

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

The Council met at 9:44 a.m.

The Clerk advised the Speaker that a quorum was present.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

The opening prayer was read by Councillor Lukes.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma, His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Morantz, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Schreyer and Wyatt.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Madam Speaker: We have with us a new page today. Please join me in welcoming, Kes Gameiro from Kelvin High School who resides in the River Heights-Fort Garry Ward. Thank you so much for joining us and for serving Council today. Mr. Mayor, I understand you have a few announcements as well as acknowledging a very special guest in the gallery today.

Mayor Bowman: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker and good morning to everybody, all my council colleagues and those that are in the gallery, watching on television and online. I do have a few short remarks to make. Firstly, I hope all of my council colleagues were able to enjoy a great Canada Day. It was incredibly heart-warming to participate in many celebrations across our city, city celebrating Canada's 150th birthday. And I want to thank all of the many organizations and community groups that hosted block parties and celebrations across our city. It was very special to be part of the living maple leaf at Portage and Main in particular. Canada at 150 years old is a time we should all be proud of who we are as Canadians. It's also a time to recommit to ensuring that every citizen, from every background is included in the Winnipeg and the Canada that we all love and want and dream about. Madam Speaker, I was pleased to join many family members, friends and colleagues of David Northcott recently to recognize his commitment and many years of dedication to helping those less fortunate in our city. In recognition of Mr. Northcott's dedication to Winnipeg and his many years of work at Winnipeg Harvest in particular, it was my honour to have announced that Winnipeg Avenue from McPhillips Street to Myrtle Street be designated with the honorary name David Northcott Way for the next five years. All the very best to David in his retirement and again, thank you for your service to our community. I want to congratulate, Madam Speaker, the five young people who were awarded this year's Mayor's scholarship for community leadership. Congratulations to Kidega Sabil, Mirha Zohair, Juanita Garcia, and Marianna Pozdirca as well as Nathan Dueck. They are incredibly inspirational young leaders in our community and I want to wish them all the very best and I'm sure my colleagues have also wished them all the very best. As of today, we are ten days away from the opening ceremonies of the Canada Summer Games, Madam Speaker. Earlier this month, it was great to officially open the new Sports for Life Centre. Downtown Winnipeg is one of the many lasting legacies of the games. I hope everyone is able to find time to participate in some way. This is a great opportunity to host visitors from across Canada and show them how Winnipeg is a growing, thriving and diverse city. It's also a chance to show how Winnipeg summers are packed full of great festivals, events and parties. And just to name a few, I'll list a few; First Fridays in the Exchange, Downtown Concert Series, Jazz at the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden, the Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival, MTS Super-Spike, Interstellar Rodeo, St. Norbert Handmade and Vintage Sale, Ballet in the Park, Movies in the Park, the Winnipeg Barbecue and Blues Festival, Folklorama, Manyfest, FemFest, just to name a few. Winnipeg is alive and electric over the summer and there is always something fun and exciting to do. And I encourage everyone, all Winnipeggers to get out there and enjoy it because let's remember, as of today, sadly, there are only about 71 days left until the first day of fall, so enjoy it. Madam Speaker, finally, I want to quickly take an opportunity to acknowledge the bi-centennial of the Peguis Selkirk Treaty which has historically been referred to as the Selkirk Treaty. Two hundred years ago, on July 18th, 1817, Thomas Douglas, 5th Earl of Selkirk and five First Nations' chiefs led by Chief Peguis put ink to paper at Lord Selkirk's Hudson's Bay Company post on what is now Waterfront Drive. The Peguis Selkirk Treaty was the first treaty signed in western Canada long before Canada even existed. And in many ways, the Peguis Selkirk Treaty was an opening chapter of a story for Winnipeg, for Manitoba and for our nation as a story that began in the spirit of peace and partnership and in the spirit of co-existence. For First Nations' people, treaties have always meant to be and to be felt to be the opening chapter of an ongoing story, a story of peace and partnership between First Nations and newcomers to this land. In this regard, the Peguis Selkirk Treaty helped to shape not only Winnipeg and Manitoba but also our country. In the spirit of reconciliation a committee of 35 volunteers representing more than 20 indigenous and settler

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organizations is commemorating the Peguis Selkirk Treaty. The committee is co-chaired by Bill Shead of Peguis First Nation and John Perrin who joins us today of the Scottish Heritage Council of Manitoba. The committee is working to raise public awareness and honour the visionary leadership and friendship of Chief Peguis and Lord Selkirk which led to the signing of the 1817 treaty. At noon today, together with Elder Kristy of Peguis First Nation, Chief Jim Bear of Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, the right honourable James Alexander Douglas Hamilton, Lord Selkirk, Douglas and John Perrin will plant a tree, a Lord Selkirk sugar maple here at City Hall to honour the 200th anniversary of Peguis Selkirk Treaty. Reconciliation is about honouring the past. It's also an opportunity, a means of recovering the Canadian story of peace and partnership, the story that the treaties began to tell, the story that is at the heart of the Peguis Selkirk Treaty and the story that somehow we as a nation lost track of over the years. I want to thank the committee for all their efforts in raising awareness about the Peguis Selkirk Treaty, for honouring the past and reminding us all in a year Canada turns 150 of the important chapter in our collective story and I want to welcome Lord Selkirk who's joining us here today for gracing us with his presence. Thank you and welcome to Winnipeg. Thank you, Madam Speaker, merci and megwich.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Mayes, you now have the floor for your morning announcement.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Two things; one very brief, I just got a text indicating John Callahan, our head of Amalgamated Transit Union has been elected to the general board, the Executive Board of the very large, very international, very...Amalgamated Transit Union. So others may speak to that later today, but congratulations to Mr. Callahan. But what I really want to speak to today is February of 2012 I rose in this chamber to ask a question of then Mayor Katz about a bid for the 2017 Canada Summer Games and that is the first time, thank you to the City Clerk's for confirming, that was the first time anybody spoke about the 2017 Canada Summer Games on the floor of this chamber and we are five and a half years later and here we are as the Mayor said, just ten days away from the start. So I want to thank some of the people who have been involved in that journey and it has been a long journey. And also it's...

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Councillor Mayes: I would like to speak in French a bit. The Canada Games are a bilingual event. It's important for the City of Winnipeg and the Franco-Manitoban community. There will be many francophone volunteers, many projects, and many public works projects to help Winnipeg. It's important for the City of Winnipeg, the wards of St. Vital and St. Boniface, as well as for the Franco-Manitoban community.

Councillor Mayes: So it is a bilingual event which is important to show the city or to show the country that we are a bilingual city. But the question I asked in 2012 to the Mayor was, I talked about how at that point we had Councillor Vandal who'd been a medalist in the Canada Summer Games...Canada Winter Games actually in boxing, and in Brandon. And had I known Councillor Orlikow had been a multi-time athlete, I would have mentioned him in my remarks in 2012. But the question was, shouldn't we do a joint bid with Brandon instead of competing with them? What we decided to do however was to let Brandon put in a bid as they had in a past and that bid unfortunately did not succeed and so the ball came back to Winnipeg. If we didn't bid, Manitoba would lose the games. So there were a couple of people, I think we've all heard the names, Jeff Hnatiuk, Mariette Mulaire, Hubert Mesman who were so important in getting the bid together, but there are a couple other people I want to mention from that...who were around that previous council; Marina James who was then head of Economic Development Winnipeg was very much a champion, Bonnie Staples-Lyon who worked for Mayor Katz was very much a champion and we really should bid on this. This is not a small thing, this is a big thing. And I want to thank former Mayor Katz who agreed to go ahead with the bid. The bid succeeded. I was there at The Forks in the summer of 2013 when we were awarded the Canada Summer Games and here we are four years later. A lot of work has gone in by a lot of people to accomplish a lot of different things. So I want to thank the former mayor and I also want to thank the current mayor who I know I've seen at Canada Games announcements at City Hall, at St. Vital Centre, at Sports for Life Centre just last week, at the Pan Am Pool, at The Forks, I'm sure I could go on and on. The Mayor has...the current mayor has been a great champion of this event and I know I was out in Prince George for the Winter Games to accept the flag there when they last held the games two years ago. So I want to thank both former Mayor Katz and the current mayor for their support for this project. What will we see as a result of this? You'll see, I think, a lot across the city. We've got a lot of bang for the buck in this to use a form of Vandal-ism. A lot of bang for the buck in terms of what we have invested, all three levels of government have invested. You will see it in the venues. You'll see it at the Pan Am Pool. You'll see it at the Pan Am track. You'll see upgrades across the city in some of the older venues. You'll see it in newer venues like the mountain biking venue in Councillor Morantz's ward, like Cindy Klassen Rec Centre in Councillor Gilroy's ward. The venues were chosen carefully. The venues were chosen without political influence. I say that with confidence because I tried to politically influence to get the beach volleyball in my ward and unfortunately they put it in Councillor Gilroy's ward. It was half joking in case anyone complains to the Integrity Commissioner. It really was chosen on the merits of where the best venues would be. And I think it's important to note that there will really be a legacy and especially at the Pan Am...at the Sport for Life Centre that the Mayor has spoken about and we were at that opening with Councillor Dobson about ten days ago. The three levels of government have really come through on this. The private sector has come through and most of all, the

citizens of Winnipeg have come through. Thousands of people have volunteered. My family members have volunteered. I was at the...I was at the chiropractor the other day. He...you know, he said, "Oh, yeah. I'm volunteering at that." Thousands of people are volunteering across different groups, different venues, Kenora, Gimli and mostly here in Winnipeg. So I think it will be a huge event for the City of Winnipeg. I think it'll have historical impact. The other thing I want to mention is the, you know, one of my...the Mayor talked at the Pan Am Pool about two years ago I think and he said, "This is...of any space other than my house this is probably where I spent the most time growing up." I kind of feel that about the Pan Am track, being a runner not a swimmer. That venue has meant a lot to me over the years. So I think what is being left behind will be a legacy for future generations. And I'll close by saying, one of...my younger son asked me, well why do they call it the Pan Am Pool? And I said because about 50 years ago, somebody had the foresight to put this together and to leave it and we've gotten 50 years of use plus out of that venue. So I think...hopefully, my great grandson will say in 50 years' time, the 200th anniversary of the country, why do they call it the Canada Games Sport for Life Centre? Why do they call it that? And my son will be able to say, because somebody back 50 plus years ago had the foresight to put in a bid to bring this to Winnipeg to leave these sorts of legacies behind. So I think we can all be very proud of the work of the former council, the work of this council in getting ready to go, so I think we now leave it up to the athletes and leave it to the opening ceremonies next Friday night, a week Friday night and wish all the athletes well. You may come and see the next John Orlikow in action, you may see the next Sidney Crosby, whatever you'll see, a lot of great athletic competition across the city and I think it will leave a great legacy for the city. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Councillor Allard, you now have the floor.

Councillor Allard: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to stand here in this chamber today as City Councillor for St. Boniface to mark the passing of Robert, 'Bob', Bockstael who was the councillor for Taché Ward and later a Member of Parliament for St. Boniface from 1979 to 1984. Robert was born on February 15th, 1923 to his parents, Theodore and Marie Bockstael, nee VanBellegheem, and lived his entire life in St. Boniface, a neighbourhood he served for 25 years of elected office first as a school trustee then as a city councillor for St. Boniface and finally as a member of parliament. When St. Boniface amalgamated with the City in 1971, it was said to be hard to find people to run for Council as so many residents had been opposed to Unicity. Bob stepped forward in a by-election after the previous council stepped down after only a year and was elected and then immediately became Chair of EPC. He would serve in Council until 1978 when he stepped down to run for parliament. The Bockstael family have been pillars in St. Boniface for a hundred years and their construction company, run by Bob's son John, remains headquartered and employing workers to this day...headquartered in St. Boniface and employing workers to this day.

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Councillor Allard: I had the honour of participating in the ceremony to name a street in Sage Creek, in the St. Boniface Ward, Bob Bockstael Drive. Bob once took the opportunity to share with me some of his achievements on City Council, as well as some advice.

Councillor Allard: So it's just June last year where I had the honour to participate in the street naming in honour of Bob Bockstael, 93 years old. We named a street after him in the St. Boniface community of Sage Creek and Bob took...Bob took some time to share with me some of his...some of his epic battles that he had had as a city councillor and as a local politician in St. Boniface and that was a special moment I wanted to share with everyone here today. So I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to Bob for his years of service to our community, the city and my condolences to his family who I know will continue his legacy of community service in our neighbourhood for many years to come. So with that merci beaucoup.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Thank you, Councillor Allard for your remarks and now that brings us to the condolence motion before us. Madam Clerk, will you please read the motion for former Councillor Robert Bockstael into the record.

MOTIONS

**Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,**

THAT Council place on record its profound sorrow at the death of former Councillor Robert Bockstael, which occurred on June 28, 2017.

Mr. Bockstael served the citizens of Winnipeg as Councillor for the Taché Ward from 1973 to 1979.

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This Council extends to his family, its deepest sympathy and condolences in their bereavement.

Madam Speaker: Everyone, please rise for a moment of silence.

MINUTES

Councillor Gilroy moves that the Minutes of the meeting held on June 21st, 2017, be taken as read and confirmed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now move into delegations. First, we will be hearing from Mr. Ayrton Neufeld. Following that, Ms Liz Kulyk and...Ms Liz Kulyk, if you could both come forward at this time. Mr. Ayrton Neufeld is representing Colliers International Realty Advisors. He will appear before Council in opposition to Item No. 3 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 5th, 2017 regarding the Board of Revision, the Practices and Procedurals Manual. Welcome.

DELEGATIONS

Ayrton Neufeld: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: You have ten minutes to make your presentation.

Ayrton Neufeld: Okay. First off, I want to start off by saying we are not fully in opposition to this manual whatsoever. I guess it was just written in that way. We do have comments about it. But I have some...a letter written here and I will pass that around. Have someone pass it or...?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Clerk.

Ayrton Neufeld: Just a letter written by Rocky Neufeld, and basically just reading it out and commenting on it and answering any questions if anybody does have any. We basically just feel that the Practice and Procedures Manual is a good idea. There are just certain problems with it that we do want to address and put on record. Now, moving on to his letter; the new Practices and Procedure Manual has been a bit of a surprise but I now believe that most of the proposed measures are positive. I, being Rocky, have been appearing before the Board for about 20 years and the evolution of process has had a few bumps but it's going in the right direction. After discussing the background with several parties, I find myself far more supportive of the need for this manual but it must have some revisions. There are five points that I want to address today, the first one being Section 4.9 on the title and according to the proposed manual on a tie between two members, the value is confirmed. Issues that we have with that is it does not actually align with the burden of proof in the Municipal Assessment Act which is outlined in page 26 of the manual and reads, "Burden of proof on Assessor, subject to Subsections 2 and 3, a board shall at a hearing of an application that pertains to the amount of an assessed value place the burden of proof on the assessor on matters at issue with respect to the amount of the assessed value." In...if a tie were to confirm the assessment, which is what Section 4.9 of the Practice and Procedures Manual is proposing, we find it problematic in the fact that much like...in a fair trial that you are essentially innocent until proven guilty and the assessment is synonymous with that concept in that you are given this assessment and it is up to the assessor to prove that it is true and without the assessor proving it true the burden of proof...it failed to meet the burden of proof and the appellant is...decision...the opinion is upheld. If...in the event of a tie, we do feel that this should result in a mistrial and convene again with three different party member...three different board members to hear over again. Point two, Section 4.4, a non-residential hearing evidence, advanced revision of evidence should be for all matters put to the board including assessor's challenge of the validity. Documentation for this should include all communication with the Board of Revision as full disclosure. In the past 12 successive hearings we have had, the assessor requested that an appeal be nullified generally on flimsy grounds such as the application was a photocopy, appellant was the managing co-owners in a large group of investors or the appellant was tenant liable for taxes. Each of these requests was brought to the Board of...the board without prior notice to the appellant. Included in the request were e-mail strings of the Appeals Manager who in fact supported the appeals validity in the first place. The board dismissed the assessor's request in each case except the last which was adjourned. These requests are an abuse of process in a deliberate attempt to defeat an appeal on vague technicalities, whether a request for revision was appropriate and subsequently approved by the board. All evidence, request and communication with the board should have been disclosed 14 days in advance of the appellant or be denied. The appellant cannot be blindsided at appeal much like the assessor cannot and codifying this in the manual should be mandatory. It is important for everyone appearing for the Board of Revision to have every...all the information available to them prior to showing up there. For people like us, it's

not, you know, we manage to deal with it as it comes across, but it is important to the taxpayers that every day citizens that want to appeal their property taxes not be blindsided with this kind of information and everything that...anything that should come up at a hearing should be dealt with in advance and this should be codified in the manual in order to protect everyday citizens that want to appeal their property taxes. Number three is Section 1.3 in member training. Training is always a good idea. It would make for proper transparency in exact training agenda in which material is made known. That's straightforward. Number four, Section 3.6, a letter of authorization. The wording lends itself to potential for a very narrow interpretation. The Appeals Manager has been quite diligent on verification of the appellant. All appeals are filed and authorized but in some cases, the Appeals Manager requests greater levels of clarification. Nothing in the manual should change or allow for a reduced right of appeal nor should any appeal be denied without due process. We fear that anything...making stricter requirements on the application process, it restricts accessibility to everyone, every day citizens. We fear also that it may...appealing your assessment becomes then something for a specialized profession and not having...not everyone is suited to do be able to do it by not being well versed in the concept. Anything...Section 3.6 is basically making strict rules for...it hints the strict rules for the right of application and we fear that that will actually limit accessibility to all citizens in Winnipeg. Number five, lacking in the manual are rules for separation of the Board of Revision, appellants and assessor. The manual must contain directive on ex parte communication between the assessor, appellant and the Board/City Clerk's or any matters relating to the hearing of a case of valued property. An example that we've experienced in regards to the request for a panel, we have heard that the assessor thinks that certain board members are not sympathetic to their presentations. The assessor fails to appreciate that any perception of bias is in fact a response to weak or deficient assessor evidence. I've contacted the Appeals Manager and requested a more experienced panel for properties which are normally basic, for example residential, but in this instance, the issue was more of a complex legal matter. I expect the Appeals Manager to share this concept with the assessor as I also expect that any assessor cannot be disclosed...any assessor contact be disclosed. An assessor request was made on March 7th, 2017 where we understand that the assessor made a request for a change of panel. We do not know the specific details as to whether certain members were requested to be added or deleted. All such communication should be transparent and disclosed. Basically, what had happened is we...we had heard that the assessor got wind of a bunch of board members will be hearing the case and they requested it to be changed. In the name where basically we feel that there should be in the manual, something that address that in order to make it more transparent between the Assessment Department and the appellants that are appealing their property taxes and in all fairness, it's that would attribute the transparency and fair democracy and justice. That sums up the letter which was written by Rocky Neufeld and sums my points up that we wish to address and if there any questions, I am happy to answer them.

