK, MADAM SPEAKER OR DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY SAFETY PATROL OR OUR FIRE PARAMEDICS IN FRONT OF A PRIMARY CLINIC WITH 40 OR 50 PEOPLE SUFFERING, ADMINISTERING PRIMARY HEALTH, MADAM SPEAKER. THAT'S ALL VERY

DIFFICULT. SO THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF THIS ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS DOES REQUIRE A WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSE AND, MADAM SPEAKER, WE KNOW THAT THIS CITY DOES NOT HAVE THE PRIMARY HEALTH TOOLS THAT IS AVAILABLE IN OTHER PROVINCES BECAUSE THIS PROVINCE DOES NOT DEDICATE THE 31% ON AVERAGE THAT EACH EVERY ADDICTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH MADAM SPEAKER AND THAT IS A COST TO WINNIPEG. SO IMPROVING THAT AND WORKING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO CLEARLY SAY THAT'S AN ISSUE IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT I WOULD ASSERT AND CONTINUE TO ASSERT. AND, FINALLY, IMPROVING PUBLIC REPORTING. BUT I'LL SAY THIS, MADAM SPEAKER. REPORTING HAS TO COME WITH A WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT ON PUBLIC SAFETY, MADAM SPEAKER. I THINK IT'S TIME TO REINSTATE THE PROTECTION OR THE PUBLIC SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES, MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE IF YOU NOTE AND AS A COUNCIL, WE'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT THE URBAN FORESTRY BUDGET AND HOW WE NEEDED TO PULL IT BACK AND REALIGN TO THAT PRIORITY. I WILL ASSERT, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT FINDING OUT THAT THERE'S - THAT \$200,000 THAT THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE CAO'S OFFICE AND CHRIS BRENS, THE DIRECTOR, THE MANAGER RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DID NOT HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO REALLOCATE THE MONEY THAT THIS COUNCIL PUT INTO 24/7 SAFE SPACE IS A PROBLEM AND IT'S A PROBLEM WHEN MONTH AFTER MONTH THAT UNIT HAS BEEN AT THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES. SO WHILE DURING QUESTION PERIOD, I'M PREPARED TO ASK WHY THAT MONEY WASN'T REALLOCATED AND IF THAT BRIEFING CAME AND I DO KNOW THE ANSWER, THE BRIEFINGS DO GO TO COMMUNITY SERVICES, THERE'S LEGITIMATE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHY WE ARE WITHHOLDING LIFE SUSTAINING SOCIAL SERVICE MONEY AT THIS TIME. THIS MOTION CORRECTS THAT. WE WILL NO LONGER BE WITHHOLDING THE \$2,026 THAT ARE NEEDED ON THE GROUND BUT THERE ARE QUESTIONS. LOOKING AHEAD, MADAM SPEAKER. ENFORCEMENT ALONE CANNOT CREATE A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION. THE POLICE HAVE BEEN CLEAR AND THERE IS A LOT TO BE SAID ON THIS SPECIFIC WORDING ON THIS MOTION WITH RESPECT TO WORDS FROM THIS COUNCIL ON THE RECORD ON THE SUPPORT FOR THE WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE TO ADDRESS PROBLEM PROPERTIES AND ON STREET DRUG SALES AS WELL AS THE DRUG USE WHERE IT CREATES HARM. THOSE ARE SPECIFIC WORDS FROM CHIEF BOWER THAT WE REPEATED IN THIS MOTION, BECAUSE WE KNOW, MADAM SPEAKER THAT THERE HAVE BEEN CALLS IN THE MEDIA AND SUBSEQUENT CALLS FROM WHEN CHIEF BOWERS INITIALLY TOLD US WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH RESPECT TO DATA AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE CHIEF BOWERS AND THE POLICE TO MAKE CLEAR ON THAT, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT WE KNOW INITIALLY THAT THERE WERE REPORTS THAT OUT OF 100 PEOPLE IN THE FIRST DAYS OF THE POLICE ACTION, OUT OF 100 PEOPLE, ROUGHLY 40% EITHER WERE ARRESTED ON ORDERS AND WARRANTS OR OVER 20 WENT TO HOSPITAL. WE NEED TO CONTINUE TALKING ABOUT THAT, MADAM SPEAKER. ENFORCEMENT ALONE CAN'T CREATE THE SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC SAFETY SOLUTIONS WE NEED IN THE CITY. POLICE OPERATIONS ALONE CAN'T DO THAT AND I'M NOT SAYING THAT THEY'RE SAYING THEY CAN. THEY'RE ABSOLUTELY NOT, BUT WE KNOW THINGS HAVE NOT CHANGED SINCE JULY 3RD. FOR MANY MONTHS IF NOT YEARS BEFORE, MANY FOLKS HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT THE FRUSTRATION AND THE LACK OF RESPONSE. WE KNOW THAT AND I MIGHT NEED A LITTLE MORE TIME, MADAM SPEAKER, IF YOU MAY, WE KNOW THAT MENTAL HEALTH AND CRISIS RESPONSE REQUIRES A VERY DIFFERENT SET OF SKILLS. AND MEMBERS OF THE POLICE LIKE I SAID HAVE SAID AS MUCH BUT WE NEED A BROADER PUBLIC SAFETY FRAMEWORK THAT ADDRESSES THESE CONDITIONS AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE REPEATED CRISIS THAT MY DAY CARES FACE TODAY. AND THAT IS THAT FORTH SERVICE, MADAM SPEAKER. SO MY NEXT STEPS, MADAM SPEAKER -

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS MOVES EXTENSION OF MINUTES. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: SO MY NEXT STEPS INCLUDING HOW SUCCESS SHOULD BE MEASURED BECAUSE OUR GOAL HERE IN THIS COUNCIL SHOULD BE TO BUILD A COORDINATED SYSTEM THAT

HELPS PEOPLE IN CRISIS, SUPPORT FRONT LINE WORKERS AND PROTECT PUBLIC SPACES, YES, BUT RESTORES THAT CONFIDENCE AND WHEN YOU HAVE DAY CARE DIRECTORS WRITING IN TO YOU AND PREMIER, WHEN YOU HAVE INCIDENTS THAT THEY EXPERIENCE TODAY, YOU KNOW THAT WE NEED A BROADER CONVERSATION. IT'S ALSO SERIOUS, MADAM SPEAKER. IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DEPLOY POLICE, IF YOU'RE NOT DEPLOYING PARAMEDICS, YOU NEED TO BE CONFIDENT THAT WHAT IS BEING DEPLOYED, THE SO-CALLED FOREST SERVICE IS THE RIGHT SERVICE AT THE RIGHT TIME. IT IS THE CASE THAT OTHER CITIES DID BROAD-BASED CONSULTATIONS BEFORE IMPLEMENTING THE FOURTH SERVICE, MADAM SPEAKER. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS COUNCIL MEET AGAIN IN SHORT ORDER ON PUBLIC SAFETY TO MEET AGAIN TO COMMIT OUR ENGAGEMENT TOOLS. THAT IS MY ASK. I'D ALSO LIKE THE BECAUSE WE DID NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THE IMPORTANT FINANCE QUESTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION QUESTIONS RELATED TO THIS MOTION. IT WAS A GREAT FIRST STEP. I WOULD LIKE THIS MOTION TO BE UNANIMOUS, BUT I'D LIKE US TO ALL RECOMMIT THE WORK TOGETHER AND THE NEXT STEPS MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER ON THE FOURTH SERVICE, THE TYPE OF SERVICE SHOULDN'T BE DONE WITHOUT A ROBUST ENGAGEMENT WITH ALL OF WINNIPEGERS AT THE TABLE, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR ROLLINS. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR SANTOS.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I'M VERY PLEASED TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. IT'S SOMETHING THAT MANY WINNIPEGERS HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR FOR QUITE SOME TIME. RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ARE TELLING US THEY NO LONGER FEEL THE SAME SENSE OF SAFETY. THEY'RE SEEING OPEN DRUG USE, DISCARDED NEEDLES, ENCAMPMENT DEBRIS IN PARKS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER CIVIC SPACES. THESE CONCERNS ARE REAL AND WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT MANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS WE ENCOUNTER ARE EXPERIENCING ADDICTIONS, MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES OR HOMELESSNESS. THEY TOO DESERVE COMPASSION, DIGNITY, AND ACCESS TO THE SUPPORTS THEY NEED. WE CONTINUE TO CALL ON OUR PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL PARTNERS TO EXPAND THEM. THERE ARE ALSO THINGS THAT THE CITY OF WINNIPEG CAN DO AS WELL. ONE OF THOSE IS BUILDING ON A PROGRAM THAT'S ALREADY WORKING. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, COUNCIL HAS INVESTED IN THE CLEAN UP OF NEEDLES IN OUR PARKS. SO IT WILL TAKE THAT APPROACH WHERE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES ARE EXPERIENCING THE SAME CONCERNS. WE ARE EXPECTED TO RESTORE PUBLIC SPACES. IT IS ABOUT COORDINATING PUBLIC WORKS, COMMUNITY SERVICES, WINNIPEG TRANSIT, WINNIPEG FIRE PARAMEDICS, OUTREACH AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS SO THAT VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS ARE OFFERED SUPPORTS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME HAZARDS ARE ADDRESSED PROPERLY. I OFTEN SAY THAT MUNICIPALITIES CANNOT SOLVE THE ADDICTION CRISIS ON OUR OWN BUT WE DO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO MANAGE OUR PUBLIC SPACES. WE OWE IT TO THE RESIDENCES, THE BUSINESSES AND THOSE VISITORS WHO VISIT WINNIPEG ON THOSE WHO RELY ON THOSE SPACES EVERY DAY TO ENSURE THEY ARE SAFE, CLEAN, AND ACCESSIBLE. I BELIEVE THIS MOTION STRIKES THAT BALANCE. IT TAKES PRACTICAL ACTION WITHIN OUR JURISDICTION WHILE CONTINUING TO ADVOCATE FOR HEALTH, HOUSING, TREATMENT, AND JUSTICE RESOURCES THAT ONLY OUR PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL PARTNERS CAN PROVIDE. FOR THESE REASONS, I WILL BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION AND I ENCOURAGE THE REST OF MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES AS WELL. GREAT WORK BY COUNCILLOR ROLLINS AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR DRAFTING THIS AND WORKING WITH THE REST OF COUNCIL TO SIT DOWN AND MEET TOGETHER AND FIGURE OUT HOW A GOOD PATH MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR OWENS AND THE MAYOR ON THIS. I WISH WE COULD HAVE MORE MEETINGS LIKE THIS WHERE WE COULD HAVE ROBUST DISCUSSIONS AND

WE NEED TO TAKE THE TIME TO TALK ABOUT ISSUES THAT ARE IMPACTING WINNIPEGERS THE MOST AND ONE THING IS THE ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS WE'RE SEEING HERE IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. AND, MADAM SPEAKER, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT - COUNCILLOR ROLLINS TALKED ABOUT THIS AS THE BEGINNING AND THIS ISN'T GOING TO GO AWAY. THE REALITY IS WITHOUT A SPACE FOR PEOPLE TO GO, THEY ARE GOING TO BE OUT ON OUR STREETS. THEY ARE GOING GOING TO BE AND SO I DO THINK THAT CLEANLINESS CAN GO A LONG WAY TO HELP THE COMMUNITY. WE'VE GOT TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION ON HOW WE'RE GOING TO MANAGE THE CRISIS, MADAM SPEAKER AND I KNOW WE CAN BLAME THE PROVINCE ALL WE WANT, MADAM SPEAKER. HOWEVER, THEY'RE NOT CALLING THE PROVINCE THEY'RE CALLING US AND SO UNTIL WE CONTINUE TO SEE THE CALLS FOR MORE POLICING AND I THINK THAT THIS ISN'T JUST NECESSARILY A POLICE MATTER. I DID SAY THAT I DID SUPPORT THE LAST ACTION OF THE POLICE MOVING IN BECAUSE I THINK THAT WE WERE IN DYER NEEDS OF IT WITH THE CRITICAL ISSUES WE WERE SEEING ON OUR STREETS. FOR ME, IT WAS MORE THAN THE OPEN DRUG USE, FOR ME, IT WAS THE VIOLENCE, MADAM SPEAKER AND FOR ME IT WAS THE OPEN DRUG SALES FOR SCHOOLS, MADAM SPEAKER. AND FOR ME IT WAS THE WEST BROADWAY YOUTH, THE YOUTH THAT WE'RE TRYING TO GET OUT OF GANGS AND AWAY FROM DRUGS HAVING TO DEAL WITH THAT WHILE THEY'RE ENTERING PROGRAMS, MADAM SPEAKER. IT'S JUST NOT RIGHT. AND, MADAM SPEAKER, WE'VE STILL GOT A LONG WAY TO GO WITH OUR ENCAMPMENT STRATEGY. WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND A WAY ON HOW WE'RE GOING TO CORRECTLY MANAGE IT AND SO THOSE ARE CONVERSATIONS WE NEED TO HAVE WITH THE PROVINCE BECAUSE THE PROVINCE NEEDS TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF MAKING SURE THAT THERE IS SPACE THAT IS OPEN TO WHERE WE CAN HAVE PEOPLE TO GO, MADAM SPEAKER. AND I HOPE WE HAVE ROBUST CONVERSATIONS AND I HOPE THE MAYOR'S LISTENING RIGHT NOW BECAUSE WE NEED TO HAVE A CONVERSATION. THIS ISN'T HOUSING, MADAM SPEAKER. CURRENTLY, WE DO NOT HAVE THE SPACE, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE SPACE THAT'S REQUIRED. IF WE HAVE THE SPACE THAT'S REQUIRED, MADAM SPEAKER, WE CAN FULFILL OUR COMMITMENT TO WHAT WINNIPEGERS ARE WANTING TO SEE AROUND OUR ENCAMPMENT STRATEGY AND MAKING SURE PEOPLE DO HAVE ACCESS TO HOUSING, OUR SHORT TERM HOUSING, SO THESE CONVERSATIONS ARE START AND I REALLY ENCOURAGE US TO KEEP MEETING AND I REALLY VALUED THE COMMENTS OF ALL MY COUNCILLOR COLLEAGUES AROUND THE TABLE WHO PROVIDED SOME INPUT ON THIS ISSUE AND HOPE TO SEE MORE COMING AND MORE WORK TO COME. AND I JUST WANT TO THANK FOR THAT COLLABORATIVE APPROACH AS I APPRECIATED IT, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR GILROY. NEXT IS COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, I WANT TO THANK THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR ROLLINS FOR THEIR DILIGENT WORK ON THIS FILE. WE DID HAVE A MEETING AS COUNCILLORS TO DISCUSS THE CONCERNS, THE VAST CONCERNS THAT ARE BEING RAISED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN TERMS OF WHAT THEY'RE WITNESSING ON OUR STREETS. YOU KNOW, WE DEFINITELY HAVE TO LOOK AT A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH THAT CONNECTS INDIVIDUALS TO DETOX, MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS, HOUSING, AND LONG-TERM RECOVERY SERVICES. I MEAN, THESE ARE THE IMPORTANT FACTORS THAT WILL HELP DRIVE OR CHANGE OR MOVE THE NEEDLE ON WHAT WE'RE SEEING SINCE COVID. YOU KNOW, THE IMPACT ON OUR HEALTH SYSTEM WHETHER IT'S EMERGENCY ROOMS AND HOLDING CELLS AND TREATING IT AS A HEALTH CONCERN AS OPPOSE TODAY A MORAL JUDGMENT I THINK IS THE WAY WE SHOULD LOOK AT THIS AS WELL. WE NEED TO REALLY PRESSURE ON OUR OVEREXTENDED FIRST RESPONDERS. OF COURSE, WE'RE SEEING BOTH FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE, AM 911 CALL TAKERS WHO ARE INCREASINGLY GOING OUT INTO THESE CALLS. A LOT OF THESE CALLS ARE SOMEWHAT VIOLENT AS THEY ADMINISTER NALOXONE OR NARCAN. FROM WHAT WE'VE HEARD IN TERMS OF THE PRESENTATION THAT WAS PROVIDED AT THE SUSAN A. THOMPSON BUILDING. A LOT OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE EXPERIENCING INCREDIBLE PAIN. AND SO WHEN THEY ARE SELF-MEDICATING THESE DRUGS AND