Madam Speaker: Thank you for your presentation. We will take questions at this time. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: Thank you, Mr. Neufeld. Mr. Neufeld, my question is, this was a bit of a surprise to us, too, this report that came forward, to some of us. It came forward on a long weekend and we had little time to go through it. What...could you give me some sort of insight into the consultation with Colliers that occurred or discussions prior to this manual being produced? Was there any industry consultation?

Ayrton Neufeld: No. Not as far as I know. Nothing was actually brought forward to us. We read it. It was completely...we were completely blindsided with this idea as well. We read it and this is our first opportunity to really speak to anyone in the City regarding it. I know that there has been contact between other tax agents that have been discussing it and everyone has been kind of on the same page. But yes, to answer your question, no, there was no contact with us prior to this being written.

Councillor Lukes: You seem to bring up good points here. I am not overly familiar with this whole process. So I will ensure that I follow up on this and get back to you on it.

Ayrton Neufeld: Great, appreciate that. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for our delegation? Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. I note that the letter you've provided for members of Council is on Colliers letterhead signed by Rocky Neufeld. Is this...is your presentation remarks and the letter on behalf of Colliers?

Ayrton Neufeld: Yes, it is. Yeah, everything...I read it out and added comments of my own just to...but it is on behalf of Colliers International, yes.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Seeing no further questions, thank you for your presentation today. Next, we'll hear from Ms Liz Kulyk followed by Mr. Chris Lorenc. Ms Kulyk is the Corporate Manager of Government and

Community Relations with CAA Manitoba. She's here in support of Item 1 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 12th, 2017, regarding a federal funding request for accelerated regional road...regional street renewals. Welcome and you have ten minutes to make your presentation.

Liz Kulyk: Thank you and good morning. I would like to just note that I am here on behalf of the President of CAA Manitoba, Mike Mager, who sends his regrets for not being able to be here today. As you may know, for more than a century CAA Manitoba has been an advocate for road safety and infrastructure improvements in our province. We are the voice of more than 206,000 members and Manitobans 60 percent or more live in the city of Winnipeg. That means we have a member in more than 40 percent of houses in the city. There is no doubt in the minds of our members that whether you live in the city or outside the perimeter the state of our roads is a critical issue. It comes up at every election. It comes up every spring when the freeze and thaw breeds potholes. It comes up at every single budget discussion and it comes up no matter how old or young you are or where you live. People just recognize that it impacts our lives every single day. So throughout the year, CAA Manitoba hears from all these frustrated folks in all corners of the city and that causes their streets to be cursed with crumbling pavement, popped potholes, nonexistent curbs and disappearing lane markings. They tell us about their literal pain in the back when they travel the roads as they carry around their kids to activities. We hear about bent rims, blown tires thanks to our rough roads and inevitably they ask us how they can share their experiences with government and have their voices heard. That's why for the past six years, you've probably heard of the CAA Worst Roads Campaign. Although the campaign is not scientific, it gives Manitobans what they want. It gives them a chance to speak out about the state of the infrastructure. Worst Roads is a way that we can all share our honest opinions and pet peeves about the state of our roads. Above all the information we gather from the campaign in terms you, our elected representatives are reminded of the issues commuters face every day in the hopes that these issues will be top of mind as you go about your business in your ward. It likely won't come as a surprise to you that Winnipeg roads have dominated the top 10 list for many years. This spring, more than 330 roads in the city of Winnipeg were nominated for this dishonour, but we are pleased that due to recent investments in record road construction in Winnipeg spearheaded by all of you here in the city of Winnipeg, we have seen several repeat worst road offenders removed from the list all together this past spring. We're proud that progress is being made. We think there's more that still can be done. Like Winnipeggers, we believe whether you choose to take transit, walk, bike or drive to get where you're going, commuting should be simple, safe and smooth. As the province's capital city and economic engine, which according to Tourism Winnipeg, welcomes 3.2 million visitors for leisure, business and personal reasons, a simple, smooth and safe commute is the experience we deserve and as a city growing towards one million, it's the experience that we demand. We've brought this message to the Mayor and some of you directly in recent months. For a long time, the state of our roads has suffered from a lack of funding, but definitely not a lack of vision. They OurWinnipeg plan, our Complete Community Strategies, the Pedestrian Cycling Safety Strategy, they're all clearly laid out and they tell us the direction our city is going. Yet, it's hard for us move forward if we have to keep looking back to road repair because of the decaying state of our regional roads. That's why we are pleased to hear about the proposed application before you today, requesting money from the New Building Canada Fund to significantly increase the rate of regional road work. We've always had that vision and now we'll actually have the money. If a list of...the list of ten regional roads that would be granted accelerated...should it be granted the funding, it's very impressive and it would undoubtedly make a difference in the daily lives of Winnipeggers from all neighbourhoods. We refute the idea that fixing regional roads is not strategic. Those routes have a real impact on our economy, our tourism and our hometown pride. The roads connect people to downtown offices and businesses, tourists to the Assiniboine Park and Zoo, to the University of Manitoba and home of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Investors Group Field and even out to the US border. The unfortunate state of those regional roads are in now creates wear and tear on our vehicles, and wear and tear on our safety as a community. Showing out of town friends and family around the city is hard to do when we have to apologize for the state of our roads. Fixing these 10 streets is improving our infrastructure absolutely, but it's also healing some of Winnipeg's wounded pride and it takes the butts out of the tourists' impressions of our city. Instead of hearing things like, I went to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, it was amazing but the road to get there was atrocious. Tourists will now leave with a positive impression of our infrastructure. Fixing streets will help reframe the conversation about Winnipeg. We believe shovel ready projects like the regional roads are key to put forward for funding. In the past, we have seen designs and estimates for major projects that have taken longer than anticipated. We've also seen projects rushed to ensure they are available when federal dollars need to be secured before they expire. CAA Manitoba's concerned that this money could follow a similar fate and that's why we should focus on the sure thing, shovel ready projects first. We believe it's key to put our best planned projects forward with as much time to spare when we're up against the clock if the funding were to disappear. Let's also be real about what we can bite off right now and what we can chew. While projects like Kenaston widening, Chief Peguis Trail extension are very important and needed, we must ensure we've done our due diligence in planning, designing and costing before we go cap in hand to government. At the end of the day, Winnipeggers need to see more progress on every day infrastructure like regional roads. Larger long term projects also have their place, but the plan for accelerated regional road repair will have a more immediate impact on our city, our wallets and our pride. CAA Manitoba strongly supports this plan for accelerated regional road repair funding and we sincerely hope you do, too. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Ms Kulyk. We'll hear from our next delegate on the same matter and then we'll call you back for questions. Thank you. If I could now please call Mr. Chris Lorenc forward, President of the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association, also in support of Item 1 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 12th, 2017 regarding a federal funding request for accelerated regional street renewals. Welcome, Mr. Lorenc.

Chris Lorenc: Good morning, Madam Speaker, Mr. Mayor and members of Council. It is a privilege for me to be in this chamber and to present to the Mayor and Council and so I do thank you for this opportunity. I note that the context and circumstances of this presentation this morning are far happier than the one that I made in December 2016. And I do wish to publicly acknowledge and thank, in particular, the Mayor and Councillors Gillingham and Morantz for their demonstrated and active collaborations since that presentation. I am very pleased this morning to endorse each of the five recommendations and the underlying reasons made to Council by EPC related to federal funding request for accelerated regional street renewals. In making that statement of support, we acknowledge the imperfection and funding uncertainty circumstances facing the Mayor and Council which have resulted in this rather creative and logical approach, preceded by a May 29 written support ask of Manitoba. To that end, I also encourage your further consideration of the points made in an opinion editorial published under my name in the Free Press yesterday in which I elaborate on these points. That editorial was mailed to each of you and distributed again this morning. Having said the above, I am also mindful of the Transportation Master Plan projects identified and supported in March 2015 as priorities for the New Building Canada Fund which are not the subject of a funding application in this report, namely Chief Peguis Trail, Marion Street and Kenaston Boulevard. We very strongly urge the Mayor and all members of Council to concurrently recommit and remind the public of ongoing political support for those three projects to ensure that their design is efficiently advanced to enable funding applications and to consider all potential sources of multi-year, multi-level government funding including the recently released trade and transportation corridors initiative of the Federal Government. Projects which may qualify for federal funding are ones that address urgent capacity constraints and keep goods moving efficiently along Canada's trade corridors to enable and gain better access to international markets. Just in that context, the extension of Chief Peguis Trail seems to be the very tight, a project that TTCI has in mind. Peguis is not just a road. It opens up needed trade and transportation corridor requirements in Winnipeg's northwest. And it is a continuation of civic investments already made in building the Peguis Bridge and the existing Chief Peguis Trail connecting Lagimodiere and Main and the Perimeter. It is a continuation of strategic and designated trade routing and movement of goods, services, people, product and commerce through Winnipeg. It would connect to the more than half billion dollars of public and private sector investment already made to establish CentrePort Canada, Canada's first inland port which has already and will more so in the immediate future, significantly increase the global trade profile of Winnipeg, the capital region and Manitoba. And finally, Peguis will help accelerate and further leverage significantly more private sector industrial trade commercial and mixed residential investment, the cumulative effect of which is an expanded tax base, growing economy of the capital region, Winnipeg and Manitoba. So as noted, Peguis is not just a road, it is very much a critical catalyst for economic investment, growth and jobs. It would appear to be that perfect TTCI project, but there may be other programs that you might wish to access including funding from Canada's Infrastructure Bank. So to that end, I've also distributed some highlighted TTCI background material. I would encourage as well, sustained and pressing discussions with the honourable Jim Carr, Federal Natural Resources Minister, who is intimately aware of the importance of trade to Canada and Manitoba's economy for his political influence and support. I am mindful that my time is limited. I am not used to just five minutes but I have done it and I'm happy to answer any questions.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Lorenc. If I could also call Ms Kulyk back at this time. I see a question. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: I want to thank you both for your presentations. This report is an extremely...is a fundamental aspect of enhancing and continuing the massive investment that the City has made under this administration in roads. Over a hundred million dollars a year over the last three years and we want to continue to enhance that. So I really appreciate both of you being here to support the report. My question really is, will you also be approaching officials within the Provincial and Federal Governments to encourage them to look favourably upon the report assuming that it's passed here today?

Liz Kulyk: Yes, CAA Manitoba will be officially submitting a letter to the Province to let them know where we stand on the issue.

Chris Lorenc: We would as well, but we would appreciate any additional background information so that the messaging to Ottawa and to the Provincial Government is consistent.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the...Mr. Lorenc's explanation of how important our Chief Peguis Trail is, Madam Speaker, and I appreciate that he is supporting the move of the Mayor's to get this extra funding

for our regional roads. But Madam Speaker, my question actually is just for Mr. Lorenc just...did he know that we are having Lord Selkirk here today to plant a tree and acknowledging the treaty and Madam Speaker, I'm wondering if Mr. Lorenc is aware that the name of the bridge along the Chief Peguis Trail is called the Settlers Bridge?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Lorenc.

Chris Lorenc: Yes and No. Yes, I'm aware that Lord Selkirk is here today. I was listening to the Mayor's opening comments and reflecting that when I was a member of Council and Chair of the then Public Works Committee, it was through that committee that the bridge, Chief Peguis Trail Bridge was in fact named and I participated in the opening. I am not aware of the other bridge name but it is an interesting reflection and reminder of the history of this province and city.

Madam Speaker: Anything further, Councillor Eadie? Okay, moving on, Councillor Gillingham followed by Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just simply want to rise, echo my comments...the comments that Councillor Morantz has made. Just express appreciation to both of you for your presentations and your support as well and thank you, Mr. Lorenc for drawing our attention once again to the recent announcements of the Infrastructure Bank and the Trade and Transportation Corridors Initiative as well. You can both be assured and others can be assured that the City will be very actively pursuing available funds from other levels of government to continue our ongoing infrastructure investment. I guess my question is simple. I'm asking the question, I really just wanted to rise and thank you, but the question is are each of you in your organizations willing to continue the ongoing engagement with the City of Winnipeg as we develop the 2018 and future budgets?

Liz Kulyk: Yes, absolutely. We're always willing to be engaged and you know, we talk a lot about the state of the roads, sometimes good, sometimes bad, but we are definitely committed to the long term plan.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Lorenc.

Chris Lorenc: We've demonstrated that ongoing collaboration with the City over the last 25 or 6 years that I've been with Manitoba Heavy and we will continue to do that, yes.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Mayes followed by Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you. There was some...question for Ms Kulyk, there was some strong language there, terms like dishonour and I just want to make sure you are aware, and I think you are, that we have increased the road budget every year since 2012. We've gone from 30 million in 2012 up to over a hundred million, year after year as Councillor Morantz has stated. So I...there was some pretty strong criticism there. I just wanted to make sure you are aware that we have increased the budget every year since 2012.

Liz Kulyk: Yeah, I am completely aware and yeah, you are right, it is some strong language and I'm sure you're familiar with the Worst Roads Campaign and it elicits a lot of strong language and it's not always the best representation of the progress that we're making, but it is a representation of how some people feel very, very strongly about this issue and we hear about it on a daily basis especially in the spring and we consider ourselves a represented of our members and often enough many people in that province and the city, so it's our job to bring that forward and it's strong language, but we do need to be reminded and that's why we do it that way.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you. So again, thank you for coming here today. And I am happy about the support for regional roads. I have been getting lots of e-mails from people that are very happy and it is their priority. They do want to see their regional roads addressed sooner than later, but on the issue that...road side about, the glowing recommendation for any particular project on the capital which is, again, you will see in one of the motions coming forward doing exactly what you are asking for. However, do you...I guess the question is do you agree with Council's approach of using a cost benefit analysis over all the projects rather than using many political...political influence but we're using cost...we did for the Waverley where we can rank them on cost benefit analysis. Do you think that's a proper way of going forward with projects?

Chris Lorenc: We have always maintained the view that decisions associated with the City's capital budget and infrastructure ought to be based on a number of clear, transparent principles. Best taxpayer interest growing the economy and principles which underline and enable the realization of the first two. So yes, you shouldn't be fixing for the

sake of fixing or building for the sake of building. You should be investing for the sake of growing the economy in a reasoned, rational return on investment matter.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions of our delegation? Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Ms Kulyk, Mr. Lorenc. The previous Council instituted a disciplined, methodical program starting...funding our infrastructure which again, Mr. Lorenc as Chair of the Infrastructure Funding Council knows that Municipal Governments have limited means to raise funds. This year...so anyways, the one and one brings an additional over \$9 million every year, this year there was not a \$9 million year over year increase in our roads budget. If we received this additional money, if the Province and the Federal Government agreed to this program, would you support us decreasing our contributions to backfill or would you or do you think the \$9 million should be incremental and the City's portion should increase over a year plus the federal money?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Lorence.

Chris Lorenc: Well, in 2011, the Infrastructure Funding Council report using 2009 dollars identified the investment deficit in Winnipeg's infrastructure in the vicinity of \$7.4 billion. We understand that those numbers are the subject matter of further update. We understand also that the City has made significant investment not only in restructuring how it finances its infrastructure but as well, how it manages the asset. The decision on levels of funding are for Council to make and they are for Council to make based on the best available information that you will get from your public service department, from your Public Works Department, who will assess what the condition of the asset is based on levels of investment made to date, what the projected deficits are and what those needs are. And if there is a case to be made that there is an adjustment then that case will be made, it will be debated and the floor of Council will make that decision.

Councillor Browaty: Would you believe then that now is the right time to be slowing down the annual increases?

Chris Lorenc: Council has adopted a plan and that plan projects investment levels over the next five years. It's Council's responsibility in the context of an annual and five year capital program to assess on an annual basis the merits of any adjustment up or down in that five year projection and that's what we expect Council would do.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions of our delegations? Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have questions for both Ms Kulyk and Mr. Lorenc. Ms Kulyk, first of all, I just want to thank you and the CAA Manitoba for the work you do in assisting Winnipeg, assisting...assisting City Hall in terms of the work we have to do, speaking with you in terms of the challenges that you share with us regarding things like school zone signage and the work you do which you say isn't scientific, but nonetheless, it's very practical. It's very realistic and it's sensible and we understand that. I want you to know, Ms Kulyk that the City often works the same way. It's not always a perfect science, but we are meant to be practical and get the work done. Ms Kulyk, you mentioned that in other aspects of city planning, that it's clearly laid out such as active transportation plan which you mentioned, which she mentioned, Madam Speaker. I'll speak through you. And I want you to...if you would consider as well, the work you have done...sorry, that Ms Kulyk has done in terms of doing some work for us in terms of state of the roads, worst roads things like this.

Madam Speaker: That concludes our Question Period.

Councillor Schreyer: Okay, the question is, Madam Speaker, is CAA aware that we don't actually have an itemized plan, a budgetary itemized plan for pothole budget at the City and does she think it would be helpful for the City to have plus...?

Madam Speaker: Would someone like to suspend the rules to add more time? Councillor Mayes. Moved by Councillor Mayes. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Schreyer: Does Ms Kulyk think it would be helpful for us to have an itemized budget line for pothole repairs in the City budget?

Liz Kulyk: Well, I mean every year it's a big challenge at the beginning of the year so I mean there is obviously money allocated by the City to be able to tackle that problem and it takes a couple of weeks and then the majority of the problem gets resolved. So if you find value...if you mean itemizing by location then maybe that's value. I mean we just want to see the job done in a bigger sense. We actually don't want you to have to put a budget in for potholes, how about just put a budget in for like...like this today, fixing the roads in a more permanent way and then spending more

money on maintaining them and keeping them in good shape so we don't have to say, oh let's allocate more money to the pothole budget this year. I mean let's work towards taking all that money off the table whenever that happens. It's just something we should be working towards not even having to allocate money towards potholes because the roads are so good.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Lorenc.