POTENTIALLY OVERDOSE, WHEN NARCAN IS ADMINISTERED, A LOT OF TIMES THEY'RE COMING UPSWING AND THIS IS WHAT OUR FIRST RESPONDERS ARE MEETING ON A DAILY BASIS. SO, AGAIN, TRYING TO, WOULD, TO GET A REDUCED AMOUNT OF CALLS FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS, AND A LOT OF THESE CALLS ARE THE SAME PERSON OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN. MULTIPLE TIMES DURING THE DAY, MULTIPLE TIMES DURING THE WEEK, MULTIPLE TIMES DURING THE MONTH THAT THEY'RE BEING CALLED FOR THIS TYPE OF ASSISTANCE. SO WE NEED TO BREAK THE CYCLE ON THOSE REPEAT CALLS AND THE EVOLVING DOOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES. WITHOUT WRAP-AROUND SUPPORTS, THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL OFTEN CONTINUALLY CALL FOR SERVICE AND, OF COURSE, THAT'S LEAVING OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING MEDICAL ISSUES ARE VULNERABLE. SO WE ALSO NEED TO BUILD TRUST WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES. WHEN PEOPLE KNOW THEIR NEEDS WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF AND THAT THEY WILL BE MET WITH SUPPORT AND TREATMENT OPTIONS RATHER THAN JUST ENGAGE TO PROVIDE THAT SERVICE, IT CREATES THAT RELATIONSHIP. IT CREATES THAT BOND THAT WE NEED TO SEE IN - TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS. AND THEN, FINALLY, MADAM SPEAKER, WE NEED TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH OUTCOMES TOGETHER. SO WORKING IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PROVINCE, MAKING SURE THAT THE STRATEGY THAT WE HAVE IS EFFECTIVE. IT'S ROBUST. IT MEETS ALL OF THE NEEDS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH WITHOUT CREATING UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES AND I'VE TALKED ABOUT THAT IN THE PAST AND WE NEED TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT ARE THOUGHTFUL AND THAT THEY'RE NOT CREATING MORE PROBLEMS. WE SAW THAT DURING THE PANDEMIC THAT THE CURE WAS WORSE THAN THE DISEASE. WE CAN'T GET INTO THAT SITUATION AGAIN. SO A STRATEGY THAT ADDRESSES ROOT CAUSES. HOUSING INSTABILITY, TRAUMA, POVERTY, AND ALONGSIDE ADDICTION RESOURCES THAT WON'T STRAIN OUR SYSTEMS. AGAIN, I WANT TO SEE A UNANIMOUS VOTE HERE. I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT, YOU KNOW, WINNIPEGERS ARE ASKING US AND I'M CERTAIN THAT AS COUNCILLORS AND CANDIDATES ARE GOING TO THE DOOR AND KNOCKING, THIS WILL BE ONE OF THE MAJOR ISSUES AT THE DOOR FOR CONVERSATION. SO WITH THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING HERE NOW AS A COUNCIL. WITH THE WORK THAT WE SEE THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, JUST EVEN IN YOU'RE FRONT STEPS HERE AT CITY HALL. YOU KNOW, WE SEE JUST HOW BAD IT CAN GET AND MY HEART BREAKS FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS. IT DOES. AS CANADIANS, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ALL TAKING CARE OF ONE ANOTHER. AND SO AS I, YOU KNOW, AM AT MY SUNSET HERE AT CITY HALL, YOU KNOW, I WANT TO TURN OUR CITY OVER TO OUR KIDS AND OUR GRAND KIDS THAT HAVE A BETTER OUTCOME HERE. IT'S IMPORTANT. THE WORK THAT WE DO HERE IS IMPORTANT AND THIS MOTION MATTERS. SO I WANT TO SEE A UNANIMOUS VOTE AND MOVING IN A DIRECTION THAT WILL HELP OUR FELLOW CITIZENS. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? MR. MAYOR TO CLOSE?

Mayor Gillingham: I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE COMMENTS. I THINK HE ARTICULATED WHY EVERY ONE OF US IS HERE. THE NEXT GENERATION, WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS AND POLICY DECISIONS THAT WILL SET THE FUTURE OF WINNIPEG UP FOR A GREATER SUCCESS. I WANT TO THANK COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS MOTION AND JUST TAKE A MOMENT TODAY TO PUT ON RECORD AND TO REMIND ALL WINNIPEGERS AND TO PUT IT INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THOSE WHO WILL READ THIS DEBATE LATER ON AND YEARS TO COME. IT'S COLD COMFORT BUT WINNIPEG IS NOT ALONE IN THESE CHALLENGES. ACROSS CANADA, EVERY CITY IS FACING THE SAME SET OF CHALLENGES OF HOMELESSNESS, ADDICTION, AND SOMETIMES THE CRIME THAT GOES ALONG WITH IT. IN FACT, JUST RECENTLY, THE ASSOCIATION OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO ISSUED A REPORT STATING THAT HOMELESSNESS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO HAS INCREASED BY 50% SINCE 2021. I WAS AT THE BIG CITY MAYOR'S CAUCUS MEETING IN JUNE. THEIR ENCAMPMENT NUMBERS GREW IN EDMONTON BY 40% YEAR OVER YEAR. THE MAYOR OF MONTREAL SAID THEIR HOMELESS POPULATION IS NOW REACHING 6,000 PEOPLE. AND SO WE'RE NOT ALONE IN THE

CHALLENGE WE FACE, BUT I THANK COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR EFFORTS HERE AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO DO WHAT WE CAN AND TO CALL ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST THE PROVINCE IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG MORE AND FOR THE PROVINCE TO DO ITS PART, WE'LL DO OUR PART AND ULTIMATELY THE GOAL IS TO GET PEOPLE THE HELP THEY NEED IN THE HOUSING WITH THE SUPPORTS THEY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFULLY HOUSED INTO DETOX AND TREATMENT SO THAT THEY CAN GET OFF, THEIR ADDICTION TO DRUGS AND WHERE POSSIBLE GET LIVES TURNED AROUND AND SO I WOULD ASK, MADAM SPEAKER, YOU CALL TO QUESTION ON THIS MATTER IT WILL BE A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY CARRIED. WE'LL NOW MOVE INTO BYLAWS.

Mayor Gillingham: I MOVE THAT THE BYLAWS BE READ.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY CARRIED.

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Mayor Gillingham: I MOVE THAT BILAWS 74 AND 79, 2026 BE READ A SECOND TIME.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR. >>.

Mayor Gillingham: THE 2007 BE SUSPENDED. BE READ A THIRD TIME AND THE SAME BE PASSED AN ORDER TO BE SIGNED AND SEALING.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY CARRIED. QUESTION FOR THE MAYOR. ANY QUESTIONS TODAY? LET'S MOVE ON. LOTS OF DISCUSSION HAD ALREADY TODAY. NEXT IS THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. COUNCIL MEMBER BROWATY. THERE'S NO REPORT TODAY. SO WE'LL GET RIGHT INTO QUESTION PERIOD FOR OUR CHAIR. ANY QUESTIONS. OKAY. SEEING NONE. NEXT IS THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN. CHAIR.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: YES.

MADAM SPEAKER: ITEM 1 AND 11.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: ONE AND 11.

MADAM SPEAKER: JUST A MOMENT. 1 AND 5.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: ASIDE FROM 1 AND 5 I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A REPORT AND MOVE ADOPTION OF ITEMS TWO THROUGH FOUR. SIX THROUGH EIGHTEEN.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY CARRIED. MADAM CLERK.

CLERK: ITEM 1. VACANCY TO VITALITY TO RESERVE.

MADAM SPEAKER: INTRODUCE THE ITEM AND THE AMENDING MOTION IS ALSO AUTHORED BY YOURSELF. GO AHEAD.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAD SOME HEALTHY DISCUSSION AT PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS IN REGARDS TO THE ITEM THEY CONCEDED. ALL IN AGREEANCE. WE'RE

SEEING SEVERAL PROPERTIES BEING DERELICTS FOR ARSON. HOWEVER, THE PUBLIC SERVICE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF COUNCIL HAS TAKEN UP THE CAUSE TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS, ONE OF WHICH IS IS THROUGH ENFORCEMENT, TITLE WITHOUT COMPENSATION. THE AMENDMENT FOR US HERE TODAY, MADAM SPEAKER. IT'S GOOD NEWS THAT THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, THE PUBLIC SERVICE HAS EXECUTED AND GONE TO THE LEGAL PROCESS ON OVER 50 TAKING TITLE WITHOUT COMPENSATION ACTIONS TO THIS POINT. THE REST OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THROUGH THE REPORT WOULD COME TO COUNCIL IF MY COLLEAGUES WOULD AGREE ON THIS THAT IT WOULD COME TO COUNCIL IN DECEMBER WITH THE OVERALL BY LAW'.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: OUR EFFORTS, MADAM SPEAKER TAKING TITLED PROPERTY SANTOS'S WARD. BUT IT IS A HAS BEEN LOBBYING REALLY HARD AS I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS SAME ISSUE FOR THE LAST - WELL, ALL FOUR OF THE TERMS THAT I'VE SERVED SO FAR, SO THAT'S 16 YEARS. AND HAVING, MOVING TOWARDS BYLAWS, CHANGES THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO IMPROVE THE SITUATIONS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. A LOT OF BAD THINGS TO THE PEOPLE IN OUR WARDS. AND I KNOW IT'S FRUSTRATING BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY WE ARE TAKING AND RIGHT AWAY, BUT I WANT TO SPEAK TO SOMETHING. THIS IS SOMETHING WE HAVEN'T DONE. THIS PROBLEM OF VACANT DERELICT HOUSES, IT WAS HERE IN THE 90s. AND THEN A WHOLE BUNCH OF CHANGES WERE MADE IN THE EARLY 2000 SO WHAT I'M AGAIN. I KNOW IT'S NOT FAST ENOUGH FOR THE PEOPLE, BUT WE HAVE BEEN DOING THAT WORK. THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND MOVING FORWARD ON A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES. WE HAVE SPECIAL PILOT PROJECTS HAPPENING AND OTHER INITIATIVES HAPPENING. THIS IS THE WORK THAT WE DO, MADAM SPEAKER. WORK THAT WE HAVE DONE. WE CONTINUE TO TRY TO DEAL WITH IT. AND IT IS JUST AS FRUSTRATING TO THE CITY COUNCILLORS AS IT IS TO THE RESIDENTS WE'RE HAVING TO LIVE WITH THIS BLAET BLIGHT ON OUR LIVES AND NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE HUGE SAFETY RISK. EVEN MANY TIMES. ANYWAY, I JUST. RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES. THIS IS ABOUT SOME COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. NOTHING'S MOVING. CAN WE TAKE IT WITHOUT COMPENSATION. LET'S GET THAT THING CLEANED UP. IT STILL SITS THERE WITH ALL KINDS OF DEBRIS ON IT ATTRACTING ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT PROBLEMS. LET'S GET IT DONE. AND THIS MOTION HERE ADDING THE LEGAL SERVICES TO HELP US FACILITATE MOVING IN A SUCCESSFUL FASHION PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE REST OF COUNCIL FOR HELPING US GET THIS DONE. OH, AND I WOULD NOTE THAT THERE IS A MOTION I BELIEVE FROM COUNCILLOR GILROY AND ROLLINS TALKING ABOUT THIS SAME ISSUE ACTUALLY AND LOOKING AT DIFFERENT THINGS. WE HAVE DONE MR. DIFFERENT THINGS. I WAS IN EDMONTON RECENTLY. THEY DO THINGS TOO. THEY HAVE A THREE-PRONGED APPROACH. PART OF IT ALSO INVOLVES THE SUMMER HOMES THAT ARE ALMOST TO THE POINT THEY'RE GOING TO BE EVACUEE CANNOT HELPING PEOPLE AFFORD TO BE ABLE TO LIVE AND TAKE CARE OF THAT HOUSE SO THEY DON'T END UP HOMELESS AND TAKE CARE OF A HOUSE THAT THEY CAN ILL AFFORD TO PAY FOR IT AND KEEP UP. SO I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR EADIE. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR GILROY.

QUESTIONS REALLY AT THIS POINT WITH THE CLOSER CAN ANSWER. YEAH, SO RIGHT NOW JUST TO CLARIFY WHAT MY UNDERSTANDING IS, THE MOTION IS TO DO A LITTLE BIT OF CHANGES OF WHO'S WHO AND STUFF LIKE THAT, NO BIG DEAL AND THEN SET UP A FUND, VIA OUR TERMS OF REFERENCE, THAT CAN GO AHEAD. BUT THEN THE OTHER PARTS FOLLOWING THE REVIEW AND REPORT BACK IN DECEMBER, 20206, IT'S A WHOLE BUNCH OF THINGS THAT ARE LATER ON INCLUDING THE HIRING OF THE VISITOR AND MAYBE I'M WRONG, THE FLEET MANAGEMENT AND ALL THAT, ARE THAT'S ACTUALLY NOT HAPPENING TODAY. THEY'RE PLANNING TO LOOK AT THAT AGAIN IN DECEMBER 2026. SO I PREFER IT'S GOING. THERE WAS A CONCEPT AND I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY IF I UNDERSTAND IS CORRECT, THE REPORT DIDN'T MENTION ANY OF THAT WHICH WAS WE'RE GOING TO GIVE \$40,000 TO HELP DELINQUENT LANDOWNERS TO REFURBISH THEIR HOUSES.

THAT'S A TERRIBLE IDEA THAT PART BUT I DON'T SEE THAT IN THE REPORT. THE REPORT THAT I DO READ IN THE REPORT WHICH I'M FINE WITH AND, AGAIN, WAS - WHAT DID THEY PUT IN HERE? IN PHASE THREE, IT INDICATES TO ASSIST WINNIPEG THEIR PROPERTIES. BEFORE WE HAD MORE HOUSES GOING VACANT AND THE HOUSE IS STILL LIVABLE. THERE'S SOME OUTCOMES TO THE 40,000. 40,000 ON HOUSES THAT HAVE BEEN SITTING VACANT FOR YEARS. THEY'RE SO OLD. I'VE DONE ENOUGH RENOVATION IS WHY ARE WE REWARDING DELINQUENT LANDLORDS AND COULD REALLY USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAYBE MAKE A GRANNY SUITE IN THEIR HOUSE SO THEY CAN GET RENTAL INCOME. THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO SEE EARLY ON BUT THAT'S NOT UNTIL PHASE THREE WHICH IS QUITE A WAYS AWAY IN THIS PLAN, BUT I'LL VOTE FOR THIS.