Chris Lorenc: Yeah, I agree certainly that investment in preventive maintenance is an important aspect of asset management, but it's not just about budgets. It's also about to, as well address a point that Councillor Browaty raised in referencing the IFC report. It's also about the relative access that municipalities do or don't have to revenue streams with which to handle the volume of responsibility and particular on the infrastructure file that they have. Eighty percent of all public roadways in this country are the responsibility of municipalities. And yet, the access to revenue streams for municipalities remains as it was at the turn of the century. And that is why not only the IFC report but the reports from the Munk School of Public Policy in Toronto and others have said that there must be a realignment of the roles, responsibilities and access to revenue that municipalities have in order to discharge those responsibilities. That's a point we've made repeatedly and a point that I made in the op-ed to which I made reference earlier.

Madam Speaker: Thank you very much. That concludes our Question Period. Thank you. We will now move on to our next delegation. Yes?

Councillor Allard: Could I move to suspend the rules to hear Gord Delbridge on the CUPE collective agreement?

Madam Speaker: Sure. All in favour of adding a name to the list? Contrary? Carried. Next, we'll hear from Ms Leanne Holmberg and Mr. Bruce Keats. They are representing Assiniboine Park Conservancy in support of Item 3 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 12th, 2017. This is regarding an increase in loan guarantee on Assiniboine Park Conservancy line of credit and approval of an amendment to the Assiniboine Park Conservancy Development Plan. Welcome. Is Ms Holmberg here with you as well? Okay. Welcome in. There is ten minutes on the clock.

Bruce Keats: Thank you. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker, Mayor Bowman and Council members. Good morning. My name is Bruce Keats, and I'm the Chief Operations Officer for Assiniboine Park Conservancy and with me is my colleague, Ms Leanne Holmberg, our Chief Financial Officer. We are here today to support the recommendations brought forward by EPC that would put in place funding to support the construction and bring to life to Winnipeg Canada's Diversity Gardens. In 2006, Winnipeg City Council adopted a new and innovative governance model for Assiniboine Park. That called for the establishment of a not for profit entity to oversee the operation and development of the park and the betterment to the community. Under the new governance model, the Assiniboine Park Conservancy was established in and created in 2008 with an independent board of directors appointed by representations from the three levels of government and private sector to operate at arm's length from the City of Winnipeg. Charged with the responsibility of visioning, planning, building and operating Assiniboine Park and Zoo, the Conservancy developed a compelling strategic plan supported by a comprehensive business plan to implement the parks redevelopment priorities. This created a public/private partnership and the APC Board assumed responsibility for raising \$200 million to support major capital development in the park and zoo. In 2010 of October, the City of Winnipeg and APC signed a 50 year lease and funding agreement formally solidifying this partnership. Under the agreement, the City retains ownership of the park and all its assets developed. The City agreed to fund \$50 million of a \$200 million master development plan with the remaining 150 million to come from the other two levels of government and private sector donations. This partnership model has been proven to be highly successful. Under the master development plan, the Heart of the Park Projects including the Qualico Family Centre, Children's Nature Playground and international award winning Journey to Churchill and other smaller zoo projects as well, as such, the heavy horse, were completed in phases one and two. Canada's Diversity Gardens is the third phase of the plan and involves the construction of a new conservatory, the Leaf and the exterior gardens in the southwest...southeast corner of Assiniboine Park. This project has been in the making for a very, very long time. A new conservatory was envisioned in the original master development plan in 2009. From 2014 to 2016, schematic design and design development phases for Canada's Diversity Gardens were completed. These costs were 100 percent funded by our private donations. The Class B budgets for Canada's Diversity Gardens is 75 million and subject to confirmation by the different levels of government will be funded in the following manner; the Federal Government will be providing \$35 million, the Province of Manitoba will provide \$15 million, the City of Winnipeg, \$10 million and the private sector will be kicking in \$15 million. The APC Board has already actively raised \$68 million in private money to support the Master Development Plan. This is \$18 million in excess of the \$50 million by the private sector goal and will bring the City's contribution in line to 25 percent of the total Master Development Plan. Our highly committed and knowledgeable board of directors has approved the Canada's Diversity Gardens business plan, APC has also provided to the City's public services on a confidential basis with the CDG business plan that supports the feasibility of this project. We ask that the business plan remain confidential as we operate in a competitive environment. The plan has also been shared with both levels of government, both the Provincial and the Federal

Governments on a confidential basis so their analysis for this project could be made. As any business owner well knows, a business plan is not a static document. The business plan contains proprietary information that cannot be publicly disclosed as it could put APC at a competitive disadvantage. For APC to remain competitive with other businesses, we must be able to adjust and treat the plan for market conditions. Having to seek approval for changes would impede our ability to react to changes and business environments on a day to day basis. APC has taken a park and zoo where 95 percent of the facilities were found by the City's own engineers to be in a very, very poor state of condition. By bringing business expertise and entrepreneurial spirit, APC has built \$136 million in assets for the city of Winnipeg. With Canada's Diversity Gardens, this will raise to over \$211 million. These assets are picked up on as City assets in the state...the year end statement strengthening the City's balance sheet. It is without a doubt that these capital assets improvements also support a world class tourism space for our community. APC's success in operating these new assets in a financially sustainable manner has depended on two major things; the continuation and dependability of the City's partnership with APC, the arm's length relationship with the City where the City did not involve itself in the operation of the assets. Both of these things have allowed APC to bring a business and entrepreneurial focus to the park operations that government cannot. Canada's Diversity Gardens will be no exception. The City's operating support is based on APC being able to generate its own revenue streams. As a result, our business plan for CDG has been developed with an admissions fee to visit the Leaf Building. The exterior gardens are free of charge with an admission fee for Canada's Diversity Gardens, APC can reduce its reliance of the City operating grant and become a more self-sustaining attraction. To ensure those facing economic hardship are able to visit this new attraction, APC will provide assistance with admission as it has with admission to the zoo. Park Share, Wildest Dreams and the annual free ticket program administered by the United Way has given 5,000 under privileged Winnipeggers admission to the zoo as well as subsidized educational programming for schools and day cares. Supporting this recommendation today will allow for the creation of a new world class facility and attraction in our city. Provincial and Federal Governments are looking to the City for its leadership as the funding for this project comes to fruition. The City of Winnipeg has been a steady partner with APC since its inception and today's motion is just one more example of the City's leadership. The APC executive and board of directors would like to thank the Mayor and all of City Council for their unwavering support of the work undertaken to transform an aging city asset into financially viable world class attraction. This will undoubtedly be a source of pride for Winnipeg and a magnet for visitors from across Canada and around the world. Thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Keats. Any questions of our delegations? Councillor Morantz followed by Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank you both for being here. You know, I think, you know, we all kind of agree that Assiniboine Park has really become a world class asset and probably one of the best decisions that Council ever made. I wish I had been on Council at the time that I would have agreed with it, was to turn the park over to such an amazing group of people, the Board of Assiniboine Park and I do think that what happened, what grew from that decision is something that we really should be looking to see if we can replicate in other parks as well. But that's for another debate. It just...when you look at the asset itself, I mean it's really incredible. We've got...the zoo has been redeveloped with the new gate, the Journey to Churchill, the expanded duck pond, Qualico Centre, the Leo Mol Gardens, the English Gardens and now the Leaf. It's really an incredible project and the City, as you know, and I just want to put it on the record, has already invested \$35 million as part of its \$50 million commitment. The rest of the \$15 million, we've always said, it's been contingent upon federal and provincial funding which gets me to my question. I know you did touch on it, and but it's not definitive in your statement as to confirmation from those levels of government and I just was curious if you give us an update as to where you are at in those conversations with both the Provincial and Federal Governments?

Bruce Keats: Sure. We are in negotiations with both the Province and the Federal Government and looking at funding contracts as we speak.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. First of all, I just want to kind of rise and thank you for your presentation and kind of reflect on what Councillor Morantz rightly said, my family as well loves the park and everything that has been done and for a member of the Board of APC, it's quite impressive and a lot of good work and I appreciate the fact that you folks met with me on Thursday where I had some questions and made some time there. Thank you. I wanted to ask and I appreciate your presentation. I wanted to ask in your presentation on page two, the first paragraph, you are indicating that APC can reduce its reliance based on the admission fee for the funds that come in for the Canada Diversity Garden. APC can reduce its reliance of the City's operating grant...when we met on Thursday, I asked the question about whether or not, right now we have about \$10.5 million subsidy and it was indicated to me at that time that that was...subsidy was not going to be reduced with the revenues coming in to...from Canada's Diversity Garden. So I'm just wondering if there has been a change in terms of that since we met or whether or not there's new information. Thank you.

Leanne Holmberg: Canada's Diversity Gardens is scheduled to open if we are on schedule with our construction, in 2020. And in that year, under the...our lease and funding agreement, we are subject to renegotiating our operating grant terms, so that is something that we...I think will begin probably next year and into 2019 to look at what level of funding that we should be receiving from operations. In terms of the Canada's Diversity Gardens business plan, we have factored in approximately \$400,000 of insurance and utilities which would be an increase to the operating grant under the current agreement. But that of course is subject to negotiation as I had mentioned. So in the past, City Council has approved increases to our operating grant to cover those two types of cost insurance and utilities on the Qualico Family Centre, all of the buildings within the Journey to Churchill and, you know, the same thing would happen in Canada's Diversity Gardens. What we have in our business plan, you will note on the summary I believe that you all received, was that we had an allocation of the City's operating grant of \$1.4 million in our business plan and that took primarily other than the \$400,000 is really just the existing CUPE staff that work for us today that will be transferring from the old conservatory over to the new conservatory. So, there's no new positions, we continue to follow the funding formula in the lease and funding agreement. And, you know, I had said to Mike Ruta the other day that although it might be in my mind a \$400,000 additional operating cost even if we stay with the existing terms and conditions is I think that fairly small operating cost on a \$75 million facility. APC will be funding the remaining cost of operating that facility with the revenues that we generate and as Mike had briefly mentioned that, you know, part of...a big part of our plan is admission fees and running food and beverage operations, special events, weddings and so forth.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Second question, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes. I guess...so if I understand you correctly, you see a \$400,000 increase potential to the operating grant because of Canada's Diversity Gardens, because of utilities and...but when we met on Thursday, I recall (inaudible), you are projecting...again business plan, we don't have in front of us, you're projecting a net surplus that you will actually have profit I think was the word used in terms of the operation of the Canada Diversity Gardens and that's why I asked the question, can we not use that to offset the funding that we are now providing in the operating grant by reducing the operating grant potentially. And I guess what I am hearing now is, is the operating grant will go up. Am I correct? I'm just confused.

Leanne Holmberg: Well, it will be subject to a negotiation with the City's public service and it'll come forward to this committee or Council for approval. So although we are showing it in the business plan, it could be that the City grant is reduced in that year. So it is, at this stage, it's just too early to tell what we are able to negotiate between the two parties. I mean once we open up a new facility, it does take us a year or two to build up our customer base and to show that we have people coming back. We've shown very, very good success with the Park Café running a restaurant in the middle of the park. It's consistently grew in the early years and now it's kind of levelled off because it's reached, you know, basically capacity. There is only so many people we can fit in there. So, I mean, we run APC as a business and we're looking for bottom line profits that will help us become more self-sustaining in the future. And if you look at the hand out that we have provided on the business plan, that over the last seven years and I have been with APC going on eight now, we have reduced our reliance on the City's operating grant from about 85 percent of our funding...or our annual budget, to 40 percent at this stage based on our 2017 budget and with Canada's Diversity Gardens, we are projecting that it goes down to 35 percent. So the City has gained \$211 million worth of assets and on the same plan, the operating grant that you are providing to us has been continually reduced.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Third question, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, and again, I just want to say big supporter of the park and everything that you guys have done and I know Margaret Redmond, your CEO is away on vacation right away, otherwise, she would've been here too but thank you. And you know, the...right now, for a family of four to go to the zoo, it's roughly about 80 bucks, \$20 an adult, it's \$18 for a child. Are you looking at similar admission levels for the CDG?

Leanne Holmberg: No, the admission levels in the business plan are quite a bit lower than what they are in the zoo. They were...an adult I think is \$10 a person and then children and youth are below that level. But I must say that it is a business plan and, you know, once we get closer to opening, there are decisions that we'll have to make as a business, what levels of admission fees we have to charge. But we've started the park share program with the help of the Richardson family and we are matching funds from the Richardson family, to build that fund up, to help people...or to make this more accessible. I think Bruce had mentioned that we've started a program with the United Way. The United Way distributes 5,000 tickets to the zoo, whether you are an adult or children or a family, the United Way runs that program and...and

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes moves extension. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Leanne Holmberg: The United Way runs that program, distributes tickets to people that are under privileged. And we have Wildest Dreams that's built up over the last couple of years which brings a lot of children into the zoo and it's an enjoyable event. I would hope that we would see lots of City Council faces during that day because it is a really wonderful event and in that way people can and children can experience the park and the zoo. So we are making every effort we can to be more accessible.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Eadie followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. You know, I appreciate the work the Assiniboine Park Conservancy does and all the people involved. But, Madam Speaker, I have a concern when we are being asked what is admittedly now a for profit, private sector business offering and we are asked to provide a loan guarantee from the public purse, Madam Speaker. I have a concern that for some reason that I am asked to vote to allow them to expand their loan guarantee without actually seeing a business plan. And, Madam Speaker, my question is, how and who is the competition to the Assiniboine Park Conservancy and this offering that I think will be excellent and I appreciate the work. But, Madam Speaker, I'm wondering if they could answer me, who are they in competition with and, is that competitor not going to be upset that somehow this organization...this business is getting loan guarantees while their business is not, Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: That concludes the Question Period. If it's the will of Council to hear the answer, then I'll need a suspension of the rules. Councillor Schreyer moves suspension. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Leanne Holmberg: I should answer?

Madam Speaker: Councillor Lukes, will you move extension? All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Yes.

Leanne Holmberg: Okay, the loan guarantee is...we had a loan guarantee when we built the Journey to Churchill and the purpose of us taking out a loan is to fund construction costs while we are waiting for contributions from different levels of government and the private sector. Typically, the private sector will give us a gift that will be paid over a period of five to seven years. And so that doesn't bode well with contractors who expect to be paid during the course of construction. And so with the Journey to Churchill, we were given a \$17 million line of credit guaranteed by the City so that we could proceed with the Journey to Churchill and build this very wonderful city asset. We have been successful and we've kept our word on repaying that \$17 million and as of the current date we have \$6 million remaining that is outstanding and we continue to pay it with pledges that we're receiving from donors and designated pledges and pledges for the Journey to Churchill. And so we have been very successful at doing that. Without a loan guarantee by the City, I don't think we would even qualify for a loan of that magnitude just based on our financial strength. So and if we did, we would be paying interest rates of 12 or 14 percent because we would be viewed as a high risk. The loan guarantee allows us to build the City's assets while at the same time having a reasonable interest rate, 1.85 percent is where we have been over the last number of years and as I said, we've, you know, completely met our obligation to repay it. And with Canada Diversity Gardens, it's the same thing.

Madam Speaker: Suspension of the rules to have another extension. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Two minutes.

Leanne Holmberg: So with the journey...with Canada's Diversity Gardens, we find ourselves in the same position. We have raised right now about \$15.8 million worth of gifts from our donors in support of the project. That's in excess of what we have in our budget, but it will provide us with some cushions to additional contingency or whatever on that project. But these gifts come in over a period of years. And without some bridge financing, the project would be delayed until we have contribution agreements signed with the Province and with the Federal Government and to date, we have relied so heavily on our donors to get where we are. We spent...our donors have supported the project to the tune of \$4 million as of the end of June and have stuck with us all the way believing that we could make this happen and we have.

Madam Speaker: Ms Holmberg, thank you for answering the question. Thank you. Councillor Eadie, anything further? No? Moving on to Councillor Schreyer followed by Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you very much. I am relieved to hear that we are talking about the business plan to date. Very important...different things mentioned about that. We are talking about a business. We are already also talking about what has just been referred to by Ms Holmberg as a City assets from City assets. My question is, when we speak of these things, we are talking about summary of the business plan, we spent most of the question period referring to the business plan. We will be debating this based on what our understanding of the business plan is. We've got nothing else to work with. Would it not be helpful for Council to base their decision on the business plan specifically?

Madam Speaker: Ms Holmberg.

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Liz Kulyk: As Bruce had mentioned in his presentation, the business plan is a confidential document and it's not...we do not want to publicly...publicly air it. I mean it...we...

Madam Speaker: That concludes our question period, I'm sorry. The time is up on the clock. Okay, thank you very much for your presentation today. I am sorry to cut you off. Next delegation is Mr. Gord Delbridge, if you could please come forward. He is in support of Item No. 7 on the report of EPC dated July 5th, 2017 on the CUPE settlement.

Gord Delbridge: Thank you, Mayor and Council for giving me this opportunity to speak to you this morning. First off, I just want to say that I'd like to thank all that are going to vote in favour of ratifying the tentative agreement. I want to thank you all in advance and I just want to say to you that this was a very challenging round of negotiations to say the least. But with that being said, we've got a tentative agreement that our members voted 66 percent in favour of and I can tell you that our members provide quality public services on a day-to-day basis that Winnipeggers rely upon and depend upon on a day-to-day basis. There's many events that are coming up over the summer that you know our members are proud to be taking part in and I know that they're going to be an asset in making the Canada Games and various other events a success over the summer and we are proud to be taking on that role. With that being said, I just want to add that on behalf of our membership, there is some concern around the wage and that was probably one of the biggest concerns. I feel that our members deserve better. I know our members also feel that they deserve better but with that being said, we did, you know, tentatively agree with the 66 percent as I said, and I hope that you support the motion to support ratifying our agreement. Moving forward, I know that there's a lot of work to do to maintain labour relations. I think that, you know, so far we've worked well together on many aspects and I think that there's a lot more work and ongoing work to do to maintain labour relations and work on improving some of the morale in the work place. So once again, I just want to say thank you. It was a challenging round, but we are there. We've gotten through this and this is the final step in the game. So once again, I just want to thank you all in advance for those that are voting in favour of ratifying the agreement. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. There will be no questions for that delegation. We will now move into the reports. Mr. Mayor, on the report of EPC dated June 14th, 2017.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JUNE 14, 2017**

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce Item 4 of the report dated June 14th, 2017 and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Item No. 4.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Yes, Councillor Eadie? Okay, Madam Clerk.

Item 4 – By-law Enforcement under The Provincial Offenses Act and the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Act

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce Item 4.

Mayor Bowman: I will wait to hear from Council colleagues. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Okay, thank you. Councillor Eadie followed by Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to rise, Madam Speaker and express my appreciation for my colleagues on Council as well as the administration to allow time for us to figure out some of the...more of what the implications are of this...these changes to the by-laws regarding fines. And so I just wanted to stand and rise and say, I'll be supporting this report and I just wanted to express my appreciation to the Winnipeg Public Service as well as my colleagues on Council. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Lukes.