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

COUNCILLOR GILROY: THANK YOU. I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS. I'M EXCITED TO SEE SOME MOVEMENT ON THIS. I'M SHOCKED THAT WE WERE NOT TAKING TITLE WITHOUT COMPENSATION. WE WOULD NEED TO REALLY SPEND MONEY IN ORDER TO DO THAT, LIKE IT COST LOTS OF MONEY IN LEGAL FEES AND SO THERE COMES A CHALLENGE WITH THAT. SO WE ARE GOING TO CENTER TO PUT SOME FINANCIAL COSTS INTO THIS AND I DO WANT TO DO A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO JONATHAN HILDABRANT AND ALSO TO OUR CHAIR, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN WHO EVERY TIME I CAME UP TO HIGHLIGHT THESE STUFF, I KNOW HE TOOK IT VERY SERIOUSLY AND THIS WAS SOMETHING HE WANTED TO PUSH FORWARD WITH AS WELL, SO I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I THINK THERE'S A LOT MORE THAT PROBABLY NEEDS TO COME, BUT WE HAVE SOME BUILDINGS THAT PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, THAT REALLY JUST WE NEED TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THEM AND DEAL WITH THEM OURSELVES. THAT NOTHING'S GOING TO TAKE PLACE ON THESE SITES UNLESS WE ACTUALLY PHYSICALLY TAKE THEM OVER AND THAT'S THE REALITY AND THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO AND, YOU KNOW, WE WERE TALKED ABOUT NEEDING ADDING HOUSING. IT'S IN THESE VERY NEIGHBORHOOD. THE CITY WHERE THE COST TO TAKE THEM OVER. ALL THOSE FEES, TEAR IT DOWN AND THEN A DEVELOPER TO COME AND BUILD A BRAND NEW HOUSE THAT WOULD BE AFFORDABLE. THEY'RE LOOKING AT RIGHT NOW THAT HAVE BEEN SITTING THERE EMPTY FOR YEARS. MADAM SPEAKER, THIS IS A GOOD START. I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY WORKING ON THAT. AND I APPRECIATE THAT HE ALSO INCLUDED ME IN SITTING DOWN WITH ME SO I'D BE ABLE TO ASK THE QUESTIONS THAT I NEEDED. THIS IS THE VERY FIRST STEP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT, MR. MAYOR.

Mayor Gillingham: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I WANT TO RISE AND THANK OUR STAFF, PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STAFF FOR ALL OF THEIR WORK ON THIS AND CERTAINLY COUNCILLOR DUNCAN AS WELL IN THE STANDING COMMITTEE. LAST NO AND PERHAPS MY COLLEAGUE FROM RIVER HEIGHTS REFERRING TO THIS SOME COUNCILLOR AGAINBONS. I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE, TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE VACANT BUILDING GRANT THAT WE ADOPTED SEPARATELY AT THE LAST COUNCIL IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE VACANT BUILDING GRANT, APPLICANTS CAN ATTEND A SESSION ON JULY 22ND, 2026, AND SO THAT IS COMING UP SHORTLY. BUT THIS MATTER THAT'S BEFORE US IS, OF COURSE, SEPARATE FROM THAT AND THAT'S WHAT'S BEFORE US.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS. SEEING NONE, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN TO CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM SPEAKER. COUNCIL'S HAD ENOUGH. THEY'VE HEARD FROM COUNCILLOR RESIDENTS. UNFORTUNATELY SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO BE THE BAD GUY IN THESE SITUATIONS AND LAY THE HAMMER DOWN. I REMEMBER COUNCILLOR ROLLINS TOUGH AS NAILS APPROACH. TOUGH AS NAILS. COUNCILLOR GILROY COMES AND PLEADS

WITH COUNCIL AT EVERY MEETING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS AND WE'RE TAKING THE STEPS NOW. IS IT GOING TO BE WELL RECEIVED BY SOME OF THESE PROPERTY OWNERS, PROBABLY NOT. BUT THE MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT AND THE MESSAGE IS COMING TO CLEAN UP THE NEIGHBORHOODS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. I'LL CALL TO QUESTION ON AMENDING MOTION SIX. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY CARRIED. MAIN ITEM ONE IS AMENDED. ALL IN FAVOR, CONTRARY CARRIED. MADAM CLERK, NEXT ITEM.

CLERK: ITEM 5.

MADAM SPEAKER: THERE'S ALSO AN AMENDING MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD. FIRST WE'LL HEAR FROM OUR CHAIR TO INTRODUCE THE ITEM. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: YEAH. THANK YOU. THROUGH YOU, MADAM MAYOR. THIS IS WE NEED TO IDENTIFY THE AVAILABLE PARKLAND THAT COULD BE ON THE MARKET OR COULD BE OF HIGH VALUE FOR THE CITY TO ACQUIRE. WE WENT THROUGH THE DRAMA OUT ON THE ST. WARD THERE. WE'VE BEEN THROUGH IT ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS. IT'S BEEN FORTUNATE COUNCILLOR MAYES IS WITH US. IT'S CLEAR TO US AS COUNCIL THAT WINNIPEGERS SEE THIS AS A PRIORITY. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS NOT THE CAPITAL MONEY ATTACHED TO THIS AT THIS POINT IN TIME. IT'S A REQUEST AS ITEM NUMBER ONE FOR THE RECOMMENDATION IN THE 2027 BUDGET OF 2.64 AND THEN IN THE 2028 BUDGET OF \$700,000. AS I MENTIONED TO THE DELEGATE THAT WAS HERE, MANY THAT CAME FORWARD TO SPEAK TO THIS, IT'S QUITE CLEAR THAT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR POLICIES ARE FUNDED. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS DOES NOT FUND A POLICY. IT PUTS IN PLACE WHAT WE ARE WANTING TO DO, HOWEVER, IT DOES NOT - IT IS NOT SUPPORTED BY THE FUNDS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR FRIENDS OUT IN THE COMMUNITY THAT CAME TO US AND HELD OUR FEET TO THE FIRE ON COMMITTING TO THE URBAN FORESTRY STRATEGY AND THE FUND TO DO THE EXACT SAME FOR THIS. MAKE THE FOLKS THAT ARE STANDING UP AND PUTTING THEIR NAMES ON THE BALLOT ACCOUNTABLE AND HAVE THIS AS ONE OF THE ISSUES. I PERSONALLY SUPPORT THIS. I WOULD SUPPORT THE ASK IN THE 27 AND 28 BUDGET. HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS COME AS ONE PACKAGE. I UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE AN AMENDMENT BEFORE US HERE THAT HAS SOME OTHER CREATIVE SOLUTIONS, BUT I'LL WAIT TO HEAR FROM MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES ON THAT. SO AT THIS POINT IN TIME, THIS IS THE RIGHT DIRECTION THAT THE PUBLIC SERVICES PROVIDED COUNCIL AS WE DIRECTED THEM, HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT COME YOUR AMENDING MOTION ON THE ITEM IF 50UD LIKE TO SPEAK TO IT.

THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. SO WE HAVE AN AMENDING MOTION THAT MAYBE WILL ADDRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT WILL GMO WITH THIS. I'LL TELL YOU WHAT THE SUGGESTED CHANGES ARE AND THEN WHY WE SHOULD GO FOR THIS. SO THE FIRST IS THAT WE'RE RECOMMENDING RATHER THAN A BUDGET REFERRAL FOR NEXT YEAR AND 2028 TO APPROVE THIS - THESE CAPITAL AMOUNTS TODAY AND FUND THEM FROM THE REMAINING FUNDS WITH THE CASPIAN SETTLEMENT. WE'RE ALSO SUGGESTING THAT RATHER THAN SWITCHING SOME FUNDING AS SORT OF A SOURCE OF TRICKLING INTO THIS FUND CHANGING THAT FROM TREE PLANTING TO PARKLAND ACQUISITION OR AND AMBIGUOUS PROPOSING LOWERING THE AMOUNT FROM \$5 MILLION TO \$2.5 MILLION TO PROVIDE COUNCIL MORE OVERSIGHT. SO I THINK WITH THIS, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING VITAL. RIGHT HERE WE CAN MAKE A DECISION THAT WILL ALLOW US TO CREATE A PARKLAND AS LAID OUT IN OUR WINNIPEG 245 AND IN THE PARKS STRATEGY AND WE'VE REALLY BEEN MISSING OUT BY NOT HAVING A FUND LIKE THIS. NOT ONLY CAN WE NOT MOVE QUICKLY WHEN KEY OPPORTUNITIES TO ACQUIRE LAND ARISE, WE'VE ALSO NOT BEEN ABLE TO LEVERAGE MATCHING FUND WHEN THEY'RE AVAILABLE WITH THE FEDERAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS FUND. WE HAVE WALKED AWAY FROM A LOT OF MONEY BECAUSE WE DIDN'T

HAVE OUR SHARE OF MATCHING FUNDS ON HAND. AND ONE OF THE MAJOR WEAKNESSES OF THE ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION IS THAT IT'S SIMPLY A BUDGET REFERRAL WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED IT LEAVES A LOT IN LIMBO. BUT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE THAT FUND RIGHT HERE TODAY. THERE IS LAND AVAILABLE THAT THEY'RE INTERESTED IN. THAT COULD BE SOLD PRIVATELY AND ANY TIME SO I THINK TIME REALLY IS OF THE ESSENCE AND I REALLY HOPE AS MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES THAT YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER. COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW.

COUNCILLOR ORLIKOW: I DIDN'T THINK I WOULD STILL BE HERE. I'LL HAVE TO RUSH OFF. ONE BIG PROBLEM WE HAVE IN OUR NONBUDGET TEAM IS WE DON'T KNOW ALL THE NUMBERS. I REACHED OUT TO SPEAK ABOUT THE MONEY AND SHE SAID VERY LOVELY SHE'S DOING A GREAT JOB THAT WHAT WE'VE ALLOCATED TO THE BUDGET. I GO, WELL, I DIDN'T ALLOCATE THAT TO THE BUDGET. COUNCIL DIDN'T ALLOCATE THAT, THE ADMINISTRATION DID. IT WASN'T MY CHOICE. MY CHOICE IS WE SHOULD USE THAT MONEY NOW TO GET THE PARKLAND ACQUISITION UP SO WE CAN PURCHASE THOSE LANDS. I KNOW THE LANDS THEY ARE, I DON'T WANT TO SAY PUBLICLY BUT THEY'RE VERY IMPORTANT PIECES OF LAND WE COULD ACQUIRE. POTENTIALLY. WITHOUT THE MONEY, THE MAGIC CAPITAL MONEY, ALL THE OTHER STUFF IS QUITE MINIMAL. I LOOK AT THE LOR, THERE'S A NUMBER. WE DO A LOT OF THINGS OFF THE LOR ALL RIGHT AND THEY WANT TO REPLACE A TREE BUDGET. WE HAD THAT INFORMATION TODAY WITH A PARK ACQUISITION FUND. NO. THAT'S AMENDING MOTION INCLUDES 3% ADDED AS WELL. AGAIN, THAT MAY HAVE AN IMPACT ON BALANCING THE BUDGET. WE MAY USE THE REMAINING LOR TO BALANCE OUR BUDGET. AGAIN, THAT'S A PROBLEM DOWN THE LINE. FOR US, TODAY, THE PROBLEM IS WE DON'T HAVE THE FUND. THE THIRD ONE WHICH IS DELEGATING UP TO \$5 MILLION TO THE CAO TO BUY LAND AND CELL LAND. I WOULD PREFER STEER. THAT SHOULD ALWAYS COME TO COUNCIL. SOME OF YOU ARE AROUND IN THOSE DARK DAYS WHERE YOU DON'T WANT THAT. EVENTUALLY WE ARE THE ONES THAT ARE ACCOUNTABLE WHICH MAKES SENSE. WE SOLD IT FOR A DOLLAR AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO SPEND PROBABLY A LOT MORE THAN A DOLLAR ON AN EXAPPROPRIATION ON HALF THE LAND WE GAVE AWAY FOR A DOLLAR. THAT DID COME TO COUNCIL, THAT VOTE. IT CAME THE MORNING OF WHEN I WALKED IN HERE AND SAW THAT MOTION DROP ON THE TABLE THEY GET TO DO THEIR JOB AND THEY RUN POLICY AND WE RUN POLITICS. BURN ME ONCE SHAME ON YOU, BURN ME TWICE, SHAME ON ME. SO, YES, THE AND IT WILL BE SOLD IF WE DO IT IN THE NEXT YEAR WHEN THE BUDGET HAPPENS. WE ALL TALK ABOUT THIS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. MR. MAYOR.

Mayor Gillingham: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. THIS INDICATES I BELIEVE WHY WE SHOULD TAKE THIS MATTER TO THE DEPARTMENT. TOO MANY SP'S IN MY HEAD. THE STRATEGIC PROJECT ACTION PLAN IS NEXT. ESTABLISHING POLICY, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN WE HAVE TO QUICKLY ESTABLISH POLICY. THAT'S NOT BEST PRACTICE. SOMETIMES YOU DO IT BECAUSE WE NEED TO DO IT. I DON'T BELIEVE WE NEED TO DO IT IN THIS MOMENT. THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT DISCUSSION, BUT THE NEXT TERM OF COUNCIL SHOULD SINK THEIR TEETH INTO. THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS SHOULD BE THE DAY WE COME BACK TOGETHER FOR A PLAN UPDATE. INCLUDED IN THAT SHOULD BE THE OVERALL VISION FOR ACQUIRING MORE PARK SO I WILL NOT GUILTY BE SUPPORTING NUMBER 11 HERE. LET'S TAKE THIS DISCUSSION TO THE TRA STOOEJIC PRIORITIES ACTION UPDATE AND THEN ONCE YOU GET THE PLAN IN PLACE, THE BUDGET'S GOING TO FOLLOW TO ALLOCATE FOR THESE ACQUISITIONS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR EADIE FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I JUST WANT TO BEGIN BY STARTING OFF TO

BE CLEAR WHEN WE DID VOTE ON THIS MASTER PLAN ABOUT ADDING A THOUSAND NEW ACRES BY 2045, MADAM SPEAKER, THE MOVER WAS MR. KEVIN FINE AND THE SECONDER WAS COUNCILLOR KEVIN FINE AND THE SECONDER WAS COUNCILLOR ROSS EADIE. AND SO SINCE THEN, THAT'S BEFORE THE LAST ELECTION AND SINCE THEN, MADAM SPEAKER, WE'VE BEEN STRUGGLING TO FIND MONEY. ACTUALLY THE LAND OPERATING RESERVE, THERE'S NO MONEY IN THERE TO PURCHASE LAND. NONE. I WAS ASKED TO USE LDR TO PURCHASE SOME LAND FOR SOME POTENTIAL BRIDGE COMING IN BETWEEN TWO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION WHICH IS A GOOD IDEA BUT USUALLY AROUND BRIDGES, YOU END UP NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF BRIDGE YOU HAVE PROBLEMS AND THE RESIDENTS ON EITHER SIDE KILDON DRIVE BUT DEFINITELY ON SCOTIA WOULD BE A PROBLEM. BUT WHAT I DID WAS BECAUSE THERE'S A BIG NEED FOR THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ON THE NORTH WINNIPEG PARKWAY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION TRAIL SO HAD TO USE LDR WHICH IT'S FOR THAT AND WE PURCHASED A DERELICT HOUSE SO THAT THAT PATH CAN BE CONTINUED AND THE BIG EXPENSE TO GET ACROSS REDWOOD SO THAT THEN WE HAVE A SAFE CYCLING ROUTE ALL THE WAY FROM JUST NORTH OF SETTLER'S BRIDGE ALL THE WAY TO FORKS. BUT ANYWAY, I DIE AGGRESS. SO THE OBTAINING NEW PARK LAND, WE DO GET SOME IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS WHEN THERE'S A BIG DEVELOPMENT AND SPACE. WE SHOULD BE GETTING ACTUAL PARK LANDS AS WE JUST ACTUALLY THE APPROVALS AT OUR LAST - WE HAD A SPECIAL MEETING OVER GOING PLANS. WE HAVE SOME PARK SPACE NOW AND AN INFILL NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT. IT WAS CALLED GREENFIELD BUT IT WASN'T REALLY. IT'S GOT AN INFILL. ANYWAY. WHAT WE REALLY NEED TO DO IS WE ALSO HAVE A PROBLEM KEEPING UP AND TAKING CARE OF THE PARKS WE ALREADY HAVE. A HUGE PROBLEM. AND THE REDUCTION IN LDR COMING IN FROM DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WAS DONE IN THE NEW WHAT WE REALLY NEED TO DO, RESIDENTIAL AND REGIONAL ROADS BECAUSE WE WEREN'T INVESTED IN MONEY AND WE NEED TODAY FIND THE MONEY. 1% PROPERTY TAX INCREASE IS \$7 MILLION. THAT'S PLENTY OF MONEY. AND MORE THAN \$7 MILLION WOULD GO INTO THE FUTURE. SO THAT'S MORE INTO A FUND ONLY FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND AND MAYBE IT SHOULD INCLUDE RENOVATIONS AND DOING THE THINGS WE NEED IN SAY, KILDONA PARK. IT NEEDS MONEY. WE'RE HAVING A NEED FOR A NEW REGIONAL PARK UP IN PRECINCT B, MADAM SPEAKER. SO I THINK THIS IS A GOOD INVESTMENT. IT'S GOING TO BE IN MY CAMPAIGN PAMPHLET. THANK YOU. THANK YOU RINGTS COUNCILLOR EADIE.

WELL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK

THIS HAS FRANKLY ON BIO DIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION. THAT IS THE WORK. WE SHOULDN'T ACTUALLY STOP THE WORK AT POLICY AND DO THE MATH. AND SO I'M GRATEFUL THAT THIS MOTION PUTS FORWARD AN OPTION ON THAT MATH AND LET'S TALK A BIT ABOUT THAT. RATHER THAN TREATING THE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS AS A ONE-TIME SUPPORTING GENERAL EXPENDITURES OR DEBT, OUR GOVERNMENT COULD IT CREATES A REVOLVING RESEARCH. COMPLUT TO PARKLAND ACCURATE WELLS FARGO AND I BELIEVE THAT WAS A UNANIMOUS VOTE BACK LAST TERM. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FUND TO PERMANENTLY PROTECT LOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT LANDS, I THINK THAT THAT WAS ALSO A FAIRLY UNANIMOUS VOTE, MADAM SPEAKER IF NOT A COMPLETELY UNANIMOUS ONE WHEN WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IT HERE BEFORE. TO REDUCE ACCURATE WELLS FARGO DELAYS CAUSED BY THE WE SOUGHT TO FIX IT. ENABLE RAPID RESPONSE. THAT'S THE POINT OF MOTIONS THAT WE VOTED ON AND SUPPORTED HERE. AND IT'S THE POINT OF THIS ONE, LEVERAGED AND PHILANTHROPIC INVESTMENT IS ALSO THE POINT TO COUNCILLOR DUNCAN'S POINT. BUT THAT WAS ALL THINGS THAT AS PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT WE DISCUSSED NEEDING TO BE NIMBLE ABOUT. AND INCREASING OUR PROTECTED AND CONSERVED AREAS. MANY ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANT LANDS COME THROUGH. THEY REQUIRE GOVERNMENTS TO ACT AND THAT'S WHY THIS MOTION IS IMPORTANT TO DO AND THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION IS BEFORE IT'S SOLD TO INCOMPATIBLE THIS MOTION IS IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE. IT'S IMPORTANT POLICY WORK TO AND IT'S ONE WE PROBABLY SHOULD CONSIDER MORE OFTEN. WHEN YOU'RE CREATING A FUND, DOESN'T IT GO WITHOUT SAYING YOU'RE ALSO CREATING THE FINANCIAL

AUTHORITIES. YOU'RE ALSO CONSIDERING THE MARKET RISK AND THE POINT OF THE FUND. SO THIS SIMPLY COMPLETES THE WORK. THE SETTLEMENT HAS A VERY LONG HISTORY. IT REPRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH AN ENDURING CONSERVATION LEGACY HERE, MADAM SPEAKER WITHOUT INCREASING ONGOING PROGRAM SPENDING BECAUSE WE DO EXPECT THE PHILANTHROPIC INVESTMENTS THAT, BY THE WAY, I'VE BEEN ON THE FRONT END WATCHING THEM BE WHETHER WE TRY TO ACQUIRE A PROPERTY, MADAM SPEAKER. WHEN WE TRIED TO WORK WITH COMMUNITY TO DO THAT. IT'S PHILANTHROPIC RISK. IT'S OTHER MONEYS THAT WE'RE RISKING WHEN WE DON'T PUSH IT TO THE POINT WHERE POLICY IS CONSIDERED WITHIN A FUND POLICY FRAMEWORK. SO IT IS PRUDENT FISCAL MANAGEMENT, MADAM SPEAKER TO NOT ONLY CONSIDER TO HAVE THIS NONREOCCURRING REVENUE SOURCE. THAT IS A GREAT MOTION TOGETHER WITH THE AMENDMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE FINANCIAL AUTHORITIES. I'M IN SUPPORT OF BOTH THE AMENDMENT AND IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. COUNCILLOR GILROY FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: YES. I'M VERY MUCH IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. I THINK THIS WAS A VERY GOOD IDEA. I'VE BEEN VERY CONCERNED. WE HAVE A GREEN SPACE MASTER PLAN THAT SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE LIGHT OF DAY PRIOR TO US LEAVING COUNCIL AND REALLY THIS MASTER PLAN REALLY DICTATES THAT WE DO AND SO WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO WE HAVE THIS MONEY AND LET'S PUT IT IN A PLACE WHERE IT'S GOING TO HAVE POSITIVE OUTCOMES AND WHERE AND SO I THINK THIS IS A GOOD PLACE FOR THE MONEY. I DON'T THINK IT NEEDS TO GO TO A STANDING POLICY WE ARE GOING TO PAY FOR THE ASSINIBOINE PARK. IT SHOULD BE ALLOCATED BECAUSE WE AS A COUNCIL HAVEN'T MADE THAT DETERMINATION ANYWAY. SO THIS IS A VERY GOOD STEP THAT I THINK WE TALKED ABOUT BUILDING A CITY FOR GENERATIONS FOR OUR CHILDREN, OUR GRANDCHILDREN. WHAT BETTER WAY TO TAKE MONEY THAT THE CITY DESERVES TO PUT IT BACK INTO A SPACE WHERE COMMUNITY CAN GO AND GATHER. THAT IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO ACTUALLY USE THAT KIND OF MONEY. SO THIS IS A GREAT IDEA AND I SUPPORT IT AND LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER DISCUSSION ON IT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS.

COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I THINK THAT A PARK LAND ACQUISITION RESERVE FUND WOULD BE A DEDICATED FUND WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE CITY TO ACT QUICKLY WHEN OR STRATEGICALLY LOCATED PARCELS OF LAND. I GO BACK TO THE FORCE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE THAT GIVEN THE HISTORY THAT THOSE LANDS REPRESENT TO THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, YOU KNOW, INDICATING WHERE MANITOBA ENTERED INTO CONFEDERATION FUTURE COUNCILS WILL HAVE THE FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY TO MAKE DELIBERATE FORWARD-THINKING ACQUISITIONS AND DECISIONS THAT HELP SUPPORT OR INCREASE IN BIO DIVERSITY. AND STRATEGIC LAND ACQUISITIONS WILL ALLOW FUTURE COUNCILS TO SECURE AND CONNECT NATURAL HABITATS, PROTECT ECOLOGICAL SENSITIVE AREAS AND EXPAND WINNIPEG'S GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK ADVANCING THE BIO DIVERSITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES THAT WE HAVE DECLARED IN POLICY. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR CHAMBERS. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR ALLARD.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: I'LL TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO SPEAK FRENCH. [Speaking French]

THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER. COUNCILLOR BROWATY FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR ROLLINS FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: I JUST WANT TO SPEAK TO THE PROGRAM HERE. I DO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT WE HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL THINGS. THERE'S TIMES WHERE WE DONATE LAND. SO I THINK THINGS LIKE THAT MAKE LOGICAL SENSE. AT THIS POINT THOUGH, WE ARE FORECASTING A FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT IN OUR 16, \$17 MILLION DEFICIT AS OF Q1. SO I THINK IT'S PREMATURE TO START TAKING THE MONEY WHICH IS IN THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND. IT HASN'T BEEN DIRECTED ANYWHERE ELSE. RIGHT NOW IT SITS IN GENERAL REVENUE. I THINK WE NEED THAT MONEY RIGHT NOW TO BALANCE THE 2026 BUDGET. I WILL NOT BE SUPPORTING THE AMENDING MOTION. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: I THINK THAT WE NEED TO - WE HAVE TO SO IT WOULD BE NICE TO USE THE MONEY FOR THAT. BUT WE HAVE TO DO BALANCED BUDGETING AND I'M NOT SUPPORTING THE AMENDING MOTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD TO CLOSE ON HER MOTION IF YOU WOULD. COUNCILLOR SANTOS.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: YEAH. YOU KNOW, I'M KIND OF WISHY WASHY ON THIS KIND OF STUFF. I WASN'T GOING TO SPEAK TO THIS BUT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO PUT ON THE RECORD. I'M HOPING TO ACTUALLY HAVE THE DISCUSSION AT THE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ACTION PLAN. SO THERE'S PORTIONS OF THIS I'M NOT PARTICULARLY A FAN OF. AS INNER CITY COUNCILLOR, I FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO UPGRADE GREEN SPACES. I RELY HEAVILY ON THE LAND DEDICATION AND THE PREP MONEY WHICH IS A LOT OF THE DEVELOPMENT HAPPENS OUTSIDE OF MY WARD. I DON'T GET A LOT OF DEVELOPMENT IN MY WARD. SO WHEN A PORTION OF THE LAND DEDICATION GETS REMOVED, THAT ACTUALLY GETS REMOVED FROM MY WARD. SO I PERSONALLY DON'T SUPPORT 3A, THE APPENDIX B AND SO I WAS HOPING TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION MORE AT THE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ACTION PLAN PROCESS IS WHY I SUPPORTED MOVING THAT PARK LAND ACQUISITION FUND POLICY AND THE COUNCIL POLICIES TO THE S-PACK PROCESS SO THAT WE AS A COUNCIL CAN TALK MORE ABOUT THIS BECAUSE I CAN'T MOVE THE NEEDLE ON THAT PARTICULAR POLICY AND FOR THAT REASON, YOU KNOW, I STILL SEE IT AS A RECOMMENDATION THROUGH COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD WITH THIS AMENDING MOTION AND, YOU KNOW, I COULD SEE WHERE SHE'S COMING FROM AND I COMMEND HER AND COUNCILLOR ROLLINS AND THE OTHER COUNCILLORS FOR WANTING TO PUSH THIS FORWARD BUT I THINK THE CONVERSATION AS AN INNER CITY COUNCILLOR WOULD BE MORE PREFERABLE AT S-PAP. I CAN'T SUPPORT IT AT THIS TIME BUT I'D BE HAPPY TO CONTINUE ON THE DIALOG IF WE ALL GET RE-ELECTED.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS. COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN, YOU'RE CLOSING ON THE ITEM. YOU'LL BE THE OPENING AND CLOSE ONLY AS THE CHAIR. COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD. THE OPENING AND CLOSING AS A CHAIR. SO YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO CLOSE ON YOUR AMENDING MOTION FIRST.

THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS ON THIS AMENDING MOTION AND I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE DESIRE TO HAVE THE MORE ROBUST DISCUSSION THROUGH THE S-PAP PROCESS AND I SAY THAT BECAUSE WE SAW WHAT GOOD CAN COME OF THAT. WHAT GOOD THINGS WE WERE ABLE TO ACHIEVE FOR THE URBAN FOREST THROUGH THAT PROCESS. SO REALLY WHY NOW? IT'S BECAUSE TIME IS TICKING AND THESE PROPERTIES THAT CAN BE SO VALUABLE TO US ARE AT RISK OF BEING PRIVATELY ACQUIRED AND WE'RE MISSING ON OUR OPPORTUNITY TO GET THEM TO BECOME PUBLIC ASSETS. SO, UM, I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, WE WERE LOOKING AT THE BIG PICTURE. THIS FUND

WOULD ALLOW US TO LEVERAGE DOLLARS LIKE COUNCILLOR ROLLINS SAID CREATE A LONG-TERM CONSERVATION ASSET. WE KNOW THAT WINNIPEGERS CARE ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE, CLIMATE ACTION. THEY WANT US TO ACT AND THIS WOULD BE A VERY POWERFUL SIGNAL TO SHOW THEM WE DO CARE AND WE DO WANT TO TAKE ACTION AND IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO NOT JUST HAVE ANOTHER PLAN THAT SITS ON A SHELF. REGARDLESS OF HOW THE VOTE GOES ON THIS ONE, I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR PUBLIC SERVICE AND PARKLAND ACQUISITION STRATEGY. AND I WANT TO PUSH FOR THE GROUPS. AND I HOPE TO SEE SUPPORT ON THIS, SO I'LL LET YOU CALL TO QUESTION. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN, YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO CLOSE IF YOU WISH.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: OKAY. SO WE'RE CLOSING ON THE ITEM.