Councillor Lukes: I want to rise to basically say the same thing. I really appreciated having had the opportunity to have the extra time to work with staff, to do some clarifications, to go through the report in detail. Again, this was a...you know, it was quite a large report that was put forward. There were quite a lot of implications related to by-laws and changes and understanding them. This is a world that I've worked in quite a bit on a daily basis and I appreciate the time. You know, I am just rising to say that and that I will be supporting it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? Okay, I'll call the question on Item 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Moving on to the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 5th, 2017. Mr. Mayor.

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DATED JULY 5, 2017**

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 7 and I would like to pull No. 7, please.

Madam Speaker: Okay, I will call the question on Item 1, 2, 4 and 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 3.

Item 3 – Board of Revision – Practices and Procedures Manual

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Sure. Thanks. Thank you, Madam Speaker. As members of Council will know, there is currently no practices and processes manual for the Board of Revision. Procedures have evolved, but we are under the direction and implementation of the Board of Revisions Chair. With the implementation of the Practices and Procedural Manual, citizen members will be expected to adhere to a set of processes which are open and transparent and provide for a I think more responsible and accountable decision making, in particular the introduction of an oath of membership, a conflict of interest and a code of conduct policy declarations will better hold Board of Revision members accountable and decrease possible conflict situations so I'm very proud to move this forward. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Councillor Wyatt, you have the floor. Is there anyone else that wanted to speak to that item? Okay. Sorry, I had your name listed. Mr. Mayor, just close? I'll call the question on Item 3. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, Item 5, Madam Clerk.

Item 5 – Audit of Procurement for the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies Report and Review of the Employee Code of Conduct

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: I'll wait to hear from council colleagues, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I will be voting affirmative on this particular report, Madam Speaker, but I just couldn't resist not being able to stand up and talk about what the Auditor recommended in terms of the employee code of conduct and it's difficulty to read and I think for a number of employees who work for the City, they just don't seem to understand what the meanings are and it is a very difficult employee code of conduct, list of various...what we might call violations of the employee code of conduct, Madam Speaker. And so I just wanted to rise and whoever and my concern arises, Madam Speaker, going back quite some time in regards to a number of issues, but I won't speak of because Madam Speaker, some have been in the media, some have not, but my concern, Madam Speaker, is just that it needs to be very clear what constitutes a conflict especially when it comes...Madam Speaker, we have many decision making managers and employees of the City of Winnipeg, Madam Speaker. But many of them, in order to, you know, raise their kids and send them to school and do many things, many of our City workers, managers and senior managers, sometimes...well, I don't know about our senior managers but they do, Madam Speaker, they need...they are making money in other areas. And what's really complicating, Madam Speaker, and causes I think huge problems, is that when their second employment or business is actually related to what they do for a living as a professional manager, as a professional, as an inspector, Madam Speaker, it needs to be clear in these...in there that you cannot be...have a business that's directly related to the kind of service that you're providing on behalf of the City, Madam Speaker. And that's not very clear in this employee code of conduct and that needs to be dealt with. Also, I wanted to point out that while it is hard to read, I wanted to point out, Madam Speaker, that under this employee code of conduct, when it comes to our most senior managers, they are subject to the Employee Code of Conduct Committee which happens to be the Executive Policy Committee chaired by the Mayor, Madam Speaker. And so, therefore, when we are looking at having to deal with employee code of conduct issues with our most very senior managers, we need to have a better clarification about what defines that conflict, Madam Speaker.

Very clear. It needs to be very clear that thou shalt not be in business together if you're senior decision makers on the political and the City side. And I know that, Madam Speaker, we will be dealing with that with our Integrity Commissioner's code of conduct for us City Councillors. But I just wanted to say, Madam Speaker, that I'm glad that our Auditor finally came out and said there is a problem with our employee code of conduct and its ability to read and understand and it needs to actually have some more clarification when it comes to the most senior managers, employees of this city, what constitutes conflict and how one deals with a potential conflict. So I support this report and I just wanted to leave my fellow councillors, Mayor with what I see is a concern for many years, since I became a City Councillor. It was very disconcerting Madam Speaker, and so I'm glad that that will be tackled, the employee code of conduct and I hope that people perceive and understand what I am talking about when they go to revamp that employee code of conduct. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to rise to thank the Mayor and the EPC, actually the EPC going back to 2015 when this was actually raised at the time and the Mayor supported a motion for myself to look into this matter and pursue the audit and EPC, I want to thank them for doing that. I think the recommendations that came out of the audit, I think...and going forward, will definitely improve the City and our public service and hopefully issues like this won't become...won't be necessary for audits in the future if all these recommendations or when all these recommendations are implemented. So again, I want to thank members of Council and the Mayor. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Any further speakers? Thank you. Back to you, Mr. Mayor. Okay, I'll call the question. All in favour of Item 5? Contrary? Carried. Item 7, Madam Clerk.

Item 7 – Negotiations between the City of Winnipeg and the Canadian Union of Public Employees

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I first want to acknowledge and thank Gord Delbridge for speaking in delegation. As he mentioned, these negotiations were difficult and I'd like to really just, after a long and difficult negotiation, I want to thank, of course, the leadership of CUPE as well as their members for ratifying this collective agreement. I also want to thank members of our public service, our chief negotiator as well as our CAO and his entire senior leadership team, did some incredibly difficult work. Not only in the negotiations, but of course in strike contingency planning which was considerable in terms of the resources involved. I also want to obviously thank my Council colleagues, including and most notably our Finance Chair and our Council Liaison for Labour Relations, Councillor Scott Gillingham who has been a very strong and steady hand when it comes to our negotiations. We have worked very closely together on affecting now three negotiated settlements. And I think Council should be very proud of the approach that we've taken. We obviously are very mindful of the sustainability of our labour costs for taxpayers, but also the acknowledgment and respect for our valued employees. And we tried to strike that balance while better building collective agreements that are negotiated and that are more sustainable for taxpayers in the long run and I think we have achieved that with this...with this negotiated collective agreement. So I'm very proud to move this forward. Thank you.

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

Councillor Eadie: Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise of course to...of course I am supporting this agreement that was ratified by CUPE 500. Myself in the past having been a CUPE member of a different local mind you, but a member of a union that looks out for the workers and the ability of the workers to be able to make a living and take care of their families to be affordable, Madam Speaker. So I support this because it was ratified by a large number of CUPE workers, but I just wanted to mention something, Madam Speaker. I get really concerned, Madam Speaker, in when we start talking about percentage raise increases versus changes in pay scale, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, pay scale is actually related to the kind of work you are doing, Madam Speaker. That's what scale is about. When we talk about inflationary increases to the collective agreement on top of say your \$20 an hour and then you get an increase, Madam Speaker. That is about trying to help our workers keep up to inflation as our Mayor's brought to our attention since he was first elected on this whole issue of inflationary factors and so on, Madam Speaker. So I just wanted to clarify that, you know, I am looking at the percentage increases here and to me, they are okay, but I know that CUPE in the past has given up zero-zero and zero as an increase on inflationary factors. And so I am concerned that the employees of our City of Winnipeg, the CUPE workers, may be having difficulty keeping up with inflation, Madam Speaker. But having said that, I just wanted to say that I think it's somewhat inequitable in how we ended up or how it's negotiated that these percentage increases that CUPE 500 is looking at versus other unions. Because again, the percentage increase is not about the value of the work that a person is doing or the skill level that's required. The scale is all about that, not the

percentage increase. And so, Madam Speaker, I will support ratify this or Council ratify vote for this collective agreement. Thank you.

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

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, too, rise to support this motion and I want to echo what our mayor has said in thanking Mr. Gord Delbridge and his team for their work and also Mr. Robert Kirby and his team and our executives of the City in reaching a negotiated agreement. And the negotiated agreement of course...the negotiated settlement that is before us here avoids service disruption that would've been detrimental to the Winnipeg...city to the residents and to visitors to our great city during the summer months. I want to acknowledge what Mr. Delbridge said, that this...as I understand it, it was a challenging set of negotiations and we do realize that each party within a negotiation has their respective roles to play in representing those that...whose interests that they keep in mind and those whose interests they represent. And so I do appreciate that both the parties have negotiated and reached this tentative agreement. This agreement ensures general wage increases for members of CUPE and want to acknowledge that the City of Winnipeg employees as represented by CUPE 500 do good work, do important work for the City of Winnipeg. This agreement also though ensures that taxpayers are protected. I take this opportunity once again, I know I sound like a broken record, but to remind everyone in...around this council chamber in attendance and watching, that we are projecting an \$80 million deficit as we move into the preparation of the 2018 budget. And so, achieving sustainable labour costs are...achieving sustainable labour cost increases are vital...is vital to our ability to balance the 2018 budget and future budgets as well. And this collective agreement as the Mayor mentioned, is the third agreement in as many months following Police and Fire that will reduce the rate of cost increases over the lifetime of the agreement. That makes it more sustainable for taxpayers while still ensuring that our employees see wage increases. And so I will be supporting this motion and once again, want to just express my personal appreciation to all those involved in reaching this tentative collective agreement. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Next speaker is Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I guess we all owe gratitude to all those involved in coming to a very important settlement. In settlement it kind of looks like all sides can agree on to some high level of consensus. We are talking about a 1.5 percent increase. This is more complicated than that, we all know that, that negotiations like this incorporate various aspects of discussion and coverage. But I do want to...we happen to be speaking on that which is I guess the most visible, the most obvious, the one that the public understands the most and that's okay. This is the one that I understand the most, too. One point five percent increase. I am grateful that through the negotiations of Gord Delbridge and his team that have been able to work with the City and come up with an agreement that the majority, two-thirds, are comfortable with. But I want to make some remarks because it's really important we are talking about sustainable budgets. We're talking about long term planning. We're talking about quality of services, quality of work and quality of employment. We are also talking in terms of what politics is all about in terms of people's lives. As citizens, as we benefit from the services that the City offers and that those workers benefit from that dedication of their life. But we are talking about long term sustainability, Madam Speaker. And what I see here is in terms of trying to manage the budgetary restrictions that the City has, that the City workers represented here through these negotiations, they have borne the brunt of those budgetary challenges. They've done their part, if that is to be done and these are the challenges. So they have borne the brunt. But, Madam Speaker, taxes are not going up by 1.5 percent. Construction inflation, Madam Speaker, is not going up by 1.5 percent. So how can we reconcile this? We've tried to reconcile our budgetary restrictions through this union agreement of a 1.5 percent increase. Are mortgages going up by 1.5 percent? I'm not saying the City did the wrong thing, I'm just saying in context of sustainable budgeting and being realistic about the future, what else is going up by 1.5 percent and what else should we be thinking about in terms of sustainable futures? Madam Speaker, of course, if certain things are going up by 1.5 and certain things aren't, what's going to give in a decade or 20? What's going to be the difference in 10 years? What's the problem? Maybe there isn't a problem. Well if there isn't a problem, why are we just talking about sustainable budgets and the fact that we have these budgetary restrictions because we have challenges and part of the challenge, Madam Speaker, is taxes are not going up by 1.5 percent. What else isn't? Fees? Are they going up by 1.5? Are people's mortgages going up by 1.5 percent a year, Madam Speaker? Is the cost of food only going up by 1.5 percent? Certain things are beyond the control of this city, that's a fact. Certain things are beyond the control of our government. That's a fact. Certain things are the responsibility of government to deal with, Madam Speaker, such as collective agreements and we've done this, 1.5 percent. Madam Speaker, do you think the role of government is just to deal when it comes to our budgetary restrictions and our negotiating and what we can do as a city is merely rely on negotiations with the worker's union to trying to keep our costs down? Below the rate of tax increases? Below the rate of fee increases, beyond the rate of levy increases, water rate increases? So why? Why is this happening? What is going on? I'm not blaming any individual at City Hall. I'm just saying this is our collective responsibility, Madam Speaker. Why is this 1.5 and nothing else? I am not saying this is wrong. The union has agreed to bear the brunt of the City's budgetary challenges and I'm grateful at least at this point in the short term, but we've all got to deal with something bigger than this. How is it possible that when we've got

budgetary restrictions, Madam Speaker, and we take it out, justifiably we need to negotiate and deal with our financial responsibilities and our financial limitations but we are saying, we are solving things. This isn't a solution, Madam Speaker, it's an indication of our challenges and it shows what we are doing about it. So far, all I see, Madam Speaker, in terms of what we can do is we've kept the increases to 1.5 percent per year. Madam Speaker, the role of government is bigger than that. Because, Madam Speaker, we are the greatest employer if you will or contractor for the great infrastructure contracting development in this city along with the Provincial and Federal Government. That's what governments do especially the municipal level, Madam Speaker. We build things. We build infrastructure. We build roads. We build water and sewer systems. We build bridges. These things are expensive, and by the way, more expensive than this collective agreement, more expensive than the police and firefighter contracts combined. It's gigantic and Madam Speaker, that is the pressure being put on our annual budgetary challenges. What's the rate of construction inflation, Madam Speaker? That's the question. But, Madam Speaker, that's our job to do something about it. We did something as the city government by negotiating and trying to minimize. And it wasn't wrong, Madam Speaker, but tried to minimize the amount that we pay out because we have restrictions. Where else have we done that? Madam Speaker, when it comes to our expenditures, where else have we done it? Where else have we done that with construction inflation? Have we done that at all Madam Speaker? How have we done it? We went through some...well, it seems to me, a lot of people are very aware that we went through one heck months of negotiations to get to this. Intense. Lives are at stake. It's out in the public, it's in the private, whatever. What type of equal type of consideration taking on our challenges and construction inflation have we shown to the people of Winnipeg? Madam Speaker, we are the largest contractor of construction in the city and yet, somehow, we fail to be able to match our strength and our abilities on that level as we are here. Why is that the case? Madam Speaker, I'll leave it here for now. We all know I'm on this. I just want to make sure that the City of Winnipeg is, and it looks like all we have done to deal with this is a 1.5 percent increase for the workers. Madam Speaker, this isn't...this is part of what we have to do, but we haven't got...thank you.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Schreyer, if you could wrap up, please. Thank you very much. Any further speakers? Seeing none, Mr. Mayor, back to you.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm pleased like I said before, I'm pleased that we are bringing a negotiated settlement to Council for hopeful ratification. In listening to my council colleagues talking about members of our public service bearing the brunt, I will just remind Winnipeggers this collective agreement contemplates an increase for our valued workers. When we were elected, one of the commitments I made which I'm grateful my council colleagues supported was a reduction in the top-ups to members of EPC, Speaker, Deputy Speaker and I reciprocated in kindness of course, total roughly about \$12,000 a year which we have honoured each and every year since we've been elected. When I was a...in private practice and a business owner, my guaranteed salary for the year was zero and I had to work for it like many, many Winnipeggers have to do each and every day to pay their taxes and pay their fees, to do their share to help build this city and they are not afforded the guarantees and the annual increases that many are fortunately afforded. I am proud that this collective agreement again contemplates increases. They are more modest than in the past. I believe they are more sustainable for taxpayers. I was pleased to hear my council colleagues speak about taxes and fees, if he will support lowering taxes and fees in the upcoming budget, I would welcome that and going forward and when we talk about our expenditures, I'm very pleased to hear him speak about watching our expenditures here at City Hall. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'll call the question on Item 7. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor, if you could introduce the next report.

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DATED JULY 12, 2017**

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I introduce the report and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 7 and I would like to pull Report 1, please.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes, I saw your hand up as well. Okay, great. Alright, I'll call the question on Item 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Federal Funding Request for Accelerated Regional Street Renewals

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. And this is...I describe this report as a no brainer. Many...I think every single member of this Council has talked about roads being a priority. We have designated funds for our regional roads, so has the Provincial Government. This report contemplates...as has been noted, it contemplates an additional \$182 million in funding from the Federal Government at no additional cost to the Province or the City of Winnipeg and our taxpayers. It simply tops up the Regional Roads Program. The contemplation of enhancing our regional roads, it should be noted that that previous Council...and I...we should give credit to two previous Council and Councillor Wyatt for the dedicated one percent for regional roads. I think that was a very smart move that we are realizing the benefits of right now in looking at record funding for our roads. This is an effort to just amplify and enhance that incredible, historically high Regional Roads Program that I know drivers are feeling right now with the roads program. I want to thank our committee chair, Councillor Marty Morantz who's done incredible work in the portfolio overseeing of course historic roads funding as well as positive change with regards to public transportation and active transportation. One of the things we are grappling right now with, of course, is just the sheer volume of construction projects and that's why the Transportation Management Centre is something that I think all member of Council and Winnipeggers should be very proud of and benefiting from by using the Waze app. Again, this...this report contemplates an additional \$182 million in funding that is currently unallocated in Ottawa to come to Winnipeg. Let's also keep in mind that roughly half a billion dollars remains unallocated for the City...for the Province of Manitoba, I'd like it all, for the City of Winnipeg. Right now, Winnipeg has approximately 7 percent of Manitoba's share. That funding is going to the current construction of the Waverley Underpass. If supported by Council and ultimately if supported by the Province of Manitoba and the Federal Government, this would take our allocation up to approximately 34 percent keeping in mind that the vast majority of Manitobans live in the City of Winnipeg. Those numbers obviously should be much higher when the dust settles, but for now, I think it's important that we practice what we preach. Let's put our votes where our mouths are and when it comes to fixing our roads, here's a prime opportunity to do that without any additional cost to Winnipeg taxpayers. And let's also be mindful of...hopefully, when this is supported by Council, this will then go to the Province of Manitoba. The Province will then be asked to simply submit to the Federal Government this as a priority. It is something that will not cost the Province of Manitoba one dollar more from current budgets and we would obviously urge the Province to support this going forward so that we can work in partnership with our provincial partners as well as with our federal partners for making these funds available to ensure that we enhance the Regional Roads Program to an incredibly high historical rate over a six year period. Thank you, Madam Speaker and I would ask for a recorded vote.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Our next speaker is Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of this particular motion, Madam Speaker, and I think it's a...it's a great idea to really move forward with slow progress in dealing with our regional roads that really need to be reconstructed. As we all know, it was a campaign issue when we were running in 14, it's campaign issue...it's an issue every year in order to keep up to the decaying streets that we had. And, you know, that was because we weren't dealing with the problem for some 20 years until Councillor Wyatt and previous Council decided to bring in these two local and regional road programs, Madam Speaker. And you know, Building Canada is an essential source of money from the Federal Government and while I would really like to see great progress, Madam Speaker, on roads that we really need in terms of trade, commerce, the ability of Winnipeg to continue to grow and to provide for the citizens of Winnipeg and, for example, the Chief Peguis Trail extension out to the west, it's very important as we heard from the director of the Heavy Construction Association, Mr. Lorenc. These are all very important things that we need to accomplish, Madam Speaker, and so I support that. But you know, Madam Speaker, I just have to say and I know it might have been prepared quite quickly, I'm not sure, Madam Speaker, but I had some real serious concerns with the history perspective that was listed in there in terms of the various projects that we were looking at in the past in order to accomplish like, for example, the...that's okay, Kenaston widening and the bridge issues that we need to deal with all the way from Ness down to Taylor, Madam Speaker. These are all very important infrastructure pieces that we need in order for Winnipeg to continue to grow, Madam Speaker. And that's...you know, as councillors, Mayor and everybody, that is our