MADAM SPEAKER: YES. AND THE AMENDING MOTION, WHATEVER YOU'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: LET ME JUST ECHO THE COMMENTS OF COUNCILMEMBER BROWATY. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE FORECASTED FOR. IF WE DO NOT HAVE FUNDS TO COVER THAT DEFICIT WHICH MAY COME IN THE FORM OF A SETTLEMENT THAT CAME THROUGH LEGAL SERVICES, THAT IS NEAR EQUIVALENT TO A 3% PROPERTY TAX TO COVER THAT OFF. INCREASE. PROPERTY TAX WE SEE HOW WELL THAT'S GONE OVER. THAT'S JUST TO COVER IT OFF. ALL THIS ITEM AS AMENDED ORIGINALLY IS ASKING FOR IS FOR THIS POLICY AND PROPOSAL IN ITS WHOLE TO GO TOWARDS THE BUDGET AND THE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ACTION PLAN SO THAT WE CAN HAVE THIS DISCUSSION AND MAKE A DECISION ONCE WE KNOW OUR FINANCIAL STATE AS A CITY HERE. NOT ON JULY 16TH OF 2026. I THINK IT'S IRRESPONSIBLE OF US TO BE SPENDING MONEY THAT WE DON'T HAVE WITH THE HOPES THAT WE HAVE SOME WINDFALL I'M ASSUMING TO COVER UP OUR DEFICIT. IT'S A DEFICIT, FOLKS. IT'S NOT A SURPLUS. IT'S A DEFICIT. ALTHOUGH IT LOOKS NICE WE'RE GETTING A SETTLEMENT HERE, WE STILL HAVE A DEFICIT. WE JUST SPOKE OF SEVERAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WE DON'T HAVE MONEY FOR. A DEFICIT OF \$17.4 MILLION IS WHAT WE'RE FACED WITH. THIS IS NOT A WINDFALL OF YOUR PARENT'S CASH THEY'RE GIVING YOU ON A WEEKEND TO GO SPEND. THEY'RE COVERING UP A DEBT THAT WE HAVE. SO PLEASE LET'S MOVE THIS TO THE BUDGET PROCESS TO THE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ACTION PLAN AND DO THIS RESPONSIBLY SO THAT WE DO NOT ESSENTIALLY PUT OURSELVES IN EVEN WORSE POSITION AND CALL ON WINNIPEGERS TO BAIL OUT COUNCIL AGAIN. THAT'S A BAD LOOK AND I'M SURE WE'LL HEAR ABOUT THAT AT THE DOORS TOO.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, COUNCILLOR DUNCAN. WITH THAT, ARE I'LL CALL TO QUESTION, CALL FOR A RECORDED VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR OF AMENDING MOTION 11, ARE PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: COUNCILLORS ALLARD, CHAMBERS, DURAND-WOOD, GILROY, ORLIKOW, ROLLINS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: HIS WORSHIP MAYOR GILLINGHAM, COUNCILLORS BROWATY, DOBSON, LUKES.

SIX ANYWAYS, EIGHT.

MADAM SPEAKER: AMENDING MOTION 11 IS DEFEATED AND ON TO THE MAIN ITEM. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. THAT'S CARRIED. OKAY. NEXT, WE HAVE BYLAWS UNDER THIS COMMITTEE. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN.

I'D LIKE TO READ THE BYLAWS. 76 OF 2026 AND BYLAW 77 OF 2026.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY CARRIED.

NUMBER 20 OF 2026. 76 OF 2026. BYLAW 27 OF 2026.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I'LL MOVE THAT THE FOLLOWING BYLAWS BE READ A SECOND TIME. BYLAW 19 OF 2026 AND BYLAW 21 OF 2026.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR, CONTRARY CARRIED BYLAW 21 OF 2026.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THE BYLAWS 19 OF 2026 BE READ A THIRD TIME IN ORDER TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR, CONTRARY CARRIED.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: I'LL MOVE THAT THE FOLLOWING BYLAWS BE READ A THIRD TIME. 54, 2026. 552026, 72, 2026, NUMBER 73, 2026.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR. BYLAW 72 OF 2026.

AND I'LL MOVE THAT THE BYLAWS NUMBERS 54, 2026, 72, 2026 BE READ A SECOND TIME.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR, CONTRARY CARRIED.

72 OF 2026 AND 73 OF 2026.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU AND I'LL ALSO MOVE NOW THAT RULE 502007 BE SUSPENDED AND THE BYLAWS 54. AND 732026 BE READ A THIRD TIME AND THAT THE SAME BE PASSED IN ORDER TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR CONTRARY CARRIED. WE'LL NOW GET INTO QUESTION PERIOD. ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE CHAIR? NEXT IS THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER AND WASTE IN THE ENVIRONMENT. COUNCILLOR EADIE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIRPERSON. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE REPORT OF THE WATER WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF JULY 2ND, 2026, AND MOVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6.

MADAM SPEAKER: THERE IS AN AMENDING MOTION WITH ITEM 3. I'LL PULL THAT ONE. I'LL CALL THE QUESTION ON ITEMS ONE AND TWO 4 THROUGH SIX. ALL IN FAVOR, CONTRARY CARRIED. MADAM CLERK.

ITEM THREE, CLIMATE ACTION PLAN. MANUAL REPORT.

MADAM SPEAKER: ITEM THREE. THERE IS A MOTION TO GO WITH THIS ITEM.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: MADAM CHAIRPERSON, CAN WE HAVE THE CLERK READ THE BE IT RESOLVED.

MADAM SPEAKER: YES. MADAM CLERK, YOU CAN READ THE RESOLVE AND THE RECORD, PLEASE.

CLERK: ITEM THREE OF THE STANDING POLICY BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS. ADD THE FOLLOWING NEW RECOMMENDATIONS AND RENUMBER THE REMAINING ACCORDINGLY. THREE THAT THE VOTING REQUIREMENTS BYLAW BE AMENDED TO REQUIRE A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY OF COUNCIL TO AMEND THE EMISSION TARGETS SET OUT IN THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN. NET SCORE EMISSIONS AND THE GREEN HOUSE GAS 20% BY 2030. KEY PLANS TO KEY NUMBER FOUR OUTLINED IN THE COUNCIL ADOPTED STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ACTION PLAN. NAMELY, ONE THE WINNIPEG COMPREHENSIVE FORESTRY STRATEGY. TWO, THE COMMUNITY ENERGY INVESTMENT ROAD MAP HERE. FOUR THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER BE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY COUNCIL OF CHANGES TO COUNCIL TARGETS OR BUDGET IMPLICATIONS THAT COMPROMISE PRIORITIES. THE WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN DETAILING HOW THEY ARE WORKING TO REDUCE GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IN ORDER TO MEET THE SAFE CLIMATE TARGET ACTIONS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR - ONCE COUNCILLOR EADIE INTRODUCES, THEN WE'LL CALL ON YOU, COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: I'LL COMMENT AT THE END.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: THIS MOTION COMES AFTER THE CONCERNING REPORT THAT THE CLIMATE CHANGE - THE CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT AND AS SOMEBODY AND I KNOW COUNCILLOR ALLARD'S HERE TOO AND HE SAT ON THE COMMITTEE WITH ME WITH COUNCILLOR - WASN'T COUNCILLOR ROLLINS ON COMING UP WITH THE CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN. DURING OUR FIRST TERM, WE SAT TOGETHER AS A COUNCIL AND WE DECIDED TO REALLY MAKE THIS A PRIORITY AND WE - YOU KNOW, WE WANT HONOR THAT. AND I THINK WHAT WAS CONCERNING TO ME OVER THE YEARS IS I'VE HEARD, YOU KNOW, THE CHALLENGES THAT THEY HAVE IS THAT THIS COMMITTEE DOESN'T HAVE A PRIORITY WITHIN DEPARTMENTS, MADAM SPEAKER. THERE'S NO AUTHORITY. WHY WOULD THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF PUBLIC WORKS HAVE TO REPORT TO THIS COMMITTEE. RIGHT. SO IT WAS PUT INTO THE CAO'S OFFICE TO TRY TO APPROVE THAT. AND NOW WE'RE STILL SEEING, MADAM SPEAKER, STILL ISSUES WITH CONCERNS THAT THE CORPORATE GHG INVENTORY RELIES ON DEPARTMENT REPORTING OF EMISSIONS RELATED DATA. RELIES, NOT MAN DATED, IT RELIES AND SO THE MOTION HERE IS SAYING, HEY, WE HAVE A CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN. OUR TARGET IS SAYING THAT NOW. WE AREN'T GOING TO MAKE THOSE TARGETS BY 2030. SO WHEN DOES THIS GET PUT ONTO THE AGENDA OF EVERY SINGLE ONE OF OUR DEPARTMENTS AND SAYING WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MEET THOSE TARGETS. CLEARLY WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHAT'S IN FRONT OF US AND WE HAVE 1.6% MORE THAN 2025 IN EMISSIONS. SO I THINK THAT WE NEED. TO IMPROVE THE EMISSIONS SO WE CAN MEET OUR TARGETS AND THEY NEED TO COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS TO COUNCIL IF THERE'S A BUDGET REQUEST IF, YOU KNOW, THEY NEED TO COME TO COUNCIL IN ORDER TO DO THAT WORK. SO LIKE THIS COULD BE EVEN STREAMLINING THE STUFF THAT THEY DO SO THEY'RE NOT MOVING AS MUCH FLEET. THERE'S A LOT STUFF THEY COULD BE DOING WITHOUT EVEN A BUDGET ADDED THAT WE COULD BE DOING TO REDUCE OUR EMISSIONS, MADAM SPEAKER, BUT I THINK IT'S NOT A PRIORITY AND A PLAN AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE IT'S A PRIORITY AND PLAN, MADAM SPEAKER. WE ALL KNOW WE JUST SPENT A FEW DAYS AT PLUS 45, RIGHT. AND SO WHEN WE PRIORITIZE IT, AND WE AS A COUNCIL SAY THIS IS MAN DATED, WE WANT YOU TO DO IT, THEN WE MIGHT NOT HAVE A REPORT THAT COMES FORWARD THAT SAYS WE'RE GOING TO CUT THE TREE BUDGET MOWING DOWN - KNOW - SORRY, MY APOLOGIES, KNOWING THAT THAT TREES IMPACT OUR ENVIRONMENT SUBSTANTIALLY IN TERMS OF REDUCING OUR GREEN HOUSE GASES, MADAM SPEAKER. SO THAT'S SOMETHING WE REALLY NEED TO IMPROVE ON IS THE REPORT AND I THINK THAT IF THERE IS A CHANGE THAT WE ALL SHOULD BE AWARE OF. THIS IS TWO THIRDS COUNCIL. THIS IS A REPORT THAT WE DEEMED NECESSARY, MADAM SPEAKER. AND NOW IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE PASSING THIS THROUGH OUR SYSTEM AND WE'RE NOT RECOGNIZING WE HAVE A

PROBLEM HERE, MADAM SPEAKER. WE'RE CLOSE TO THAT 2030 DEADLINE AND WE'RE NOWHERE NEAR WE NEED TO BE IN TERMS OF THOSE TARGETS. I WANT TO PUT A FLAME INTO THE FIRE HOWEVER YOU SAY THAT, MADAM SPEAKER AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR CITY DEPARTMENT AND OUR CITY OFFICIALS ARE DOING WHAT WE ASK IN TERMS OF OUR ACTION PLAN AND ARE TRYING TO MEET THOSE TARGETS OR DOING WHAT THEY NEED TO DO WITHIN THEIR DEPARTMENTS AND BUDGETS, MADAM SPEAKER. SO THAT'S WHAT I'M HOPING I GET HERE WITH THE SUPPORT OF COUNCIL. THIS IS SOMETHING WE ARE PRIORITIZED ON. THIS IS SOMETHING I THINK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US CARE ABOUT. WE ALL KNOW HOW THAT IMPACTS OUR BUDGETS AND WE JUST HAVE TO LOOK ABOUT THOSE HOT SPELLS THAT WE HAD, HOW IT'S IMPACTED OUR ROADS. THE LIKE IT IMPACTS EVERYTHING, MADAM SPEAKER. AND SO IF WE COULD BE DOING WHAT WE CAN TO MEET THOSE TARGETS, WE NEED TO BE DOING THAT, MADAM SPEAKER. AND SO I WANT TO RAISE CONCERNS THAT I THINK ALL COUNSELORS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THIS REPORT, SHOULD BE READING THIS REPORT, BE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS REPORT AND DOING WHAT WE CAN TO HOLD OUR ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABLE TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE FOLLOWING THROUGH ON WHAT WE DEEMED IS IMPORTANT, MADAM SPEAKER. THANK YOU. I HOPE YOU SUPPORT THE AMENDING MOTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, FOLLOWED BY COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: THANK YOU. THE VOTE, MADAM SPEAKER WAS TO VOTE FOR THE EMISSIONS TARGETS AND THE TARGET DEADLINE WAS 2030, MADAM SPEAKER. SO YOU CAN IMAGINE EVERYONE'S SURPRISE TO LOOK AT THIS AGENDA ITEM AND TO LOOK AT THE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ATTACHED AND I THINK EVERYONE IN THE CITY OUGHT TO LOOK AT THE POWERPOINT PRESENTATION THAT WAS DEVELOPED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE TEAM. ON PAGE 15, 16, AND 17 IN PARTICULAR, MADAM SPEAKER, YOU CAN SEE A TRAJECTORY GOING NOT TO 2030, NOT TO 2040, BUT MADAM SPEAKER, ALL THE WAY TO 2050. IS THIS VOTE GOING TO MATTER AND MY ARGUMENT TODAY IS, YES, THIS VOTE MATTERS AND THIS MOTION - THIS AMENDING MOTION TO SAVE IT MATTERS TO US IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE TRAJECTORY IN THAT POWERPOINT PRESENTATION, MADAM SPEAKER, WE'RE BLOWING OUT THE TARGETS AND I'LL POINT OUT THAT IT'S NOT 2030 YET. WHAT THIS AMENDING MOTION DOES IS IT REALLY REQUIRES A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE TO AMEND WHAT WE HOLD DEAR AND I'LL SAY, MADAM SPEAKER THAT THERE'S A COMPROMISE IN HERE. ON NUMBER FOUR THAT THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER BE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY COUNCIL TO CHANGES TO CLIMATE TARGETS OR BUDGET IMPLICATIONS THAT COMPROMISE WHAT I SHOULD SAY IS THE CITY'S CLIMATE PRIORITIES BECAUSE I BELIEVE WHEN WE VOTE ON SOMETHING AND IT'S 2030, WE SHOULD MEET IT. INSTEAD, IT SAYS S-PAP. SO THAT REPRESENTS A COMPROMISE I WOULD SAY BECAUSE THAT MEANS WE ALL HAVE TO GET INTO A ROOM AND WE ALL HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THEY MATTER TO US. I ALSO WANT TO SEE IN LIGHT OF WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE URBAN FORESTRY STRATEGY THAT ANYTHING THAT WE COMPROMISE, THE SERIES OF LITTLE PROJECTS WE'RE DOING TO GET TO NET STEE ZERO, TO GET TO TARGET WOULD ALSO BE RAISED TO OUR BOXES. WHY, MADAM SPEAKER? WELL, THE THING THAT WE NEED TO SAY OUT LOUD IS WE DON'T HAVE AN ORGANICS, A LARGE ORGANICS COLLECTION. WE DON'T HAVE A COMP LISTING PROGRAM. A COMPOSTING PROGRAM LENDS ITSELF TO THAT 2030 GOAL. AND SO WHAT WE DO HAVE AND THE ACTION PLAN HOW WE CAN GET TO TARGET. WHAT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT WITHIN THIS AMENDMENT, MADAM SPEAKER IS THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE EMISSION TARGETS BETTER AS A COUNCIL. WE UNDERSTAND THE 2050 CLARIFICATION. WE UNDERSTAND, YOU KNOW, WHY THE PUBLIC SERVICE HAS SAID THAT AND THAT WE IDENTIFY IT ONCE AGAIN AS A KEY PLAN THAT WE'RE INTERESTED IN IT. WE'RE INTERESTED IN A TARGET. THE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGET BY 2030. I WILL ARGUE THAT. BUT IN ORDER TO BE INTERESTED, WE HAVE TO BACK THAT WITH ACTION, MADAM SPEAKER. AND I'M VERY COGNIZANT THAT MY KIDS, YOUR KIDS, MADAM SPEAKER, ARE WATCHING THIS DEBATE OR WILL WANT TO WATCH OUR DEBATE AND WHAT WE DID FOR CLIMATE, WHAT WE DID WHILE

ONTARIO IS AND TO BOSTON IS EXPERIENCING THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE CLIMATE ADAPTATION WE NEED. IT'S BEEN VERY BAD NEWS GLOBALLY FOR CLIMATE IN RECENT YEARS WHERE PEOPLE ARE GENERAL ASKING WHETHER OR NOT EVERY GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO STEP BACK. LET US UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SHOWING A POWER POINT PRESENTATION ON THE RECORD THAT EXCEEDS THE TARGET WE VOTED ON ON JULY OF 2022, MADAM SPEAKER. AND MAKE SURE, MADAM SPEAKER, WITH OUR ACTIONS THAT WE'RE REALLY SAYING SOMETHING AND GETTING BACK IN LINE WITH THE 2030 GOAL THAT WE HAD THAT WE ARE REALLY MAKING SURE WITH OUR ACTIONS TODAY, WE ARE MAKING THE BEST COMMENTARY. I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THE AMENDMENT. I'D LIKE TO SEE ALL OF COUNCIL BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE AMENDMENT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. COUNCILLOR BROWATY.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. THE COUNCIL REQUIREMENTS ARE DOING SO. LOOK, MADAM SPEAKER. WE ARE FACING AN AFFORDABILITY CRISIS. WINNIPEGERS CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY MORE. WE'RE DOING THINGS THAT MAKE SENSE. WE BUY ZERO EMISSION BUSES BECAUSE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS THOSE PROGRAMS OUT THERE FOR US. WE'RE DOING IMPROVEMENTS FOR CITY BUILDINGS WHEREAS THE LOWEST HANGING FRUIT AND IT MAKES SENSE FOR US TO DO RIGHT AWAY. AND, AGAIN, I DON'T BLAME THE PUBLIC SERVICE BUT WHEN WE GOT OUR FIRST VERSION OF WHAT A COMPOST PROGRAM LOOKED LIKE, THEY BROUGHT US A CADILLAC PRACHLT. IT'S GOING TO COST WINNIPEGERS TO DO MORE BY THE TIME WE GET ROLLED OUT. WHY? BECAUSE OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND THEY'RE TRYING TO LINE IT UP WITH THAT AS OPPOSED TO A MORE, YOU KNOW, ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAM THAT I THINK WOULD BETTER MATCH THE WANTS AND NEEDS OF WINNIPEGERS AND NOT A CADILLAC. AGAIN, EVERYTHING'S ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT NOW. WE'RE TRYING TO GET THE HIGHEST VOLUME OF OVERFLOWS AND WE'VE SORT OF FORGOTTEN ABOUT WHY WE WERE DOING THIS ABOUT BASEMENT FLOODING. WE'RE NOT DOING IT BASED ON WHERE THE RISK IS HIGHEST FOR BASEMENT FLOODING. THE VOLUMES ARE GETTING THE BEST BANG FOR THE BUCK WHEN IT COMES TO OVERFLOWS AND THE AMOUNT OF SEWAGE AND WE'RE PAYING FOR THAT. AGAIN, WE CAN'T TAX THE DEATH BY ALL THOSE OF GOVERNMENT. THE COST OF GROCERIES IS UP. THE COST OF FUEL IS UP. A CLIMATE PLAN WE JUST SIMPLY CAN'T AFFORD.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS. MR. MAYOR.

Mayor Gillingham: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I APPRECIATE THE DISCUSSION TODAY. I WON'T BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION PRIMARILY BECAUSE IT CALLS FOR A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY OF COUNCIL. THE BYLAW BE AMENDED TO REQUIRES TWO THIRDS TO AMEND. THERE'S THREE COUNCILLORS HERE TODAY. ON A VOTE ABOUT MAKING A REQUIREMENT FOR TWO THIRDS OF COUNCIL TO BE PRESENT FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS TO AMEND SOMETHING. SO WITHOUT REASON, I WON'T BE SUPPORTING THIS MOTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WITH THAT, I WILL ASK COUNCILLOR EADIE TO CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: COUNCILLOR GILROY GETS TO CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT?

MADAM SPEAKER: YES.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: MADAM SPEAKER. I THOUGHT IF HE CLARIFIED THAT THE TWO THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT. WHEN TWO THIRDS ARE ABSENT.

MADAM SPEAKER: TWO THIRDS IS 11 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. CORRECT. MR. CLERK.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: I GUESS ME AND THE MAYOR DISAGREE ON THAT ONE. WE USE TWO THIRDS REQUIRING PARKS. IF WE'RE GOING TO GET RID OF PARKS, THERE'S LOTS OF TWO THIRDS VOTES WE REQUIRE. I THINK THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE. I DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT SOMETHING BE CHANGED WITHOUT TWO THIRDS OF A VOTE IN TERMS OF OUR CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN. I GUESS WE DISAGREE ON THIS ONE. WE OFTEN DON'T HAVE COUNCILLORS HERE. WE DON'T STOP CITY BUSINESS BECAUSE OF THAT. SO, YEAH, I DISAGREE WITH THAT PORTION OF IT. I THINK THIS IS A GOOD MOTION. WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF THE WORK WE'RE TRYING TO DO AROUND CLIMATE CHANGE. BECAUSE WE NEED TO BE CLEAR IN SETTING REALLY STRICT GUIDELINES TO OUR ADMINISTRATION ON WHAT WE EXPECT IN TERMS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IS REALLY CRITICAL. THAT STILL HAS TO COME BACK TO US. WE'RE STILL - THAT STILL HAS TO COME BACK TO US THROUGH BUDGETS, THROUGH BUDGET DISCUSSION, SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO LOSE THAT PIECE OF IT. SO ALL WE'RE ASKING IS FOR US TO SAY EXACTLY WHAT WE WANTED WHEN WE FIRST SET OUT AND WE FIRST HAD OUR CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN WAS WE WANT OUR ADMINISTRATION TO FOLLOW IT, TO DO WHAT THEY CAN TO MEET THOSE TARGETS. AND QUITE FRANKLY, I DON'T THINK WE'VE BEEN PUSHING THEM HARD ENOUGH. AND SO THAT'S WHAT THIS MOTION IS AND ON THE OTHER HAND, YES, I THINK THAT IF THERE IS A BIG CHANGE AND OUR REQUIREMENTS TO CHANGE THE CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN WOULD NEED TO HAVE TWO THIRDS OF A VOTE. WHY WOULDN'T WE WANT TO HAVE THAT. WHY WOULDN'T WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S NOT TWO THIRDS OF A VOTE IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THAT A DOCUMENT THAT IS SO IMPORTANT AS A CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN WOULD REQUIRE THAT. SO WE REQUIRE THAT WITH OUR PARKS IF WE'RE GOING TO SELL ANY OF OUR PARK ASSETS. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK MAKES SENSE. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT POLICY DOCUMENT FOR OUR FUTURE AND I THINK THAT THIS IS VERY GOOD MOTIONS THAT ARE LOOKING AT TRYING TO IMPROVE THINGS, NOT TAKE THINGS AWAY AND ANYTHING BUDGET RELATED STILL GOES THROUGH OUR BUDGET WORKING GROUPS AND STUFF. SO I DON'T THINK THIS HAS ANY NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON US WHATSOEVER AND NO FINANCIAL COST. IT'S JUST US BEING A WILLING PARTICIPANT AND IMPROVING OUR GHG EMISSIONS AND MAKING SURE WE'RE MAKING CLIMATE CHANGE AN ACTUAL PRIORITY HERE AT COUNCIL. THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR EADIE TO CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER. I APPRECIATE. WELL, I DON'T APPRECIATE. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR TWO THIRDS VOTE, SO THAT IS A PROBLEM. YOU KNOW, THAT'S A GREAT AMENDING MOTION. WOULD HAVE BEEN GREAT IN THE CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT ITSELF, THERE WAS SOME CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WERE UNCONTROLLABLE BY THE CITY THAT WE ENDED UP WITH 1.6, THAT'S RIGHT. NUMBER OF ISSUES OCCURRED. THERE IS A NUMBER OF INITIATIVES THAT ARE IN PLAY OVER TIME. THE COMPOST PROGRAM, IT'S THE LAST REPORT THAT I HEARD THAT CAME TO WATER AND WASTE WAS THAT FOR THE WATER WAS THAT THEY'RE ON TRACK, MADAM SPEAKER. THE CITY IS ON TRACK TO BRING FORWARD THE COMPOST. RIGHT NOW THEY ACTUALLY GOT EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST. THERE ARE TWO BUSINESSES, ONE CANADIAN, ONE AMERICAN. HOPEFULLY THE CANADIAN ONE WINS OUT, BUT THIS COUNCIL ENDED UP IN MAJORITY GOING FOR A P3 COME POSTPROCESSING PLANT, MADAM SPEAKER. AND THEY ARE PROCEEDING SOLID WASTE ON THIS AND I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR AWAY THEY ARE COMING UP WITH THE WINNING BIDDER ON THAT, BUT ACCORDING TO THE PLANS, IT'S - IT WOULD COME ONLINE 2030. SO I GUESS WHEN YOU SAY YOU'RE GOING TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING IT'S BY THE END OF 2030 I WOULD IMAGINE, MADAM SPEAKER. SO THE PROGRAM WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AND THAT WILL BE A BIG BOOST. COUNCILLOR BROWATY REFERRED TO DOLLARS. THE COMPOSTING WE HAVE TO DO. LIKE WE REALLY DO. AND EVERY OTHER MAJOR CITY'S DOING IT. WE HAVE TO DO

THAT. AND WE HAVE TO GET OUR EMISSIONS DOWN, THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT. AND WE ACTUALLY - WHAT COULD BE MORE CANADIAN OR MORE LOCAL THAN HAVING IN-HOUSE COLLECTION OF COMPOST MATERIAL. WHICH ALSO GIVES THE OTHER - BUT I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO THAT RIGHT NOW. BUT, MADAM SPEAKER, YOU KNOW, THE COST OF ELECTRIC BUSES, YOU KNOW, THAT PLAN'S BEING SLOWED DOWN. THE COST IS QUITE LARGE. EVERYTHING'S GOING UP. BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO ELECTRIFY THE WHOLE SYSTEM, WOULDN'T WE? YES, WE DO. HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE US TO GET THERE GIVEN HOW MUCH IT COSTS, THAT IS AN ISSUE. IN TERMS OF MEASUREMENT, YES. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS GOT A VERY GOOD AMENDMENT. WE'RE GOING TO GET A VERBAL REPORT. GET SEPTEMBER'S WATER, WASTE, ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING REGARDING WHAT SHE SPOKE OF AND I THINK THAT'S GREAT. WOULD HAVE BEEN GOOD TO BE ABLE TO DEBATE THIS AT THE SAME TIME ON JULY 2ND BUT I'M JUST - WE ALL HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO, SO BUT I REALLY APPRECIATE THE MOTION BUT I WON'T BE SUPPORTING IT AND I URGE EVERYONE TO ACCEPT THE CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT WITH ITS SOMEWHAT SAD NEWS BUT GIVEN SOME UNCONTROLLED EVENTS WHICH IRONICALLY, MADAM SPEAKER, SOME THINGS ARE RELATED TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND THAT'S A DIFFICULT THING. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TREES OR WHATEVER WE LOST, SOMEBODY CAN CALCULATE THAT, BUT WITH ALL THOSE TREES COMING DOWN, THAT'S LESS EMISSIONS THAT ARE BEING GOBBLED UP BY THOSE TREES. SO THOSE KIND OF MEASUREMENTS DO NEED TO HAPPEN AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL SEE THAT MOVING INTO THE FUTURE AND ACTUALLY THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN A GOOD MOTION TO JUST REFER TO WATER AND WASTE SEPTEMBER MEETING. ANYWAY, THANK YOU, MADAM - WELL, I CAN'T MOVE - CAN I MOVE REFERRAL OF THIS AMENDMENT TO? NO. I CAN'T. OKAY. ANYWAY. THAT'S MY CLOSE. THE CITY IS WORKING DILIGENTLY AND VERY HARD AT TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOALS THAT WE HAVE IN HERE, BUT, AGAIN, IT'S REALLY COMING DOWN TO MONEY. SO I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. WITH THAT. I'LL CALL THE QUESTION ON AMENDING MOTION 12. ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: COUNCILLORS ALLARD, DURAND-WOOD, GILROY, ROLLINS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: HIS WORSHIP MAYOR GILLINGHAM, BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, EADIE, LUKES, SANTOS, AND MADAM SPEAKER COUNCILLOR.

THE VOTE YAYS FOUR, ANYWAYS NINE.

MADAM SPEAKER: AMENDING MOTION 12 IS DEFEATED AND NOW THE MAIN ITEM ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. THAT'S CARRIED. TWO NOTED IN OPPOSITION. THREE COUNCILLOR ALLARD AS WELL. I'LL HAVE TO HAVE A RECORDED VOTE. ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE RISE.

CLERK: HIS WORSHIP MAYOR GILLINGHAM, COUNCILLORS BROWATY, CHAMBERS, DOBSON, DUNCAN, EADIE, LUKES, SANTOS, AND MADAM SPEAKER COUNCILLOR SHARMA.

MADAM SPEAKER: THOSE OPPOSED, PLEASE RISE.

COUNCILLORS ALLARD, CURAND-WOOD, GILROY, AND ROLLINS.

YAYS NINE, ANYWAYS FOUR.

MADAM SPEAKER: ITEM THREE CARRIES. NOW MOVING RIGHT

QUESTION PERIOD UNDER THIS COMMITTEE. ANY QUESTIONS? COUNCILLOR GILROY.

COUNCILLOR GILROY: YEAH. TO THE CHAIR, WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN AND ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONCERNS WE HAVE OUR NUMBER ONE THING IS OUR ORGANICS PROGRAM. WHY - SORRY. YEAH. COMPOSTING PROGRAM. CAN THE CHAIR PLEASE TELL US WHERE WE'RE AT? WHY AREN'T WE ANYWHERE NEAR THE REPORT SAYING THAT WE'RE CLOSE TO BEING HAVING OUR ORGANICS FACILITY BUILT AND ON ITS WAY FOR WINNIPEGERS.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: MADAM SPEAKER, I DID MENTION THROUGH MY REPORT, THE SOLID WASTE DIVISION - WELL, THE SOLID WASTE UTILITY IS CURRENTLY WORKING WITH TWO COMPANIES THAT HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN DOING A P3 MODEL COMPOST PROCESSING PLANT. I DIDN'T - I CAN'T REMEMBER - ANYWAY, I'LL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU ON WHEN THAT WILL BE COMPLETED BECAUSE THE FIRST THING YOU NEED TO HAVE BEFORE YOU START COLLECTING COMPOST IS YOU NEED TO HAVE THAT PLANT BUILT. IT IS DEFINITELY BEING BUILT ON CITY LAND DOWN AT THE BRADY LAND FILL AND SOME PORTION OF IT AND THEREFORE AS A P3 AFTER X NUMBER OF YEARS WHICH WE'RE SUPPOSE GET IT IN GOOD CONDITION, IT BECOMES THE CITY OF WINNIPEG'S TO OPERATE. SO THAT'S THE MOST I CAN SAY. SO I'LL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU IN REGARDS TO WHERE SPECIFICALLY THEY ARE IN THAT PROCESS TO ESTABLISH THE COMPOST PROCESSING PLANT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS. OKAY. SEEING NONE. THAT INCLUDES QUESTION PERIOD. UNDER THAT COMMITTEE. NEXT COMMITTEE IS THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES. COUNCILLOR SANTOS, THE REPORT.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: YES. I'D LIKE TO MOVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM REPORTS ONE THROUGH TEN. I BELIEVE ONE OF MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR ITEM NUMBER 11, BUT I'LL MOVE ITEMS ONE THROUGH TEN.