responsibility. Make sure that Winnipeg is able to grow into the future. And this motion, I agree, actually, looks to attempt to do that and I wholeheartedly support...support it. But again, I just wanted to...I will publicly say I did have some concerns with the report because I don't think it was particularly accurate in terms of how it depicted where...what stages of different estimates are at and so on and so forth, Madam Speaker. But I think this is great. What is it over the period of years, \$182 million, Madam Speaker? I don't know why the Provincial Government wouldn't endorse the City of Winnipeg's request in this regard to the Federal Government. For me, it's a no brainer. These...many of the streets need to be fixed and actually, Madam Speaker, I would point out that some stretches of roads that are to be done in the first year...would be attempted to be done in the first year depending on whether or not we do get this money because we need those approvals, but Madam Speaker, you know, there are some pieces of roads that are being actually done in 2017, for example, a section of Salter is already being renewed this year, Madam Speaker. But that aside, I think that this is a great motion and I appreciate the Mayor bringing it forward. Interesting to find out that around the time we were meeting together at the FCM, early June, that this was in the vote out to the Federal Government request looking at doing this. And so, Madam Speaker, I think this is great and I wholeheartedly support this and although I don't agree with some of the content, history in the report I think is misleading. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Councillor Gillingham.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I simply rise to support this motion as well. I do want to thank the Mayor for his leadership on this, this submission. And I want to remind us what we really all know is that roads and infrastructure investment still remains the number one priority when we speak to our citizens. In the fall of last year, dialogue partners in preparation for the 2017 budget did their work and the results of their work when they surveyed the community was that roads, infrastructure investment, streets, infrastructure investment was the number one priority of citizens of Winnipeg. In 2018 budget process which is well under way, this spring, we...our office of public engagement went out and spoke to citizens at 17 different locations also had online surveys, had them...other opportunities for the public to give their input as to what their priorities are for our upcoming 2018 budget. Once again, to no one's surprise, a continued investment in roads and infrastructure and fixing up the streets both regional streets, local streets, is the number one desire of the citizens of Winnipeg. A budget is a priority's document, you've heard that many times before. This would enable the City to reflect to the priorities of the citizens of Winnipeg in the 2018 budget. And so these funds would allow the City to develop an enhanced 2018 regional roads budget which of course still would be for Council consideration and ultimately for Council approval before anything could be done. But I just...I'm just glad to support this motion. And I believe that to be granted this and to get the Province's participation in this regard would really go a long way to us tackling the looming infrastructure deficit that we face.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Seeing no further speakers, Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close? Okay, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you. Thanks, Madam Speaker. I just want to rise and say a few words. I want to thank the Mayor for bringing this matter forward and again, members of Council, EPC. The program...the challenge we've always had with Building Canada is the fact that it's historically the tripartite programs that have been a third, a third, a third and, you know, the challenge we have, always is trying to find funding sources for those programs and the road programs tend to be fairly significant in terms of size and scale in terms of the dollar value and I think there is no doubt that the public service, the Mayor's office, the Mayor and...have done some great work here and members of EPC, Councillor Morantz, Chair of Public Works in terms...and the Finance Chair, in terms of looking at the existing funding we have and using that as a way to leverage the provincial and federal dollars. And in this case actually, the Provincial Annual Funding Grant, I believe actually drops in the future going out and this would hopefully keep that alive through this program, which I think is very significant, which really...has not been noted much, but I think it should be noted because it's crucial that the provincial funding that has historically been there for our roads continues on and doesn't drop it, which I believe it does after 2019, I'm going by memory. So that's really important. And, you know, I think we obviously have a huge challenge that's been said over and over again with our existing infrastructure and our existing regional streets which are all, you know, we want to build new regional streets and new regional roads around the city. The challenge we have, Madam Speaker, is that those existing regional roads lead usually on to...our new regional roads we are proposing to build will lead on to the existing regional road system which as we...has been noted by our delegations earlier is showing signs of deterioration. So we do need to do something with our existing regional roads and so this is a great motion that's been brought forward, a great report. And I think though it's something that's on the IRPW agenda, and it will be referred to IRPW, I want to note the good works in terms of the overall Building Canada Program and the New Building Canada Program, the good works that have gone on to identify also the challenge we have with those new strategic infrastructure projects which we are aware of. The...and that's really the biggest challenge we have in many ways. I think we've done a lot of great work and I thank the Mayor for his kind words, but it was really a team effort by the previous Council and ongoing effort by this Council to keep those programs alive, the Local Street Program and the Regional Street Program. But the challenge we still have, I recall, going back when first elected, Jim Thompson who was at that time, the Director of Public Works and I think it was one of the first Council seminars I attended, and he spoke and gave us a presentation about the existing regional or existing infrastructure challenges and what I had not heard before which was a term for...called new strategic road infrastructure, and new strategic road infrastructure. What is

that? So he explained it and clearly, you know, that's a challenge. We also know we do need funding also and there...in any great city for rapid transit and rapid transit is something that I know we will be addressing through thank goodness I believe federal funding, and it will be flowing, they are talking about it will access those funds and I know Councillor Gerbasi has been a big advocate of that. So, you know, I...it's...you know, every great city, city of our size and scale has a major road network, often freeways, limited access expressways and a strong and healthy rapid transit system. They have both. It's not one or the other which has been our challenge as a city. So you know, the challenge we have outstanding is to find how we can still finance our one third share of these programs and that's really, you know, or whatever the share will be, hopefully a little bit less with the Federal Government stepping up to 40 percent which is absolutely amazing. If the Province follows suit which I know the Mayor has been actively pushing for to encourage them to step up with an additional 40 percent as well, that would make a huge difference to us to be able to start to address these issues; rapid transit and roads. And the direct benefits to the Provincial Government as pointed out by Mr. Lorenc earlier, to the Provincial Government and the Federal Government is their repay back in terms of these construction projects are very quick. I mean the...there has been numerous business plans or for performance done on this and it's shown clearly that the Provincial Government and the Federal Government earned through income taxes and their sales taxes and what not, the funds back in a matter of the years if not less. And it's...it's...and it's the city that is also benefitting by seeing growth and development in terms of mill rate support but it takes a little bit longer to actually see that. And that's been our challenge. So I would encourage when this resolution passes and I hope it passes unanimously, I would encourage all members of Council to reach out to their designated members of the legislative assembly and we typically have more than one in our jurisdictions and encourage them, to encourage the Provincial Government to make this program happen. We need the Province to sign on to this. This is a good news thing and we...we should all reach out, phone, e-mail, have coffee with our MLAs and encourage them to encourage the Premier and the Cabinet to bring this about sooner rather than later so we can see these roads being approved. Some of them are massive, Madam Speaker. One of the roads which is really significant ironically is going to be right outside of the door steps of the Manitoba Legislature, it's Broadway. And that's six lanes, Madam Speaker, three lanes in either...three...a six lane cross section road from Osborne to Main, a huge project which under way will do a lot to revitalize our downtown and beautify our downtown but it needs to be done. I mean the...probably the old tram line is still under the road for all we know. It used to be there. So you know...you know, it's...you know, we need to get the Provincial Government's support and we need to encourage the Premier to jump on board with this and I'm sure he's looking at it positively. We haven't heard anything to the contrary so, you know, it's...and I know there is always that negotiation that goes back and forth between the Province, the Feds and the City at times like this with Building Canada, I just hope that this is smiled upon by Broadway as well. So thanks very much, Madam Speaker, and again thank the Mayor for this initiative. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: I just sometimes have to remind myself that although we may all understand because we have the reports in front of us, the public that's watching may not completely understand what we are talking about. So I just wanted to clarify two points. The report that we put forward is for an application for federal money under the Build Canada fund, not provincial money. So we're not asking the Province as the Mayor said for any provincial taxpayers' dollars. This is money that is...it is administered through the Province but it is a federal program. And, you know, a lot of points have been made about the report, it's a very good report because it doesn't require us to come up with any additional money but our share of the monies for these road renewal projects are already...already budgeted. Also another point that I just want to clarify and I want to thank you, Madam Speaker, for highlighting this issue, is that the fact that we are asking for this appropriation of Build Canada Funds for road renewal does not at all impact our major capital project priorities which Council set in a prior vote. So...and that's coming forward in a motion that I moved and Madam Speaker, you seconded, that we will be voting on later on in this meeting. But I just want to reassure, because there was some confusion I think in the mind of the public that somehow because we're making this application that all of a sudden, we are, you know, putting these major capital projects on the back burner, but that's not all the case. The reality is that these federal monies are time sensitive. They time out at the end of March of 2018 and in order for the citizens of Winnipeg to enjoy the benefit of federal dollars going into City of Winnipeg streets, it's important for us to make this application for the Province and for all citizens and the MLAs at the Legislature to understand that we're not asking the Province for any money. In fact, we're just asking for our share of federal money for our street renewals. So thank you. Those are my comments.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Mr. Mayor, do you wish to close?

Mayor Bowman: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. And thanks to my Council colleagues for their words of support and appreciation for the good work that I think we've been able to do as a council on this as well as obviously in working collaboratively with our public service. I should've in my earlier comments thanked the representatives from the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association and CAA Manitoba who are still with us here today. Their support is greatly appreciated as is their ongoing work to advocate to us and to other levels of government about the number one priority

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of Winnipeggers which is simply fixing the roads. The...like I said before, I believe this is a no brainer as Councillor Morantz articulated a few moments ago, again, this is no new money from the Province of Manitoba. It's no new money from our budget. It is simply asking the Province of Manitoba to send a letter to Ottawa asking that they provide \$182 million of support that is allocated for the City...allocated for the Province of Manitoba to help flow so that we can work collaboratively with them to fix our regional roads on an unprecedented level. And so, I do want to thank everybody involved. Councillor Sharma or Speaker as well who isn't able to speak when she's sitting in the Speaker's chair has also been excellent in having a collaborative dialogue over the last week since Councillor...sorry, since our Speaker appeared at EPC last week, we have had much discussion which is resulted in an automatic referral that will be going to IRPW motion is authored...or at least is moved by Councillor Morantz and seconded by our Speaker, which will help us provide an assessment on those Build Canada projects. So I'm looking forward to seeing that move forward in the fall as well but I want to thank every member of Council who has been part of the dialogue over the last week and ask for your support in this report. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that, I'll call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Call for recorded vote, that's correct. All in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

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His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Morantz, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Schreyer and Wyatt and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Madam Speaker: The vote is unanimous. Thank you. With that, I think it's time to adjourn for lunch. We have a special event on. Council will reconvene at 1:30. Thank you.

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Madam Speaker: Just having some technical difficulties. It will just be a few minutes. Good afternoon. I would like to reconvene our council meeting of July 19th, 2017. We are on the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 12th, 2017. Item No.3, Madam Clerk.

**Item 3 – Increase in Loan Guarantee on Assiniboine Park Conservancy Line of Credit and Approval of an
Amendment to the Assiniboine Park Conservancy Development Plan**

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor to introduce the item. Followed by Councillor Wyatt to introduce Motion 9 and amending motion.

Mayor Bowman: Sure. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Firstly, I want to thank representatives from the Assiniboine Park Conservancy for joining us here today to answer questions from members of Council, appreciated the presentation as well as the report. Obviously, I want to acknowledge the questions that were raised by members of Council and obviously, I look to the Assiniboine Park Conservancy and the revitalization of the Assiniboine Park as a success for the City of Winnipeg and I think any time you can build a model that invites and delivers on private sector contributions for a public asset is something that is worthy of praise. And so obviously, this was a decision of previous Council and as well as the commitment that was made to the Assiniboine Park Conservancy and I want to applaud the work of previous Council for that vision. And I will be supporting the report before you today. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Wyatt, your opportunity to introduce the amending Motion No. 9.

Motion No. 9
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Browaty,

THAT Item No. 3 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 12, 2017 be amended by adding an additional Recommendation No. 4 as follows:

That Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 shall be subject to Winnipeg City Council approval of the entire Business Plan for The Assiniboine Park Conservancy's "Canada's Diversity Garden".

AND THAT the existing Recommendation No. 4 be renumbered to Recommendation No. 5.

Councillor Wyatt: I'd like to move and thank Councillor Browaty for seconding the motion. It's self-explanatory and I will speak to the clause rather than speak to my motion right now. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Okay. Any further speakers on the main item or the amending motion? Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I really appreciate what the Conservancy is doing for Assiniboine Park and it's creating a most excellent destination for people coming to Winnipeg as well as for Winnipeggers and families of all sizes and types and so on. It's really...really great to know that things are progressing and improving, Madam Speaker, and I'm actually, you know, supportive of their plans to expand and to renew and make the Assiniboine Park a place that people are proud to go to and will participate and get involved in many different kinds of outdoor activities, including...and well, in this case, we are talking about the building of a new facility related to gardens and I think that's really important, Madam Speaker. And you know, I appreciate the work that the board, the Assiniboine Park Conservancy does and the members of it and the work they do and as well as the administration, Madam Speaker. But Madam Speaker, I...unless it gets amended, Madam Speaker, I really...with the motion...and I'm supportive of the motion moved by Councillors Wyatt and Browaty. Essentially, this is not a not for profit business, Madam Speaker. So when I hear things like competitive advantage or competitive business plan and so on, Madam Speaker, I get quite concerned because ultimately, when we look at giving loan guarantees, Madam Speaker, I don't know who they consider to be their competition, Madam Speaker, whether they think that Kildonan Park or St. Vital Park or whatever, you know, major regional parks we have, Madam Speaker. I don't know who they consider to be their competitors but ultimately, we are talking about public loan guarantees and in those terms, Madam Speaker, it seems to me if I am to...if I was a banker and I was to be the person to decide whether or not to provide loan guarantees, Madam Speaker, I would want to read the business plan before I made a decision, a vote, Madam Speaker, a vote. Now, I can't imagine what competitiveness disadvantage there would be in letting us know and see the business plan, the new, updated business plan. The business plan that is open for the public and has been considered, Madam Speaker, of course is public, but it's not that business plan for the overall park and as well as the business plan as it relates to this particular project, Madam Speaker. And so, like I just...we...we were asked to make decisions in the past where business plans were lacking and we were all concerned that this information, Madam Speaker, was not made available when we are talking about the public dollar and business plans and so and so forth, arm's length organizations from the City of Winnipeg. And so, for the life of me, I can't imagine, I don't want to head down the road and I don't think that there is a real problem with...I don't understand what the problem would be with their business plan, Madam Speaker. I mean the reality is, they are charged with keeping Assiniboine Park a jewel of the city, a place where everybody wants to go, and that's great. But it's not a private corporation. If it's a private corporation, like we're not giving loan guarantees to private companies, Madam Speaker, like competitive companies. If this is to be a competitive company with a private sector business that somehow can't know what's in the business plan, Madam Speaker, then I would have to ask the question, why, you know...and maybe there is good reason, but why are we going to be competing with private sector businesses that don't get loan guarantees from the City of Winnipeg, the public. It's basically the public's purse, yeah, it will get paid back. Okay, that's fine, Madam Speaker. But you know the reality is, is the public tax dollar is being asked to back, to guarantee, an expanded loan, Madam Speaker. And you don't...like, I just don't understand the need for secrecy on this. This is not...like I don't really understand why they want to protect it and, you know, we should demand that kind of thing. Yeah, we've got an executive summary, Madam Speaker, but you know, it doesn't really get into the crux of how they're going to proceed and how they expect to succeed in providing this much better facility to Winnipeggers at a fee, that's fine. But anyway, I just...those are my concerns and unless it gets amended, I can't vote for this because I don't want to go down the route that I went through in the previous term as City Councillor. Like, we can't be making decisions based on not having the information available to us. And so, for me I just...I'm very concerned that we have been told because of competition, we are not allowed to see this business plan. Who are we...who is the Assiniboine Park Conservancy competing with? I don't know. So anyway, I will leave it at that. I'm hoping that we pass the amendment. It's a simple thing. I don't understand what the real problem is in making that available. We know that Assiniboine Park is doing really well and it's moving forward and I think that's great. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Councillor Gillingham followed by Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise. I will be supporting the original motion. I will not be supporting the amendment and I will explain my reasons in just a few moments. The Assiniboine Park Conservancy obviously has a track record as we've heard today and many have lauded the delegation from the park. In regards to their track record of major positive enhancements at the park, which is...reminds us, has been, is today and will continue to be long after these plans are fulfilled a City-owned asset. So the enhancements and the changes really ultimately

belong to the citizens of Winnipeg. The \$10 million that we are voting on in the original motion, that is...will assist a \$10 million worth of capital will assist the City in fulfilling the terms of the agreement...the original agreement which specified up to \$50 million in capital investment that the City would be committed to in regards to improving and enhancing the park. Those monies, leveraged federal, provincial and private dollars that have been raised to fund this Canada's Diversity Gardens project. The report that we are voting on specifically has two what I would call safety clauses that offer protection to the citizens of Winnipeg, to Winnipeg taxpayers. First of all, in the clause of the motion, it does state in Clauses 1 and 2 when you put them together, it is subject to approval and confirmation of incremental funding from the Federal and Provincial Governments. So the City's money which will be contemplated in the 2018 budget would not flow without that confirmation. Also, I do note and I believe Councillor Mayes will speak more to it in a moment, that on page 6, it talks about any overages will not be on the citizens of Winnipeg through City Council to cover if the project was over in any way. Those are two safety clauses. I went looking through this morning, I read through the 2010 agreement that the City of Winnipeg signed with the Assiniboine Park, the original agreement. I went all through that agreement and at no place and no point in that agreement that I could find does it state that Assiniboine Park must submit business plans for Council approval prior to capital dollars flowing to Assiniboine Park for any of the projects in their overall plan. In fact, Council has provided in previous years under previous councils tens of millions of dollars for Assiniboine Park capital projects and tens of millions of dollars for Assiniboine Park operational budgets in each year since 2010. And has done so, has approved those in each budget year without business plans for any one of the projects, for example, Churchill...Journey to Churchill being submitted for Council approval. At least to my knowledge, from everything I could find, we've never...Council's never acquired business plans to be approved by Council for any one of those projects before capital dollars would flow from the City. In fact, according to the report that we have before us, the original report, the master plan, the development plan which is the master plan that was to be developed and was developed early in around 2010 perhaps, just prior to, my understanding from the agreement that I read is that development plan was to be approved by Council. According to the executive summary's report we have in front of us and I quote, "A development plan originally referred to in the lease and funding agreement dated October 1st, 2010", so seven years ago, "was not formally approved by Council, but projects were included and approved in the capital budget and the capital development plan account." So I appreciate that the Councillors' amendment here in the interest of trying to protect the taxpayers, however, we're let's say three quarters of...if I can use the analogy, we're three quarters of the way through the game here and it seems like with this amendment, it would somewhat change the rules of the game to all parties involved. The submission of business plans for Council approval was never contemplated in the original agreement in 2010. The development plan which was called for, according to our report here, was never approved by Council even though it's been developed...it was developed years ago, according to what I'm reading here. And there are safety mechanisms in this report that we are voting on today when it comes to the capital funds that we are...are being asked to be considered in the 2018 budget that APC is requesting flows to this Canada's Diversity Project, and a loan guarantee. There are safety mechanisms in place I believe that do protect taxpayers and as was mentioned by our delegation this morning, coming up in 2020, we will be in the position as the City to be in negotiations with the Assiniboine Park for a new agreement because it's time for it to be updated and that is also an opportunity, not only...that's an opportunity to renegotiate and to ensure that taxpayers' interests are protected while the assets of the park continue to grow and we do have the budget process which this is being referred to and through the budget process and through discussion around the budget, Council has the opportunity to give consideration to the funds that are flowing to or requested by Assiniboine Park. So the reason I'm...all that to say, the reason that I'm supporting the motion is because I believe this is in accordance with the agreement that was made in 2010 and the reason I'm not supporting the amendment, though I appreciate the spirit behind the amendment, the reason I'm not supporting the amendment is I believe, given the other mechanisms in place, there are enough protections for taxpayers to ensure that taxpayer interests are protected in this regard. Thank you.