MADAM SPEAKER: CALL TO QUESTION ON ONE THROUGH TEN. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY CARRIED. WE'LL DEAL WITH ITEM 11. COUNCILLOR ALLARD, WOULD YOU LIKE TO DECLARE A CONFLICT.

COUNCILLOR ALLARD: YEAH. I'D LIKE TO RECUSE MYSELF FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. MADAM CLERK.

CLERK: ITEM NUMBER 11, COMMUNITY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM, GABRIELLE ROY INC.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR SANTOS TO INTRODUCE THE ITEM.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: I DON'T NEED TO INTRODUCE THE ITEM. CALL THE ITEM TO SPEAK.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY CARRIED. OKAY. WAIT FOR COUNCILLOR ALLARD TO COME BACK AND THEN WE'LL BE DEALING WITH MOTION SEVEN. WE HAVE A FEW MOTIONS HERE. MOTION SEVEN MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GILROY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ROLLINS. IT'S REGARDING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE. IT'S A NOTICE OF MOTION. SO IT WILL APPEAR ON NEXT MONTH'S COUNCIL AGENDA. MOTION NINE MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUNCAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR SANTOS WITH RESPECT TO COMMUNITY INCENTIVE GRANT THE TUXEDO COMMUNITY CENTER. IT'S A NOTICE OF FUNCTION.

MADAM SPEAKER, I'D LIKE TO CALL AND MOVE SUSPENSION OF THE RULES TO DEAL WITH THE ITEM HERE TODAY.

MADAM SPEAKER: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN IS ASKING FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES TO DEAL WITH THE ITEM TODAY. JUST ONE MOMENT. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN HAS ASKED FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY. THAT'S CARRIED. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN, YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE THE MOTION.

COUNCILLOR DUNCAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS IS EXCITING NEWS FOR THE TUXEDO COMMUNITY CENTER WHICH HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK FOR OVER THREE YEARS. WORKING WITH THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA AND COMMUNITY TO RAISE OVER \$400,000 TOWARDS THE FIRST EVER AGILITY COURSE IN THE CITY OF WINNIPEG. I'M PROUD TO CONTRIBUTE \$172,000 FROM THE CHARLES TUXEDO WESTWOOD. CIGP FUND WHICH DOES NOT MEET CRITERIA AS IT WENT OVER TWO YEARS AND IS IN ACCESS OF \$100,000. I'D LIKE TO SUPPORT COUNCIL TO DEAL WITH THIS SO THE COMMUNITY CENTER DOES NOT HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF COUNCIL AND FURTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSING. THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE.

MADAM SPEAKER: IS COMPLETE? YES. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? OKAY. COUNCILLOR DUNCAN, IF YOU WISH TO CLOSE OR I CAN CALL TO QUESTION. PRETTY STRAIGHT FORWARD. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY CARRIED. NEXT MOTION, MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SANTOS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DURAND-WOOD. THIS IS A NOTICE OF MOTION WITH RESPECT TO COMMUNITY PITCH PROJECT. COUNCILLOR SANTOS.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: I'D LIKE TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO HEAR THE MATTER TODAY.

MADAM SPEAKER: DEAL WITH THE ITEM TODAY. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY CARRIED. COUNCILLOR SANTOS.

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER AND COUNCIL COLLEAGUES. ACCEPT A GENEROUS DONATION FROM JUMP START CHARITIES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SOCCER PITCH AT BURTON COUPLINGS COMMUNITY CENTER. THIS PROJECT IS PART OF A JUMP START'S LEGACY INITIATIVE TIED TO THE FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 AND I'M INCREDIBLY PROUD THAT ONE OF WINNIPEG'S INTERCITY COMMUNITY'S HAS RECEIVED THIS INVESTMENT. WHAT MAKES THIS PROJECT SPECIAL IS THAT IT REPRESENTS EXACTLY THE KIND OF PARTNERSHIP WE SHOULD BE STRIVING FOR. JUMP START IS CONTRIBUTING \$400,000 TOWARDS THE PLAY SURFACE, FENCING GOALS, LIGHTING, AND INSTALLATION WHILE THE CITY OF WINNIPEG IS CONTRIBUTING \$100,000 FROM THE POINT DOUGLAS LAND DEDICATION RESERVE AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK MAYOR SCOTT GILLINGHAM FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$50,000. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA FOR THEIR SUPPORT. THE PROVINCE HAS INDICATED ITS INTENTION TO CONTRIBUTE \$80,000. AND I APPRECIATE THEIR PARTNERSHIP AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS. BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE'RE LEVERAGING SIGNIFICANT OUTSIDE INVESTMENT THAT WILL LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY IN OUR COMMUNITY. AS CHAIR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, I OFTEN SAY THAT RECREATION IS ONE OF THE BEST FORMS OF PREVENTATIVE INVESTMENTS A CITY CAN MAKE. WHEN WE INVEST IN QUALITY PARKS AND COMMUNITY CENTERS, WE'RE INVESTING IN HEALTHIER RESIDENTS, STRONGER NEIGHBORHOODS AND BETTER OUTCOMES FOR PEOPLE. WE CAN CREATE PLACES FOR CHILDREN AS WELL AS OLDER ADULTS CAN PLAY WHERE COMMUNITIES CAN BUILD LASTING CONNECTIONS. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THIS PROJECT REPRESENTS. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, SOCCER IS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING SPORTS IN CANADA AND CONTINUES TO BRING TOGETHER WINNIPEG'S DIVERSE COMMUNITIES, CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WINNIPEGERS OF ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS TO PARTICIPATE. SO I WANT TO THANK AGAIN JUMP START CHARITIES FOR BELIEVING IN OUR COMMUNITY. FOR CHOOSING WEST ALEXANDER FOR THIS INCREDIBLE INVESTMENT. THEIR GENEROSITY COMBINED WITH OUR PARTNERS WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH WHEN ORGANIZATIONS WORK TOGETHER WITH A SHARED GOAL. I ASK MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION SO WE CAN FORMALLY ACCEPT THIS DONATION AND MOVE FORWARD

WITH THIS EXCITING NEW PROJECT. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? MR. MAYOR.

Mayor Gillingham: I'LL JUST QUICKLY RISE AND SAY THANK YOU TO COUNCILLOR DUNCAN AND CERTAINLY TO COUNCILLOR SANTOS. THIS IS GREAT WORK. AND BETTING PEOPLE IN THE INNER CITY TO HAVE PARTICIPATE, BUILD TEAM. UNDERSTAND HOW TO WORK WITH ONE ANOTHER. IT'S A REALLY GOOD NEWS STORY TODAY. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. ANY FURTHER COMMENTS. COUNCILLOR SANTOS, DO YOU WISH TO CLOSE?

COUNCILLOR SANTOS: NO. YOU CAN JUST CALL THE QUESTION.

MADAM SPEAKER: CONTRARY. CARRIED. NOW GETTING TO QUESTION PERIOD. ANY QUESTIONS FOR OUR CHAIR? SEEING NONE. NEXT IS THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS. COUNCILLOR LUKES.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: ALL RIGHT. I WOULD LIKE TO - I'D LIKE TO PULL NUMBER EIGHT EMPLOY MOVE ITEMS ONE THROUGH SEVEN. WE'VE HAD A LOT OF DISCUSSION AT MANY COMMITTEES ON MOST OF THESE BUT I'M ALWAYS OPEN TO FURTHER DISCUSSION. SO I'M GOING TO PULL, MOVE ONE THROUGH SEVEN.

MADAM SPEAKER: OKAY. NUMBER EIGHT HAS BEEN PULLED. WINNIPEG TRANSIT YOUTH RIDE FREE PILOT PROGRAM. DUAL TO QUESTION ON THE OTHERS. ONE THROUGH SEVEN. ALL IN FAVOR. CONTRARY CARRIED.

ITEM EIGHT.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR LUKES TO INTRODUCE THE ITEM.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: SURE. SO THIS CONCEPT OF YOUTH RIDING FREE IS A FANTASTIC CONCEPT. WE HAVE THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA COME TO US A COUPLE DAYS BEFORE THEIR BUDGET AND ASK US TO PROVIDE TRANSIT FOR FREE. THEY ARE ONLY PROVIDING US WITH \$10 MILLION AND IT'S APPROXIMATELY A \$16 MILLION PROGRAM. SO I GUESS I'M STANDING UP HERE TO MAKE ALL THE COUNCILLORS AWARE OF A COUPLE THINGS. THE CITY OF WINNIPEG IS PLANNING TO - WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY YOUTH WILL RIDE FOR FREE. WE'RE ESTIMATING MAYBE \$30,000. THERE'S APPROXIMATELY \$60,000 THAT COULD. BUT WE'RE ESTIMATING 30,000. SO COME SEPTEMBER, WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN ON THE TRANSIT SYSTEM. SEPTEMBER IS A VERY BUSY MONTH FOR TRANSIT AND YOU MAY BE RECEIVING A LOT OF CALLS. WE HAVE 20% OF OUR BUSES WITH CAMERAS THAT CAN IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE GETTING ON AND OFF. THE PASSES WILL BE PAPER PRINTED. THEY WON'T BE ON A CARD, SO WE HAVE NO WAY TO TRACK IT. WE'LL ONLY REALLY ACCORDING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE BE ABLE TO TRACK IT BYPASS-UPS. SO I HAVE A FEELING ON SOME OF THESE MAJOR ROUTES WITH HIGH SCHOOLS WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING A LOT OF PASS-UPS. WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING A LOT OF FRUSTRATION WITH PARENTS, WITH STUDENTS USING THE BUS, WITH REGULAR RIDERS NOT BEING ABLE TO GET ON THE BUS. SO WE'RE NOT SURE WHERE THE REMAINING FUNDING WILL COME FROM THEY MAY COME TO US AND SAY PULL IT OUT OF YOUR SIB PROJECTS. ACTUALLY, I HAD A LOVELY E-MAIL TODAY FROM A RESIDENT WHO COMMENTED ON MY COMMENTS EARLIER SAYING I'LL GO DOWN AS ONE OF THE -

MADAM SPEAKER: ROLLINS DURAND-WOOD DURAND-WOOD BROWATY MAYES GILROY

EADIE: CLIQUE CHANGE CLIMATE CHANGE ANYWAYS NUCLEAR WASTE NAYS SHARMA COMPOST XHOEG COMPOSTING WINNIPEGGERS WINNIPEGGER. DUE TO MY SNARKEYNESS RELATED TO THE PROVINCE AND THEIR FUNDING AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY, SO I'LL BE SNARKEY ON THIS ONE, TOO. THIS IS REALLY CONCERNING TO ME. I'M REALLY CONCERNED THAT WE WILL BE INUNDATED IN THE FALL WITH PHONE CALLS. PEOPLE WILL BE OUT CAMPAIGNING IN THE ELECTION. PEOPLE WILL BE UPSET THEY CAN'T GET THEIR KIDS ON THE BUS OR THE RESIDENTS. WE HAVE NO ROOM FOR EXPANSION, EVEN IF WE HAD AN INTAKE IN NON-STUDENT USERS. WE HAVE NO ROOM FOR EXPANSION IN PEAK PERIODS. THE \$6 MILLION COME MARCH MAY COME OUT, LIKE I SAID, THE SIB OR SOMEWHERE ELSE. I'M NOT SURE. IT'S A GREAT CONCEPT, NOT ADEQUATELY FUNDED. I GUESS WE'LL JUST SEE HOW THIS UNFOLDS SO MY SNARKEY RAMBLING HERE IS BEWARE OF SEPTEMBER. IT'S GOING TO BE A ROUGH RIDE.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. COUNCILLOR ROLLINS.

COUNCILLOR ROLLINS: MADAM SPEAKER, SO I HAVE A LOT OF RESPECT FOR MY COLLEAGUE AS CHAIR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MADAM SPEAKER, BUT - AND I WILL SAY, WHEN CONFRONTED WITH A REPORT WHERE THE CHAIR GETS UP, MADAM SPEAKER, AND SAYS, I HAVE A LOT OF CONCERN. I WILL THEN SAY, MADAM SPEAKER, THEN THE WORK IS NOT DONE TO LEAVE THE POLICY CONVERSATION IN THIS CHAMBER. IF YOU WANT TO REFER THIS REPORT BACK TO THE COMMITTEE, THAT, YOU KNOW, SHOULD BE MAYBE THE MOVE. THE CITY IS SUPPORTING THE PROVINCE'S OBJECTIVE OF MAKING PUBLIC TRANSIT FOR THE MANITOBA YOUTH. THE ESTIMATES ARE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT, MADAM SPEAKER, IN THE WORDS OF COUNCILLOR LUKES, ABSOLUTELY BANG-ON. IT'S KNOWN THAT THE RESULT IS AN ANNUAL FAIR REVENUE LOSS OF 12.6 MILLION. IT IS MAGICAL THINKING SOMETHING IS FREE TO NOT BE CLEAR ON THE REVENUE STILL NEEDING TO BE EXPENDED. WE KNOW IT'S A \$3.9 MILLION ADDITIONAL OPERATING COST OR A TOTAL ANNUALIZED COST OF 16.5 MILLION, AND THE PROVINCE HAS ONLY COMMITTED TO COUNCILLOR LUKES' POINT, TEN MILLION OF THAT FOR THE INITIAL PILOT PERIOD, AND WE KNOW THE PILOT PERIOD, MADAM SPEAKER, AND THIS IS SOMETHING I'VE BEEN BRIEFING ON SINCE I'VE BEEN A SCHOOL TRUSTEE AND A MANITOBA FED. SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE SUMMER, MADAM SPEAKER, SO IT'S ALSO AN EXTRAORDINARILY CHALLENGING IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD TO DO IT RIGHT NOW WHILE SCHOOL IS OUT. AND, YES, ANOTHER SURPRISE IS THAT THIS DUPLICATES NOT AS A FORMER STUDENT CARD, NOT EVERY STATE SUPERINTENDANT HAS, MADAM SPEAKER, BUT ALSO THAT PAPER PASS, AND THAT SEEMS TO BE A CHOICE THAT, I THINK, WE WILL HEAR FROM NOT ONLY FAMILIES AND THE PASS-UPS THAT ARE BEING ANTICIPATED BUT ALSO FROM THE ROLLOUT ON EVERY SCHOOL DIVISION ASK EVERY SCHOOL THAT TURNS TO A PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATION AUTHORITY AND THE MUNICIPALITY ASK SAYS, WE NEITHER HAVE STUDENT I.D.s IN YOUR SCHOOL THE WAY YOU THINK WE DO, AND NOR, DO WE HAVE THE ADDITIONAL PAPER COST ASSOCIATED WITH PRINTING OUT YOUR WAS PASSES THAT YOU WANT US TO DO. SO, MADAM SPEAKER, THE TIME OF DEBATE ISN'T A TIME FOR REFERRAL, BUT WHEN THE CURRENT FUNDING IS EXPECTED TO SUPPORT A PROGRAMME FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH TO MARCH 2027, AND WHEN WE KNOW WE'LL SEE THE RESULTS OF THE PILOT, AND THERE IS SOME SENSE THAT EACH GOVERNMENT WILL WORK TOGETHER TO REVIEW THAT, BUT WE ALSO KNOW, WHICH HAS BEEN A REALLY CRITICAL THEME IN THIS COUNCIL CHAMBER THAT WE ARE OUT OF STEP WITH THE FISCAL YEAR, SO WHY DON'T WE RE-COMMIT THEN TO THE PROVINCIAL DISCUSSIONS. I'VE PUT UP MY HAND SEVERAL TIMES TO SAY I'LL DO THIS FOR FREE, AND I'LL PUT IT UP AGAIN. I APPRECIATE WE HAVE FOLKS LEAVING THE CHAMBER THAT ARE RETIRING AND I DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP. THERE ARE STILL MONTHS OF WORK I HAVE TO DO, AND I'LL WALK BACK IN HERE FOLLOWING THE NEXT ELECTION, BUT THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE TO CONSIDER THOSE OPERATIONAL CHANGES THAT THE CHAIR JUST DID, MADAM SPEAKER. WE DON'T JUST HAVE TO ERECEIVE A REPORT THAT FLAGS OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS. AS A COUNCIL, WE CAN ANTICIPATE THAT RIDERSHIP GROWTH AND SAY LET'S DO BETTER WITH RESPECT TO PASS-UPS. THAT'S NOT HOW WE WANT THIS TO ROLL OUT. WE