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

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I largely agree with what Councillor Gillingham had to say and therefore, try not to repeat all of it. But the issue I wanted to focus on which he highlighted was an issue which does...does bear some attention and that is dealt with on page 6 of the report. And the key sentence here is the City will not be responsible for funding overages beyond budget if they occur. So there's some other wording there that articulates that the APC is responsible for finding any additional funding required if this project goes beyond 75 million. Why is that material? I think Council's had some experiences in the past where reports were not completely clear to some of the members of Council or after the fact people said, well, we weren't sure what we were voting on. So this is pretty clear and I want to thank Mike Ruta for pointing this out to me that there is a protection here. There is a very clear statement and it is certainly my understanding as I stand here voting today that the City will not be responsible for any funding overages beyond the budget if those occur. It is worth pointing out that this...that the conservatory...I don't mean to criticize APC. I'm not against the West End. I'm not against sparks. I'm not against flowers. I'm not against gardens, but I am trying to defend the taxpayer interest here. This project, the new conservatory project, clearly was estimated at \$50 million. It's in the report if you look at Schedule A. \$50 million for the new conservatory. You might well say, but that's in 2010 dollars, perhaps some Schreyer-like construction inflation has kicked in and escalated the cost of

this up, but in that 2013 when I was on the board of APC, that was still very much viewed as a \$50 million project. People wonder why I keep these notebooks. My notes from a meeting, February 7th with APC, \$50 million. APC documents indicating...seemed like a remarkably quick ten minutes.

Madam Speaker: Go ahead.

Councillor Mayes: APC document, April of 2013, April 3rd, my notes April 4th, board meeting 2013, it's a \$50 million project. It was sent out for design purposes for consultation with architect. It's a \$50 million project. Today, it's a \$75 million project. It may well be that the scope increase dramatically from a conservatory replacement to being the Diversity Gardens and that might well explain some of the cost increase, but that would also raise some red flags I've been getting that if the scope has increased by that much in four years, I think it's certainly well founded by us as councillors to say, well, what protections do we have. If the budget's gone up 50 percent in the last four years, what protections do we have if the cost exceeds the \$75 million budget? As Councillor Gillingham said, it's there on page 6 of the report that we are voting today would be undertaken by staff, with the understanding that should there be any overages we are not responsible. I certainly hope we're not sitting here, standing here in three or four years saying, well, there is a request before us for X millions of dollars, and people think, oh, it is all your responsibility because we said earlier in the day, it's all City assets so it must have been understood that the City would be on the hook. No this is very clear that what we are voting on that the information we've been given by staff, it was not contradicted by any of the speakers was the City is not responsible for any overages. As Councillor Gillingham said, we are about three quarters of the way through the game. We're already in for about three quarters of the \$50 million. I think he is right. The business plan doesn't particularly matter in a sense in that we had committed to up to \$50 million toward a target of 200. This will take us right up against that limit or extremely close to it of the \$50 million. So should the Federal Government give the go ahead in writing, should the Provincial Government give the go ahead in writing, this project will proceed as stated here, if they can make those commitments in writing then we'll be on the hook for the remainder of our commitment. I'm sure it will be a fine structure. My concern today though is seeing an increase in 50 percent in the estimated cost in a four year gap does give me some concern but obviously there are undertakings from APC that they will find any overages privately and certainly what we are voting on here today as the report we have been given by staff is that any overages would be the responsibility of APC. I certainly hope it will come in at 75 million or less. I think it will be a great addition for the City, but should that exceed the target, then obviously we are not as a council making any commitment here today to be part of any of that overage, in fact, quite the reverse. I think we're being quite explicit saying we are not on the hook for anything beyond our original \$50 million commitment. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yeah, I rise Madam Speaker. I want to say again how impressed I am, and folks that we have had from out of town visiting us, taking them to Journey to Churchill, to the zoo, taking them to the park, you know, on the duck pond, skating on the duck pond at the Qualico Family Centre. You know, it's just been a...it's a remarkable achievements, tobogganing down the toboggan hill. That...anyway, that brings back a lot of fond memories. So you know, Madam Speaker, I think they've done a tremendous job and there is no question that the volunteers, the board of directors who volunteer their time on that board, Mr. Richardson and many other business leaders in our city have done tremendous work for Winnipeg and as well the staff there are very qualified and do excellent work. You know, so I want to make sure that that's understood and clear. What we are requesting today is not much more than what we've done recently in the past as this council. I would remind the Council that we have gone to other not for profit groups who are incorporated, who operate as a not for profit in the eyes of the Federal Government and are recognized that way and have asked them for business plans when they come to us requesting money. The Buhler Recreation Park, as an example, \$60,000, you must provide us with business plan. Now, they're...they've got a relationship with the City, the same amount of time, actually a little bit longer, 2006 this council approved their plan, 2007 they opened. They've had a...their audited financials just like APC before us. They've had all the...they've met their requirements that we put before them over the years to ensure financial accountability, yet they're...they come forward to ask an extension on their grant and they are told you must write a business plan to show us why this has to happen and you must provide that to us. And you know, I...and to this Council, not just the administrations, Council, so you know, I...all I'm saying is that, you know, if...and that's for 60,000, Madam Speaker. That's not for \$75 million project. That's not for our share of increasing their grant. And I want to thank the staff of the APC for meeting with me and they did it fairly quickly last Thursday, you know, but they did...they too expressed some frustration and I heard them all, the fact that, you know, they did come to us internally, prior to the last budget and they put the submission to the City, exactly a year ago, already. And at that time, apparently it was not brought forward because provincial money and federal monies had not been committed and so I understand that but at the same time I do understand their frustration that, that you know, they've been waiting and, you know, it was probably not up to them to have them here before us at this point, July, late in the calendar year leading into a project that they want to get into the ground right away. But nonetheless, this is where we are today and if it's a requirement for us to do...to require other community groups and I can give you a whole list of other not for profits and hoops that we are asking them to jump through now and we had an organization that has a

proven track record just like this one being asked to do a business plan I think it's only fair. Are the rules of the game changing? Yes. But this Council has been changing the rules of the game I think for the better. And the fact that we clearly now know from our experience, with the opening of Journey to Churchill, the zoo, the new zoo, we know from that experience that the original estimate as documented in the original business plan which we do have from 2008 did indicate that there would be a \$6 million drop in their annual operating grant. That \$6 million drop in 2015 did not materialize. It was only a \$3 million drop. We now know as was raised by Councillor Mayes that the original plan of the conservatory of being \$50 million has gone from \$50 million to \$75 million. That is a dramatic change. We know that there have been changes to the original estimates of the zoo admissions, you know, upwards not down. So we know these things and it just is enough to cause a red flag to go up and say, you know what, let's do this extra level of due diligence. And I realize the CFO has the business plan, but when we require the business plan to come here even if it's...if we require it, we have to do, we have to sign off and not release to the public, I get that, but that...what that does is it takes it up a notch in my view in the eyes of our public service to ensure that the City's interests are protected. Because once we get the green light, this construction starts and it starts to roll and the obligations and responsibility of maintaining this asset going forward will be there for us ultimately or some future Council of course. So I just wanted to make sure that we are not tying the hands of any future Council. I want to...you know, and the other thing that was pointed out in the meeting on Thursday, is they intend to have net proceeds from this operation. Those net proceeds...a profit in other words, they can have a profit because profit is not a bad word in my books. But at the same time, and I, you know, I ask will that see a reduction in the annual operating grant and the answer was no. We need those revenues to keep with the organization. Well, I said, well, that's up to us, right? As a Council we'll work with them to ensure whether or not there is a reduction or not and maybe they would keep some of it, but maybe not all of it, right? Like there has to be a...you know, we understand they're running with the ball. They're making things happen and we want them to do that just like we asked CentreVenture to do the same thing. We want them to do that, but at the same time, we have to ensure that, you know, the ten and a half million dollar grant that we are providing and we heard today that is going to go up by \$400,000, not down in the delegation. That's what I heard in the answer, the Q and A. And I...you know, so those are the concerns that I have and that's where, in the business plan, by doing the...dealing with the business plan issues now, it will make it easier believe it or not when it comes time to writing the budget and dealing with the budget in the future and I mean the immediate future, we're talking 18 or 19 because they're...once they open the doors, these costs are...the cost that they refer to kick in immediately. So I think it's crucial by doing that now, we're actually going to save this Council some...and the immediate next Council, some challenges. So I would encourage us to support the amendment. And, you know, it doesn't stop the project, it allow...you know, it's just saying it's conditional on this. I'm sure the public service will...they've already got the business plan. It's not as if they don't have it already, and I think by doing that, Madam Speaker, we ensure we've done our due diligence as an organization and due diligence that we've recently been requiring of other organizations and rightfully so and rightfully so. So those are my comments. Again, I want to end by saying the work that they have done is absolutely tremendous. It's remarkable. It's a model as was Councillor Morantz mentioned for potentially other regional parks I hope. But we do have other regional parks as well, Madam :Speaker. And to find a...I know we gave a commitment of 50 million but then to find \$10 million, boom, in one budget or mid-term, is...and to extend a loan guarantee is huge especially when you have Kilcona Park which had a ten year master plan done in 2014 of which had a huge public engagement part of it over two years leading up to that and had a \$30 million plan. A \$30 million plan for the entire regional park northeast Winnipeg's only regional park which was never completed.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow moves extension. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Wyatt: We have...we have...the Harbourview facility is literally, literally sinking into the lake. It's literally. Go out there now and there's barricades. It's embarrassing. The concrete's all broken up. It's really a shame. It was opened in 1981. It's not that old. And we have these huge challenges there and we follow the rules and we put our money in the last year which was, by the way the tradition in the past was to put the money in the last year of the last forecasted year of an operating budget if you want to get a project, you know, going in the city and you put that money there and it slowly kind of works up every year and that's what we did. We put it in to 2022. If we moved a motion and got it in 2022, I want to thank the Council for doing it at the last budget and it's slowly moving up, 2.2 million if my memory is serving right. But 2.23 million a year, but you know, we've got these huge challenges right now. And it's frustrating so that's frustrating to see the kind of money we're pouring into one end of the city and how we've kind of forgotten about another regional park at the exact opposite end of the city and that to me, tells me that there's a bit of an imbalance and I raise that only to say let's not forget we've got a whole regional park system here and asking for a business plan and I want to pick up on what Councillor Eadie said, who the heck are their competitors? They're going to be building, the building you're going to have weddings and everything in a massive greenhouse with...it's like a giant greenhouse with tropical plants and gardens all around indoors. There is nothing like it out there. I don't know who your competitor is, you know, frankly. Maybe the Convention Centre? But it's not really the same environment. There's no environment like that. They're going to be absolutely unique. So quite frankly, the argument if their presentation is a bit of a red herring to hear them say they can't share because of the competition. So those are my comments. And I want to thank them again for coming. I want

to thank them for all their work and I want to thank the donors for all the donations they made and we are committed. We just need to do our due diligence. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Next is Councillor Browaty.

Councillor Browaty: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today, first of all to say thank you to all of the board members, past and present of the Assiniboine Park Conservancy for all the work they've done in making what was a forgotten, falling apart regional park in Winnipeg and to really make it again, one of the crown jewels. I mean, if you're coming to Winnipeg now, you go to Assiniboine Park. It's just one of those top-notch facilities that we have to offer here in Winnipeg. My frustration is then, we almost feel like we are in a hostage to an arm's length organization that...is breaking off from the plan that was originally established. Every year that I was around the budget process, Corporate Finance Department would schedule the amount of money that was supposed to be in there based on the long term agreement and every year, there be phone calls and say, hey, no, we need to have the full ten and a half million or whatever the number has been and it's moved around, but it's always been more than what we originally committed to. So here today, we've got the next phase and again, they've done a phenomenal job. It looks like the Province and the Federal Government are in line to do their funding. They have a lot of private donors that have both contributed money and promised money to go towards Canada's Diversity Gardens. Again, it's...the numbers seem a little round and a little large at this point. I mean, 50 to 75 million and again, if you look at Schedule C here, design cost to date, conceptual and schematic design, \$1.1 million complete, design development and construction drawings, 1.7, it's sequential in progress. I have my doubts that this is considered to be what we call a cost free estimate here at City Hall. So we're now basing a loan guarantee on some pretty early, loosey goosey numbers, too, which is also another aspect that scares me. So...so today, I will be supporting the motion to get the business plan so we understand as the major thunder of the Assiniboine Park Conservancy on an ongoing operating basis to get the business plan as we understand what the full commitment is so that we can go into this with eyes wide open. If that amendment does not pass, I will be voting unfortunately against the project, but again I don't you to have to cross my fingers hoping that these numbers are going to work out and that the annual grant is going to go back to something more predictable than what we originally expected, but again without a business plan, it would be irresponsible to vote for this today.

Madam Speaker: Next is Councillor Morantz followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to rise to say, you know, I look at the report, just to point out something that's really self-evident. The author of the report is our CFO, Mike Ruta, the department head, sign office, Mike Ruta, CFO, Mike Ruta and the CAO, sign office, Doug McNeil. I had the...really the privilege of working with Mr. Ruta when I was on Finance for two years. I can tell he's one of the finest CFOs around and he knows this file inside out and I'm sure that in his due diligence, he would not have put forward a report that recommends this unless he was satisfied with the stability of the recommendations which he's made. I would also point out that in the Assiniboine Park Conservancy presentation, they also did say that they had provided the business plan, I believe, it's putting my eyes on it, but I believe they said they had provided it to both Federal and Provincial Governments in confidence. Now, those governments also will do their due diligence and would not provide grants unless they were also satisfied. So I think that the whole of it, the looking at the report, considering who's written it and signed off on it, and considering the fact that it is still contingent on federal and provincial funding before the City puts up any additional funds under the original agreement that I'm certainly very comfortable supporting the report as it initially stands without the amendment. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Morantz. Next is Councillor Schreyer followed by Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. A lot's been said. This is a good debate. This is good argument despite the fact that we've...many councillors have looked through this before today. We've had delegations this morning, deliberations, you know, before this Council meeting on this issue. Nonetheless, I continue to learn more about this issue. It doesn't change my mind. In the sheer singular dimension of a vote, yes or no on this thing, we do add extra dimension now, nuance to this, which I think is responsible by the...the offering of the amendment for a business plan. Forget about the business plan for a second. We've just heard from Councillor Mayes that it's a 50 percent increase in four years. We've just heard it's not just about a change in the request for extending our line of credit guarantee, but also \$10 million. Bear in mind, just forget about the business plan for a second, we are talking about two-thirds of this...sorry. We are talking about four-fifths of this being taxpayer money. I know not just from the City of Winnipeg but from the citizens of Winnipeg because all citizens of Winnipeg pay municipal, provincial and federal tax. Of course, I understand, I mean, how about federal taxation's all fungible. You can't see where it's coming from or it certainly came from the citizens of Winnipeg just as they fund a park in Montreal and that's fine. Having said that, this is 80 percent taxpayer funded. Then, Madam Speaker, they make profit and they make profit because the citizens of Winnipeg will pay again. Madam Speaker, in questioning this because we are talking about something that has profitability and Councillor Wyatt made the point that even though they made some profit and it was meant to reduce our contribution, apparently they're

still asking for a contribution or a greater contribution. So we add all that up, citizens of Winnipeg pay for it and create the profit which they have. Citizens of Winnipeg paid for it through tax money, not just through the 10 million, but it's 80 percent tax funded. I would say about the citizens of Winnipeg and I think people understand what I mean. So we're talking about changing the game, okay, you know what, you know, Councillor Gillingham makes a good point so I am listening on this. You know, we always have got to watch when we change the rules in the middle of the game. That's true. Having said that, I believe Councillor Wyatt is making the point that's what we are doing this term. And it is still...sometimes rules change and it's the...not nearly the prerogative, it's the obligation of a place like this, of a government to do so and I'll explain why and that's fair. That's fair so long as we explain why we are doing it. We are not doing it because of...in this case, it wouldn't be because we're doing it to Assiniboine Park Conservancy, because this is what we are doing. So in that respect, one could make the point not to ask for the business plan would be changing the rules because that's what we are doing right now, and to be consistent, this is how it is applied to Buhler Park. I think when it comes to the government funding involved, it being a City asset, the increase in contribution despite the fact that there are profits and look, let's face it. We all love Assiniboine Park. I'd say it's a fantastic centre for Winnipeg. And as Councillor Morantz has called it, it's a world class place and I believe that. It is. Having said that, we still have our obligation to deal prudently. I think, given all I have said, I think it's prudent and responsible and consistent to have a business plan and I think it's fair. On that basis I support the amendment.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. And I rise today to support the report that's before us today, Madam Speaker. This is a really critical importance and real critical juncture for the Assiniboine Park Conservancy. So back in 2007, before the days where Council approved the formation of the Assiniboine Park Conservancy, there was talk...this is Assiniboine Park, Madam Speaker. It's our most cherished jewel within the city of Winnipeg and arguably within the Province of Manitoba, capital city of Manitoba. And I know that Councillor Gerbasi and Councillor Wyatt probably remember this. There was a lot of discussion about how to make Assiniboine Park great, greater than it is now and how to leverage, Madam Speaker, the public and the private sector. That was critically, critically important as part of discussions. And Council was very focused and very deliberate, Madam Speaker, in terms of wanting to ensure that the private sector had a strong part to play and that this new conservancy, this new model of operating, Madam Speaker, had the ability to be entrepreneurial, professional and business, and it's written, Madam Speaker, within the document itself in terms of agreement, in terms of reference, in terms of APC Operation Section 2.03 Section A, Madam Speaker, it states there, "Notwithstanding that the ownership of the park shall rest in the feasibly with the City, APC shall be the sole authority responsible for the use, operations, planning management, development, in accordance with the development plan and restoration, in accordance with the refurbishment plan of the park." Further, Madam Speaker, "APC shall be afforded a maximum level of independence, flexibility and control to utilize the park in its discretion in a manner as it sees fit to develop new facilities, programs and uses for those facilities and to meet the expectations of its philanthropic and private donors and other government entities." That is an extremely important clause, Madam Speaker, in terms of the development of the Assiniboine Park Conservancy and what we've seen over the last few years. What have we seen over the last few years, Madam Speaker? We've seen an incredible investment of a \$115 million invested into Assiniboine Park Conservancy. Where have we seen that? We've seen it in the in the Duck Pond, the Riley Family Duck Pond, the Nature Playground, Madam Speaker, the Streuber Family Children's Garden Centre, the Qualico Family Centre. Got a great restaurant, we've got a great meeting space, it's...and it's an amazing asset. The Leatherdale International Polar Bear Conservation Centre, The Tundra Grill and restaurant, Journey to Churchill, the main entrance to the zoo, the tiger exhibit and the heavy horse exhibit, Madam Speaker. That's all within a development plan that we have before us today in this report. So as you can see, this APC has an incredible track record. There's an incredible group of Winnipeg leaders on that board. I have been recently appointed by the Mayor to sit on board. I've had a chance to look at the business plan, Madam Speaker, and like all good business plans, business plans change, but I can tell you without...and this is information I think is in the public, this business plan really is sustainable, Madam Speaker, and it includes things like, you know, it's going to have admissions, right? It's going to have a retail centre. It's going to teach classes. These are all revenue streams, Madam Speaker, that are going to provide sustainability for the Diversity Gardens as well as for the entire park in its entirety, and those are huge things to remember. So...and further, I...you know, our Chief Financial Officer has had an opportunity to review the business plan and it has no operating or capital impacts to our budget. So that's a good thing. So I just really want to reiterate, Madam Speaker, that this is a really good report. It's a great news story and I want to thank, you know, the Board of APC and the professional staff that work at the APC and previous council for the vision it had in terms of creating this entity for the good work that is continuing to do for AP...for Assiniboine Park. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. Next is Councillor Gerbasi.

Councillor Gerbasi: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I thank the speaker's report, Councillor Pagtakhan said a lot of the things I probably would've said so I won't repeat all of that but, you know, we made a commitment to the park when we moved to this model and it was difficult to move to because and it's still a public asset. At the time, there was a lot of

debate and it was a difficult way to take a park as important as this and sort of take it out of our...a little bit more out of our hands into a private entity in this form. But it was done in order to create, as Councillor Pagtakhan just outlined, the rather amazing things that have happened there as we all know; the Journey to Churchill and so on that has been outlined. It's pretty incredible what's happened there. There's no way it could've happened without the creation. You know, whatever you say about it, whatever your view on the creation of it and at the time, I found it personally very difficult to move to a model that's concerned about being less public. I was concerned about that, but the asset remains ours and the things, incredible things that happened there would not have happened. I mean it was on the model of getting those private dollars, on the model of getting additional funding from other levels of government, which we weren't able to get. So it was a good decision and I think we need to honour that commitment that we made. We are doing that with this. We can't control every variable as much, but we have safe guards in place to protect the taxpayers, to protect our investments. And we made a commitment of 50 million and we are keeping that, and that's what this report does today. The business plan has been reviewed by our administration. I'm not sure what we would get out of, you know, going through line. What would we decide differently? Like, it is in their hands to do this. It's been the due diligence, has been done. Like to me, you know, it's difficult...yes, we've invested a lot in one park and I think maybe this is coming from a frustration that we have other parks that also need more investment, and that is true as well. But we made this commitment in this fashion and it's been incredibly successful in terms of leveraging money from the private sector we never would've seen, leveraging money from the other levels of government we never would've seen to make this an incredible attraction that it is. And I think we all agree on that when you see Journey to Churchill, when you see the Duck Pond, when you see all the things that have happened there. And it's not about each of our wards, it's not about our quadrant of the city. This park belongs to all of us. It belongs to Winnipeg. It belongs to Manitoba, and it belongs to Canada. And we made a difficult decision because it was the only way to get this job done and the job is getting done and this report finishes our portion of the job in a sense in terms of the capital investment. It carries out our commitment and our due diligence has been done through our administration. I think we have to give them some credit that they have the ability to manage these things. That's their role. That's what they've always done with this project is they've managed the business plans. We've seen the executive summary. Like I'm just not sure what this is really about, trying to create another motion and change this point. I mean we have volunteers. We have committed people working hard, leveraging private money, leveraging other public dollars. Let's let them do their work. Let's keep our commitment. Let's trust our public service on this. They've...there's no reason not to...the...this is the way we've been working on this project. And, of course, the cost may have gone up from the other end since 2010. Like obviously, they would. It's a major project. Frankly, I'm thrilled that this is actually happening. The Conservatory has been in terrible shape if anyone recalls how rough it's been there, the washrooms, they are just awful. And we are going to see this incredible, incredible thing that we can feel proud of as a Council and we are keeping our promises and our commitment. So I'd urge you not to get caught up in a...whatever it is that's going on here that's creating doubt and concern on the part of the...a group because, you know, I'm not sure. We've made a...we have a process that we work through the...our commitments with them. It's working, so I don't see what the problem is. We're not going to not give them this money. We're not going to cancel the Diversity Gardens. This is not...there is no problem here. This is a great day. Let's celebrate this. Let's celebrate our incredible park that is here for every one of us, whatever quadrant of the city we live on. We all go there and it's wonderful. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gerbasi. Any further speakers? Councillor Dobson.

Councillor Dobson: Yes. This afternoon, I've heard nothing, but positive comments about the Assiniboine Park Conservancy and I thought I'd make that clear to those people listening online or that are here, that we do support it. At the end of the day, we do support what they've done. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Dobson. Councillor Wyatt, do you wish to close on your motion? Okay. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I appreciate the comments by each member of Council. The comments by our Finance Chair give me tremendous comfort. I know our Finance Chair is extremely diligent in his efforts as well as just of the...any of the tax dollars that are flowing from City Hall. When I hear our Finance Chair, the local area councillor, Councillor Morantz and our board appointment, appointee, Councillor Pagtakhan, all being confident in the plan put forward and the request, it provides me with even greater comfort. I want to say that the leadership team at the Assiniboine Park Conservancy is really second to none in our community. These are exceptional individuals doing incredible work and we do as...as they heard I know are in the gallery right now, they've heard this Council...the message that you should be hearing from our Council is that we support the work of your board and your stakeholders and we want to be a continued strong partner in ensuring that the division that you are helping lead is one that's fulfilled. I know the discussions and the advocacy by the Assiniboine Park Conservancy to secure funds from other levels of government have not been easy. I know that the fundraising has not been easy and one of my messages that I provided to Margaret Redman, an incredible community leader that is leading the Assiniboine Park Conservancy, when I was first elected, I said that I admire the vision of previous Council to establish the Assiniboine Park Conservancy. We

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value the partnership and I was interested in continuing that partnership and looking for ways to strengthen it. I try to strengthen it each and every time I go there and I spend money to help with their bottom line. Our family...our family appreciates it and what I've heard today in terms of some of the commentary with respect to other parks may be kind of underlying some of the commentary and I appreciate the advocacy by any member of Council for parks like Kildonan Park or Kilcona Park, St. Vital Park. We have incredible regional parks and community parks that I wish previous Councils had really led on making even greater investments in and there is an opportunity there for our Council to step up in ways that we've seen the community step up through the Assiniboine Park Conservancy. I'll be supporting the report. I won't be supporting the amendment primarily because of the arm's length relationship that the City has with the Assiniboine Park Conservancy, my confidence in the leadership team as well as the professional advice that we've received from our public service. Also combined with the fact that, you know, consistent with other levels of government, both on Broadway and in Parliament that in those cases, the same business plan has been shared with public servants, and has been assessed and then recommendations have flowed to elected members, and if on Broadway and Parliament that is sufficient, that you can rely on the public service for their advice as well as our board rep who we indicate...who's indicated as a result of being on the board has seen the business plan, that gives me great comfort. And I'll be, you know, obviously supporting the report and I'm looking forward to when Canada's Diversity Garden is open. I think all members of Council and citizens will be very proud of it and we look forward to continuing through this report, and other efforts, non-financial of course in addition to this report. We look forward to supporting their efforts and seeing it built. So thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. With that, I'll call the question on the amending motion. First, No. 9, all in favour? Okay, call for recorded vote. All in favour of the amending Motion No. 9, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

Councillors Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Schreyer and Wyatt

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Morantz, Orlikow, Pagtakhan and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 5, Nays 11.

Madam Speaker: Motion 9 is lost. Now, we'll vote on the main item, No. 3, all in favour? Okay, all in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Gerbasi, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Morantz, Orlikow, Pagtakhan and Madam Speaker Councillor Sharma

Madam Speaker: Those opposed, please rise.

Nays

Councillors Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Schreyer and Wyatt

City Clerk: The vote Madam Speaker, Yeas 11, Nays 5.

Madam Speaker: Item 3 is carried. I believe that concludes the report of July 12th, 2017. We'll now move into motions. We have before us Motion No. 1, moved by Councillor Dobson, seconded by Councillor Schreyer.

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS**

Motion No. 1

**Moved by Councillor Dobson,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,**

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 allows for the calling of special meetings of Council;

AND WHEREAS special meetings are occasionally necessary to deal with emergencies and matters that are time sensitive;

AND WHEREAS special meetings have been called in order to avoid the requirement for an affirmative vote of 2/3rds of the members present to "walk on" a matter to Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be amended by adding the following new Section 9(21):

"9(21) Every item on a special meeting agenda requires an affirmative vote of 2/3rds of the members present in order to be considered."

Councillor Dobson: If I could, I'd like to withdraw this motion on the advice of Legal Services and I'll resubmit it in September.

Madam Speaker: Okay. So Motion 1 will be withdrawn with the concurrence of Council and the seconder, Councillor Schreyer. Okay, moving on to Motion No. 2, moved by Mayor Bowman, seconded by Councillor Gillingham it's regarding...regarding carbon pricing. It's an automatic referral to Executive Policy Committee. Motion No. 3, moved by Mayor Bowman and seconded by Councillor Gillingham regarding cannabis financial implications, also an automatic referral to the Executive Policy Committee. Next is Motion 5. Could you please rise?

Motion No. 2

**Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
Seconded by Councillor Gillingham,**

WHEREAS the Federal Government has made clear its intentions to ensure all provinces put a price on carbon starting in 2018;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government is currently exploring a "made in Manitoba" solution for a carbon pricing;

AND WHEREAS any form of carbon pricing would have ramifications for the City of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service consult with the Provincial Government on how revenues collected from carbon pricing could be shared with the City of Winnipeg to fund initiatives and projects that assist to achieve climate change targets.

Motion No. 3

**Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
Seconded by Councillor Gillingham,**

WHEREAS the Federal Government intends to bring its proposed Cannabis Act (Bill C-45) into force no later than July 2018, at which time adults would be able to legally possess, grow, buy and consume limited amounts of cannabis;

AND WHEREAS the implementation will require action by the Provincial Government and the City of Winnipeg to ensure oversight and regulation of cannabis sales;

AND WHEREAS it is anticipated that the legalization of cannabis may result in incremental costs for City services including, but not limited to, policing;

AND WHEREAS tax revenues from the sale of cannabis should be shared with the City of Winnipeg to cover costs associated with the regulation of distribution and sales as well as additional City services;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service, in consultation with the Winnipeg Police Service as appropriate, review and report back on the financial implications of Bill C-45, the proposed Cannabis Act, for the City of Winnipeg.

Motion No. 5

**Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,
 Seconded by Councillor Gillingham,**

WHEREAS community centres that maintain off-site athletic fields are not legally permitted to drive their lawn mowing equipment on public roadways, as per section 4.2(1) of the Highway Traffic Act;

AND WHEREAS it is estimated that 23 community centres currently drive lawn mowing equipment on roads to off-site athletic fields in order to maintain them;

AND WHEREAS the City requires community centres to transport their lawn mowing equipment to off-site athletic fields so as to be compliant with current legislation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer be directed to ensure that up to \$137,500.00 is added to the community centre grants to cover truck and/or trailer costs, whichever is less, to those community centres;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer uses as a funding source any 2017 operating surpluses to achieve the foregoing

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service investigate what cost effective solutions exist to address this issue, including seeking amendments to the Highway Traffic Act, and to report back to Council in 180 days

Councillor Pagtakhan: Sorry, Madam Speaker. On Motion No. 5, I'd like to withdraw that. I have a replacement Motion No. 8.

Madam Speaker: Yes, okay, so Motion 5 will be withdrawn and it's replaced with Motion No. 8. Motion No. 8 is moved by Councillor Pagtakhan, seconded by Councillor Gillingham. Yes, Councillor Pagtakhan?

Councillor Pagtakhan: I'd like to be able to suspend the rules, Madam Speaker, to deal with this motion as it's fairly time sensitive.

Madam Speaker: Okay. This motion has to do with maintaining offsite athletic fields in terms of our mowing equipment. Councillor Eadie, it's Motion No. 8 that's before us. We have been asked for suspension of the rules to deal with the motion today. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Councillor Pagtakhan to introduce Motion 8.

Motion No. 8

**Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,
 Seconded by Councillor Gillingham,**

WHEREAS community centres that maintain off-site athletic fields are not legally permitted to drive their lawn mowing equipment on public roadways, as per section 4.2(1) of the Highway Traffic Act;

AND WHEREAS it is estimated that 23 community centres currently drive lawn mowing equipment on roads to off-site athletic fields in order to maintain them;

AND WHEREAS the City requires community centres to transport their lawn mowing equipment to off-site athletic fields so as to be compliant with current legislation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. *Council approve a grant of up to \$137,500.00 to the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres ("GCWCC"), to be further distributed to impacted community centres, to cover truck and/or trailer costs (whichever is less).*
2. *The Chief Financial Officer identify 2017 operating surpluses as a funding source to achieve the foregoing.*

3. *The City enter into, execute and deliver a grant agreement with the GCWCC that sets out the terms and conditions of the City's grant, and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the grant agreement in accordance with this motion and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor / Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City.*
4. *The Public Service investigate cost effective solutions to address this issue, including seeking amendments to The Highway Traffic Act, and to report back to Council with respect to such proposed solutions within 180 days.*
5. *The Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.*

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker and thank you to all my Council colleagues for suspending the rules. Basically, for Councillor Eadie's, I'm going to read that therefore be it resolved that Council approve a grant of up to 137,500 to the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres to be further distributed to impacted community centres to cover truck and trailer costs, whichever is less that the Chief Financial Officer identify 2017 operating surpluses as a funding source to achieve the foregoing that the City enter into, execute and deliver a grant agreement with the GCWCC that sets out the terms and conditions of the City's grant and the Chief...that the CAO be authorized to negotiate and approve the terms and conditions of the grant agreements in accordance with this motion and such other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor, Director of Legal Services to protect the interests of the City that the public service investigate cost effective solutions to address this issue including seeking amendments to the Highway Traffic Act and to report back to Council with respect to such proposed solutions within 180 days and that the all things necessary to implement the foregoing.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. Any further speakers on Motion 8? Councillor Gillingham followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Gillingham: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank Councillor Pagtakhan for his work on not just on this motion, but on this issue. I know his e-mails have been lighting up and his phone has been lightning up because there's a lot of us...Council has been calling him and I know that he and our public service as well, Mr. Jack and others have been dealing with this matter. I think it's an opportunity probably on behalf of all of us. I think it's pretty safe to say to express appreciation to all of our volunteers at our community centres throughout Winnipeg who do just such great work in putting in countless hours and you know, to keep our community centres not just up and running but the grass cut and the, you know, the walls painted and just keep our centres looking great so that the excellent programming that's provided those centres can go on throughout the year. So this motion really is...deals with immediate, but then also has the clause that deals with the long term. This was brought to...obviously to the administration's attention and Councillor Pagtakhan's attention and obviously filtered on to each one of us. I did recently ask the public service just if there'd been any discussions between the public service and MPI, for example, I've been told there has been that the public service, the Risk Management folks from the City have had discussion with MPI around this and my encouragement to our public service would be that in seeking a long term solution that discussions between all the salient individuals whether it's...and groups whether it's MPI, the Province of Manitoba, our Legal Department, GCWCC, community centres, boards, that all of those discussions take place so that the most cost effective long term solution can be achieved to address this issue. So I will be supporting this motion. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a couple of comments on this, it's an excellent idea and I think Winnipeggers, especially those involved with community clubs, those that run the community centres, thank Councillor Pagtakhan and those involved in this. I just want to point out something, Madam Speaker. It does bother to say in the whereas clause, it is estimated that 23 community centres currently drive lawn mowing equipment on roads to offsite athletic fields in order to maintain them. It bothers to mention that there's 23. So given that it doesn't state otherwise, this is presumably for something approaching all 23. That would be approximately almost \$6,000 per. I understand, Madam Speaker, that the motion doesn't say, you know, \$6,000 per...per community centre in question, but it does bother to say 20...that there are 23 community centres in the circumstance. I'm going to support this in good will and good faith on the assumption that there will be some sort of relevant disbursement of the funds based on the whereas clause that mentions the 23 community centres.