CAN LOOK AT THAT POTENTIAL FOR SERVICE CROWDING THAT HAS BEEN WARNED ABOUT AND PASS-UPS - PASS-UPS AND NOT TO JUST FLAG CALLS BUT TO PREVENT THE CALLS. THE CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH COLLECTING THE MEANINGFUL PERFORMANCE DATA DURING A ONE-YEAR PILOT IS NOT ON LOSS TO ME. COUNCILLOR LUKES IS NOT WRONG ON THAT. WHAT IS WRONG, MADAM SPEAKER, IS TO GIVE UP AND SAY YOU'RE GOING TO GET CALLS. DON'T DO THAT. I HOPE TO HEAR IN CLOSING COMMENTS, SURE, COUNCILLOR ROLLINS, I'LL HELP TASK YOU WITH THIS. LET'S FORM A COMMITTEE. I'M NOT DONE YET, AND I KNOW SHE'S NOT DONE. SO MADAM SPEAKER, I WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS TOGETHER WITH COUNCIL, WITH PUBLIC WORKS TO EXPLORE HOW WE CAN ASSURE THAT THE PROGRAMME ACHIEVES THE AFFORDABILITY GOALS, THE ACCESSIBILITY GOALS, THE ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES THAT I KNOW IT CAN. IT IS REALLY A STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR'S JOB TO LEAVE THIS POLICY UP AND OUT THROUGH COUNCIL, AND AT THIS JUNCTURE, JULY 16th, MADAM SPEAKER, WE'RE WELL IN ADVANCE OF SCHOOL STARTING IN SEPTEMBER, SO SHOULDN'T WE BE TRYIN?

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, COUNCILLOR EADIE FOLLOWED BY MAYOR.

COUNCILLOR EADIE: MADAM SPEAKER, I HAVE COLLEAGUES AROUND THE TABLE WHO HAVE WORKED FOR THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND THE ACTUAL CIVIL SERVICE, NOT NECESSARILY ELECTED. THIS IS A PROVINCIAL BUDGET ITEM, MADAM SPEAKER, THAT WAS ABOUT AFFORDABILITY THAT THE PROVINCE WANTED TO DO. IT'S NOT A CITY OF WINNIPEG INITIATIVE. YEAH. AND I HEARD A COUNCILLOR SPEAK EARLIER TODAY ON OTHER REPORTS ABOUT HAVING A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ARRIVAL GOVERNMENT, MADAM SPEAKER. I HEARD SOMEBODY SAY THAT TODAY, MADAM SPEAKER. THIS REPORT IS ABOUT WORKING WITH THE PROVINCE AND HELPING THEM ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS, AND IN RETURN, WE HOPE THEY HELP US ACHIEVE OUR GOALS, MADAM SPEAKER, AND SO WE ARE WORKING WITH THEM, AND THE NUMBERS THAT ARE IN THERE, THOSE ARE ESTIMATES, RIGHT? NOW, THE SCHOOLS, MADAM SPEAKER, WILL BE DISTRIBUTING THESE PAPER PASSES, AND WE'RE ONLY ISSUING SO MANY. THERE WAS, WHAT, I THINK THE ESTIMATE WAS 60,000 GRADE 9-12 STUDENTS. I THINK GRADE 9 IS NOW CONSIDERED HIGH SCHOOL IN ALL SCHOOL DIVISIONS NOW. IT WASN'T FOR A WHILE BUT I BELIEVE IT IS NOW, SO 60,000 - YOU KNOW IN MY FAMILY, WHEN MY KIDS WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL, ECOL, GARDEN CITY COLLEGIATE, MUM WOULDN'T ALLOW THEM TO RIDE THE BUS BECAUSE THEY'RE TOO DANGEROUS, SO THEY NEVER REALLY USED THE BUS, WHICH IS TOO BAD BECAUSE I'VE BEEN USING THE BUS ALL MY LIFE. BUT, I DIGRESS. SO THE HIGH SCHOOLS THEMSELVES WILL BE DISTRIBUTING WHATEVER PASSES WE PRINT UP, AND HOPEFULLY, THEY WILL OFFER THEM TO THE STUDENTS THAT ENROLL IN SEPTEMBER BECAUSE I USED TO BE A TRUSTEE, AS WELL, AND DOESN'T MAKE ME A TOTAL EXPERT IN WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE SCHOOL, MADAM SPEAKER, BUT I KNOW AND HAVE GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF THESE THINGS SO SOME OF THE KIDS COMING BACK IN THE FALL IN SOME SCHOOL DIVISIONS, THERE ARE TEACHER, WHATEVER, INTERVIEWS BEFORE THEY'RE MOVING AND COMING INTO HIGH SCHOOL, SO THAT'S A GOOD THING BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY TEENAGER IS ENROLLED IN A HIGH SCHOOL SO THEY FEEL COMFORTABLE TO BE THERE AND MAYBE THEY GET TO THE END AND GRADUATE IN GRADE 12. SO THE HIGH SCHOOLS ARE DO YOU THINK QUITE WELL. THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IS DOING THEIR BEST, SO THE DISTRIBUTION IN THESE KINDS OF THINGS, THAT ASPECT WILL BE HANDLED, BUT YEAH, I HAD CONCERNS WITH PUBLIC WORKS, BUT THE POLICY WORK WAS DONE. WE WERE TOLD THAT IT NEEDS TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY SEPTEMBER. THAT'S THE PROVINCE'S INDICATION BECAUSE IT'S PART OF THEIR BUDGET YEAR, NOT OUR BUDGET YEAR. SO ANYWAY, I JUST WANT TO LEAVE IT AT THAT. I THINK THE CHAIRPERSON HANDLED THIS THE BEST THEY CAN. THERE'S A LOT OF FRUSTRATION, SO I GET QUITE CONCERNED WHEN I HEAR SOMEBODY SAYING THAT A CHAIRPERSON IS NOT DOING THEIR JOB. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, MAYOR GILLINGHAM.

MAYOR GILLINGHAM: THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK COUNCILLOR LUKES FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON THIS FILE AND HER STRONG STANDING WITH PUBLIC WORKS. THIS MATTER, OF COURSE, AS WE KNOW IS AN INTEREST OF THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA AND AS COUNCILLOR EADIE AND COUNCILLOR LUKES, AS WELL SAID, THIS COULD BE A BENEFICIAL FOR THE PROVINCE THAT WANTS TO IMPLEMENT THIS POLICY AND CERTAINLY US AS A CITY WHO WANTS TO SEE MORE PEOPLE USING THE TRANSIT AND FORMING HABITS. HABITS ARE BEST FORMED WHEN THEY'RE YOUNG, SO TO GET MORE PEOPLE ON THE BUS, TEENAGERS USED TO USING TRANSIT COULD BE GOOD, SHOULD BE GOOD IN THE LONG TERM. A COUPLE THINGS TO POINT OUT. THIS IS A PILOT PROJECT. THE FUNDING WILL BE PRETTY CLOSE TO ENOUGH TO ROY THIS YOUTH PILOT PROGRAMME THROUGH THE END OF THE PROVINCE'S FISCAL YEAR. THIS HAS BEEN STATED ALREADY. IT'S REALLY HARD TO TELL, HOW MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WILL TAKE THIS ON AND BEGIN TO RIDE THE BUS. WE DON'T CITY IT'S THE FULL AMOUNT OF 65,000 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS. SOMETHING LESS THAN THAT, SO IT'S REALLY HARD TO ULTIMATELY KNOW UNTIL WE HAVE SEVERAL MONTHS UNDER OUR COLLECTIVE BELT TO KNOW HOW POPULAR THIS RIDERSHIP WILL BE. COUNCILLOR LUKES AND HER STANDING COMMITTEE AND PUBLICLY, AS WELL, ALL OF US AT EPC, AS WELL, HAD SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS CALLING ON YOUR STAFF, SPEAKING TO OUR TRANSIT STAFF, ASKING THEM ARE YOU READY? YOU NEED TO BE READY GIVEN WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE REALLY DON'T KNOW - THEY REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW MANY STUDENTS WILL START RIDING THE BUS, BUT THEY DID INDICATE IN PUBLIC MEETINGS THAT THEY'RE ADDING MORE BUSES CERTAINLY IN THE PEAK HOURS FOR THE SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS TO BE IMPACTED. THE BOTTOM LINE IS, AND I SAID THIS TO THE PROVINCE AND I SAID IT PUBLICLY, IF THIS PILOT YOUTH PROGRAMME IS GOING TO BE A PERMANENT PROGRAMME AND IT COSTS MORE THAN \$10 MILLION, THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA IS GOING TO HAVE TO PROVIDE MORE THAN \$10 MILLION A YEAR. THE PROVINCE WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE THE FUNDING TO COVER THE COST OF THIS PROGRAMME THAT THEY HAVE IMPLEMENTED. THANK YOU.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. ANY FURTHER SPEAKERS? COUNCILLOR LUKES TO CLOSE.

COUNCILLOR LUKES: SURE. SO I HOPE I'M WRONG, I REALLY HOPE I'M WRONG. I APPRECIATE COUNCILLOR ROLLINS' TEXT TO HELP RESOLVE THIS, BUT WE SAT WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE FOR A GOOD HOUR ON THIS TOPIC, A GOOD COUPLE OF HOURS ON THIS TOPIC, ACTUALLY, AND EPC ALSO. THEY HAVE GRAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE NUMBER OF BUSES, WHILE THEY'RE ADDING MORE TO THE MORNING AND EVENING RUSH HOURS, THEY HAVE GRAVE CONCERNS, BECAUSE THERE ARE ONLY SO MANY NUMBER OF BUSES. WE ALL KNOW IT TAKES A YEAR TO ORDER NEW BUS. I HOPE I'M WRONG. ANOTHER THING I'M GOING TO SAY THAT I'M SNARKEY ABOUT, A LOT OF TIME, THE PUBLIC SERVICE HAS PUT A LOT OF TIME AT LOOKING AT ROUTES, AT SCHEDULING AND FIGURE THIS OUT. THAT PROVINCIAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THEY TOLD US TWO DAYS BEFORE THEIR BUDGET, THAT PROVINCIAL ANNOUNCEMENT HAS TAKEN TIME AWAY FROM ALL THE CALLS THAT WE'VE BEEN GETTING THAT THE PUBLIC HAS WANTED ADJUST THIS ROUTE, CHANGE THAT ROUTE. I'M SURE YOU'VE ALL RECEIVED CALLS ON THE TRANSIT ROUTING TAKING THE STAFF COMPLETELY AWAY INTEREST THAT TO PUT THEM ON THIS TO HAVE THEM READY FOR SEPTEMBER. WE KNOW HOW LONG IT TAKES TO DO CHANGES TO TRANSIT BECAUSE IT'S A BIG MATRIX OF DRIVERS, SCHEDULES, BUSES, MANY THINGS, BUT PUT IT ALL ON HOLD FOR A FEW MONTHS TO TRY TO FIGURE THIS OUT TO SERVE THE PROVINCE, WHICH WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO DO IN THIS PILOT. I HOPE I'M WRONG. I HOPE NONE OF YOU GET ANY CALLS AND DOOR KNOCKING. I'LL TAKE THE CALLS, AND I'LL WITH DOING THE DOOR KNOCKING. IT'S A GREAT IDEA A GREAT CONCEPT, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS EXTRA \$6 MILLION COMES FROM, AND IF IT TURNS INTO A PERMANENT PROJECT, WHICH WOULD BE GREAT, I SAY THE MONEY COME FROM SIB. WE SAW A LOT OF INFORMATION IN THE MEDIA WHERE WE HAD, I THINK, SUPERINTENDENTS SAYING, NO, WE'RE GIVING PASSES TO

EVERYONE SO WE'LL SEE HOW IT ALL UNFOLDS.

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU WITH THAT. OF I'LL CALL THE QUESTION ON ITEM 8. ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. MOVE INTO BY-LAWS.

I WANT TO MOVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 AND 8. I'D LIKE TO MOVE BY-LAW 75-2026 BE READY THE FIRST TIME.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

NUMBER 75-2026.

I'D LIKE TO MOVE BY-LAW-2026 BE READ A SECOND TIME.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. COUNCILLOR LUKES I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT RULE 52 OF THE PROCEDURE BY-LAW OF 2027 BY-LAW AND TO BE READ A THIRD TIME IN ORDER TO BE SIGNED AND SEALED.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED.

MADAM SPEAKER: WITH RESPECT TO ROAD SAFETY, IT WILL BE AN AUTOMATIC REFERRAL TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE. WE HAVE QUESTION PERIOD. ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE CHAIR? ANY QUESTIONS? LASTLY IS THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL. WE HAVE ONE REPORT HERE. COUNCILLOR BROWATY, YOU'LL MOVE THE REPORT ON MY BEHALF.

COUNCILLOR BROWATY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COUNCILLOR. WE'LL MOVE REPORT 1.

MADAM SPEAKER: ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. COUNCILLOR EADIE WILL YOU MOVE ADJOURNMENT. ALL IN FAVOUR. CONTRARY. CARRIED. STAY FOR ROLL CALL.

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

MADAM SPEAKER: THANK YOU. MEETING ADJOURNED.