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

Councillor Eadie: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to stand and say that I was going to support this...this motion from Councillor Pagtakhan, seconded by Councillor Gillingham. And the reason I am doing that, you know, things arise that have to be taken care of, Madam Speaker, and it is quite clear that we have a circumstance here in which we

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need to be able to proceed and allow our community centres to get their landscaping work done, grass cutting and so on, on the properties that they are responsible for taking care of, Madam Speaker. And I really appreciate that this, you know, it's a last minute thing and, you know, we're trying to scrub up some money and I'm glad that...that our...my friends from EPC have been able to do that. So Madam Speaker, I will be supporting it just like I'm asking our EPC members to support what I think is something urgent that just popped up that we need to deal with in terms of dealing with some infrastructure problems that we are having, Madam Speaker. So I rise in support of this, just...and hope that there will be consideration to a motion that I have coming, Madam Speaker. Thank you.

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

Councillor Mayes: This issue arose over the past few months. I know...I think it came as a surprise to all of us on Council when we got an e-mail I think last Thursday or Friday indicating that the practice that have been placed for years would no longer be in place. So I want to thank Michael Jack and Michael Pagtakhan for their work on this, trying to get this resolved quickly. It's only Wednesday, but we seem to have identified a potential solution to it. It's not an issue in some wards. It's quite a big issue in wards like mine and Councillor Lukes' where the Dakota Community Centre does some mowing on both sides of the ward line in various different parts. I know Norberry Community Centre does some work at school sites in the ward. So it's a big issue for residents in a lot of parts of the city. Up in the North End, I know there's a lot that goes on. So I appreciate Councillor Pagtakhan's work on this, getting it turned around quite quickly and let's get this approved and try to resolve some of the concerns and cut down on the incoming e-mails and phone calls that I know some of us who used to have been getting. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers? Okay, seeing none, Councillor Pagtakhan, do you wish to close?

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I appreciate all the comments around from all my Council colleagues and, you know, at the end of the day, this was going to have a financial impact no matter what, the alternative, Madam Speaker, was to have community centres contact 311 and to have City staff, then respond by doing their fields. So this is a more logistically palatable I think to allow community centres to actually do it on their own terms and to find a financial solution in a short time and with a goal of finding a long term solution perhaps with the Highway Traffic Act so appreciate all the comments around and if you could call the question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Councillor Pagtakhan. I will call the question on Motion 8. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, we will now move into by-laws under Executive Policy Committee, Mr. Mayor.

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the following by-laws be read a first time; By-laws 52/2017 to 65/2017 inclusive be read the first time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Mr. Mayor, on the second reading...oh, Madam Clerk.

Clerk: By-law No. 52/2017, 53/2017, 54/2017, 55/2017, 56/2017, 57/2017, 58/2017, 59/2017, 60/2017, 61/2017, 62/2017, 63/2017, 64/2017 and 65/2017.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor on the second reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move By-laws No. 52/2017 to 65/2017 both inclusive be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Clerk: By-laws No. 52/2017 to 65/2017 both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor on the suspension and the third reading.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that the rule be suspended and By-laws No. 52/2017 to 65/2017 both inclusive, be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We will now have question period for the Mayor. Councillor Eadie.

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Councillor Eadie: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, actually we passed a report that extended 30 days for the report to come back about removal of frontage levies on not-for-profit religious cemeteries, Madam Speaker, and that 30 days is due for, I don't know, there's some t's to cross, i's to dot, I don't know Madam Speaker, but Madam Speaker, given that though, and given my question last Council meeting in regards to this particular issue, I'm wondering, I'd like to...I'd like to know why the Assessment Department has not met face to face with the managers of these various cemeteries directly to get and do the consultation.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am not in a position to speak for the Public Service. I think that the Councillor would be well advised to follow up with the Public Service on that detailed question.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Second question, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I'm just wondering if the Mayor is concerned that Assessment Department has not met with, and what the result of the report will be without having met face to face with the cemetery managers.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Without looking into this matter further at this time, I'm not able to provide that commentary, but I'm...I would be more than happy to make that inquiry. I would also encourage the Councillor as a member of this council to make a similar inquiry with the Public Service.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker. The other day, Mr. Mayor, and I mentioned this, I think, maybe I mentioned this briefly, I can't recall when we were chatting in your office...I had an opportunity to meet with David Patman of Transit and WSP who are the consulting firm working, just to get an update in terms of the Eastern Corridor Study. The work that they're doing by the way is excellent. The public engagements they've been having, the pop-up engagements I think are fantastic, and they're moving ahead. One of the things they indicated to me is this fall, hopefully sooner rather than later in the fall, September they're pushing, is to get Council to vote on a report which would set the criteria in place because of the experience the previous council had where there was some debate around choosing the dog leg for the southwest corridor versus the Pembina route. They are working on bringing forward a criteria for the purpose of having a policy in place that would ensure it's clear, it's open, it's transparent when the ultimate selection for the eastern corridor takes place which makes sense, so it can't be seen as political in that way. Would there be a possibility of holding a council seminar or something prior to the Council meeting just to take Councillors through that so they can understand what Transit will be bringing forward because I'm not familiar with what they're going to be recommending at this point. They didn't get into details of course with me, but they are working on this and bringing this forward in the fall.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and through you I thank my council colleague. The Eastern Corridor Study does represent an important step towards further implementing a rapid transit network in Winnipeg. It's something that I know has been talked about for many, many decades, and the previous council completed half the line, which was a good first step. I'm pleased that we're now currently constructing the second phase of rapid transit, and I want to commend the work of our IRPW Chair, who I know is working diligently on next steps. In terms of...in terms of the question from the Councillor, I'd be more than happy to look into it and get back to him. As it relates specifically to council seminars as Councillors will know, those are at the discretion of our Public Service and our CAO in particular, but I'd be more than happy to look into his query more fully and consult with him as well sooner than later.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Any further questions? Councillor Dobson followed by Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Dobson: Thank you, Madam Chair. Briefing sessions enable Councillors to discuss issues amongst themselves and with senior staff. These briefing sessions can help Councillors understand a complex issue. They

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provide a way for Councillors to request additional information to assist them in making decisions. It's important that Councillors find out about the detail of relevant issues before making decisions at Council meetings. My question to the Mayor, of course, is, are you are going to ensure that all councillors receive briefing sessions and/or council seminars on important issues going forward?

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'm not sure if the Councillor was listening to my last response in which I indicated council seminars are called at the discretion of our CAO. One of the...one of the underpinnings, I think, of this council and certainly a commitment that I've made to my council colleagues as well as Winnipeggers is to do everything I can to ensure that all members of Council have as much up to date and accurate information to make informed decisions, and I remain committed to that.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Okay, Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. His Worship and I, along with members of Council, have just voted in favour of the collective agreement with CUPE 500. We both recognize that it is a pay increase, and in His Worship's final comments on the issue, he did mention that we've been talking about reducing taxes and other types of fee freezes and reductions and that he would welcome that discussion regarding the 2018 budget. I for one Madam Speaker, in terms of dealing with sustainable budgets and structurally sustainable budgets, find it difficult to deal with it on really an annual basis and on that basis, I ask His Worship if he would welcome the same conversation on structural sustainable budgets and potential tax...relative tax reductions on a longer term, such as a decade or longer.

Madam Speaker: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you. Through you Madam Speaker, I thank the Councillor for the question. I'd welcome a discussion on that. I know our Finance Chair has been...if you look at the mandate letter that I provided to him which is posted in a very open and transparent way on line, you'll see some, certainly a focus on improving the budget process. I think looking at long-term multi-year budgets is something that I think this council should be doing. I know there needs to be a lot of work before we're in an position to begin that process, but I think it would benefit all members of Council as well as Winnipeggers to be able to look longer term rather than just on the annual basis as we currently make budgets, and so I'd be...I'd be...I'd welcome an opportunity from Councillor Schreyer or any member of Council to share those ideas and I'd specifically encourage all members of Council to share them with our Finance Chair who I know is remain...his door remains open for all members of Council to have exactly these kinds of discussions. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Any further questions? Okay, Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Does the Mayor have any update in terms of the recent news that we heard in the last month or two from the Province about their decision to discontinue funding to the City on some fronts or policies that have been followed in the past, namely the issue of the 50/50 transit funding, the issue of the helicopter, and the issue of impacts to our funding of our police service when we heard about the news of the decision by the police service to discontinue the joint gang task force related to Provincial funding. Is there any updates in terms of that, in terms of discussions with the Provincial Government?

Madam Speaker: Madam Speaker, since our last meeting, I, off the top of my head, can't think of a recent update that I've received on those matters that I know have been well canvassed by the Councillor and myself, and other members of Council, and I'd be more than happy to share that update when we receive one.

Mayor Bowman: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Seeing no further questions, we'll move onto the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation.

Madam Speaker: Seeing no further questions we will move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Innovation. Councillor Gilroy.

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STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION
DATED JUNE 23, 2017**

Councillor Gilroy: I'd like to move Item No. 1, Winnipeg Golf Services 2017 business plan.

Madam Speaker: Alright. It's being stood down, Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Winnipeg Golf Services SOA – 2017 Business Plan (Selection Report)

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Gilroy, would you like to introduce the report? Okay, Councillor Mayes, you have the floor.

Councillor Mayes: We've come a long way on the Golf Services during the five or six years I've been around here, a long way in terms of...this used to be a source of great controversy with lots of motions, lots of debates, different committees, galleries filled with people, not the case anymore. We seemed to have stabilized operations. Some credit certainly to Al Shane who's our CAO there is doing a great job, but also I think some credit due to the public are coming back. I mean the rounds of golf are down a bit, but I think there is a sense that we're committed to this resource, that we are operating at Crescent Drive. We've got the spa in there. Windsor we put some money in, the Cross Country Ski Association has put some money in. Obviously, Kilcona remains a challenge and Kildonan has always made money as I've always said. The traditional wisdom here about six years ago was, well, if we just got rid of the union, we wouldn't be losing money. I used to get up and say, Kildonan makes money and they're unionized so that can't be the problem and Kilcona would lose money if everybody worked for free. Harbourview, technically not Kilcona, Harbourview would lose money if everybody worked for free, the way we'd set up the accounting so some good work done in the past couple of years. Councillor Wyatt got that started in 2014. Looking at the accounting, try to make it cleaner, try to make it more like the rights to the City operations and I've said here before, we lose money on a lot of different operations, some of our pools. We lose \$150,000 a year running Bertrand Arena, yet no one comes in here and demands its immediate closure, but we certainly have that complaint about the golf courses. So it's important to try to compare apples to apples. We do subsidize amenities like dog parks, like splash parks, like arenas and this is something we have been subsidizing. It is...there are other private sector options obviously that you might not get in some of those other fields such as splash parks, but there are private sector options but former Councillor Vandal I remember get up and saying, is there something wrong with having a balance, is that so bad? To have a balance of private courses and public courses, allowing the public to play at a lower rate. These courses aren't as complicated and don't have the amenities some of the private courses in the city, but they're still well used by the public. I also want to thank Mr. Shane for his work with me so far on the Canoe Club reimagining. This is I think part of what's come out of the Mayor's push for innovation. We're taking a look at the Canoe Club where the lease runs out in 2019 and saying, what can we do? Can we do something that would reconfigure the course to allow some other uses in there? What other uses could those be? We've had some public meetings. We've had the Office of Public Engagement is doing a great job. We had hundreds and hundreds of people respond to the survey already. My goal is to have more people respond to the Canoe Club survey than respond to the entire budget survey that was done I think was 918 or 981, something like that. So we are going to get a lot of public input and try to do some innovative things at the Canoe Club. Certainly the golf course option is not dead, far from it. At the Canoe Club, we actually make some money off the private operator who is there. So there is some operating side I know Councillor Gillingham would want me to point this out. There is some operating side advantage to keeping the private operator at Canoe Club Golf Course, but we are taking a serious look at what other options that might be there. If we never touch these golf courses, there'd be no bridge from Dunkirk to Osborne because the Canoe Club Golf Course was built in 30's. Used to spend all the way up to where the bridge is. The ninth green is about where the bus loop now is in behind the Canoe Club so change happens and things survive. The course is still there 50 years after the new bridge from 1965 went in. So we're going to take a look at trying to be innovative again at that site and see what we come up with. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers? Councillor Gilroy, do you wish to close or I can call the question?

Councillor Gilroy: Yeah, there's been some really great strategies to try to gain more interest in our golf courses as well as streamlining some of our financial reportings. We have a new POS system at Kildonan Park which improves financial reporting and attendance tracking and allows for the introduction of preloaded gift cards, eliminating the need for ten game pass cards. We also now have some restaurants added in so patrons can now enjoy a beverage when they go golfing at some of the locations, you know, and we are also starting to do some advertising on some of our auto carts and our tee makers, so and some of our sports cards. So there's a lot of great stuff that's happening at Golf Services and I think Councillor Mayes said a lot of it, so I just hope that you support the business plan in front of you here today. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gilroy. With that, I'll call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, we'll now have question period for our chair, Councillor Gilroy. Any questions? Councillor Schreyer.

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Councillor Schreyer: Since it's on the agenda, we're talking about the golf courses. Since we're talking about innovation, Madam Speaker, since we're just talking about bringing in now the infrastructure as expressed by Councillor Wyatt's motion last Council meeting to bring in electrical charging stations around the city, to bring us into the 21st century, Madam Speaker, I want to make the point that the City-run golf courses in Winnipeg still use gas mowers, sorry gas powered golf carts, which is highly unusual as the golf world goes. I want to ask Councillor Gilroy if she would entertain discussion with me and a motion by me as well for the City to look into getting into the 21st century and using electric powered golf carts.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Councillor Gilroy.

Councillor Gilroy: I'd like to thank Councillor Schreyer for the question. Absolutely, we can maybe have a discussion on that. I know that there has been already talks in that and there is a motion that has gone forward to IRPW I believe that's going to look at where we can put additional charging stations in our golf courses...might be a place that we can do that in. So those conversations are taking place now and I'd love to be able to include you in some of those discussions. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. Any further questions for our chair? Seeing none, the next committee is the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. Councillor Orlikow.

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 PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
 DATED JULY 4, 2017**

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to introduce report and move adaption of Consent Agenda Items 1 to 15, and none for Councillor Wyatt.

Madam Speaker: Okay, just No. 15? Okay, I'll call the question on Items 1 through 14. All in favour? Okay, so question is being called on 1 through 7, 9 through 14. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 8.

Item 8 – North District Police Station

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to introduce the item?

Councillor Orlikow: Yeah. I'll introduce the item. We've had...after our last meeting, I've met with Councillor Eadie and members of...separately because Councillor Eadie was quite diligent saying that he couldn't be at a meeting that I had with the Police...the Winnipeg Police Association...Service, sorry. But we did talk about with the Planning...the Planning Department regarding some of the questions that he had so I look forward to hearing what he has to say today.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker. I just asked to have this stood down. Madam Speaker, I did have a I felt a constructive meeting with the Chair of Standing Committee as well as with the head of Municipal Accommodations, and discussions about the various possibilities, Madam Speaker, locating North District Police Station, which Madam Speaker, serves your area as well as Councillor Pagtakhan's area. And there's a number of properties there, Madam Speaker. And Madam Speaker, I really wasn't support of waiting 180 days for a final report to find out what's going to happen because again, Madam Speaker, from my perspective, we shouldn't even be considering taking away a sports field as a...for a police station. There are other property alternatives around the area and that might serve the area better. I'm not sure absolutely, Madam Speaker, as I understand it though...I...while I'm not supporting this report because I don't...I think we should've just backed away from there and looked at something else, Madam Speaker, but there is a process moving along which, you know, I'm hopeful, Madam Speaker, I was assured, there would be a proper analysis of the various properties that were considered over the last number of years in terms of building a new north district police station and...but again, I've made it very clear that I don't think that police response is more important than prevention sports football recreation are very important so no matter where you locate a police station on the old exhibition grounds, Madam Speaker, you are taking away space that...has been there actually, oddly enough, we celebrated 200 years of the treaty, 2017, but in 1912 the old exhibition ground was used to celebrate 100 years of Lord

Selkirk settlers arriving here for the first time, Madam Speaker. And it's been used for recreation and that kind of activity for over a hundred years, Madam Speaker. We have a lack of sport fields in the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community area as you well know, Madam Speaker, and so I'm very concerned that we are even considering doing something like that here. So I just want to make that clear. Now, Madam Speaker, while I won't be voting for this report, I'm...I'm hoping that there is a proper evaluation done, supposedly we have an asset investment matrix and score card and so on and so forth, doing a cost benefit analysis as well, Madam Speaker. I hope to see that applied. Hopefully, I don't know how it's going to get applied because again, this whole matrix concept which has been a topic of great discussion for some time around another issue, Madam Speaker, we've been talking about but...so, I just wanted to make it clear that, you know, I respect the Standing Committee's decision to hold out for 180 days which basically takes us to the construction season of 2018. I believe...I can't remember, but I was confirmed that...I believe Council will be deciding maybe where the space is just like we're going to be actually setting forth the matrix to decide where the east transit corridor is going to be as I understand, that's coming down the pipe in the near future, Madam Speaker. And so, I think it, you know, it should've been clear up front and above that you know, we don't...you don't kick away, you don't use response to kick away prevention type offerings and just my concern. So hopefully that report will be an unbiased, fair evaluation from a number of perspectives that take into consideration that, Madam Speaker. And if...if the sports field is to be taken away in any measure or way, then you know I don't know that we should be responsible, but we need to ensure that the kids who play football at this stadium and the various high schools that play out of there and so on, Madam Speaker, that they are and will have something that serves what they need and, you know, one of the other problems in the north district area, in the North End, Madam Speaker, is the whole issue of transportation, the whole issue of transportation. We actually have a community group bringing kids to the soon to be renamed Tommy Prince Place, the currently north Winnipeg's...or North Centennial Recreation Leisure Centre, Madam Speaker. And so transportation is a very important thing. So wherever they are going to have to go play football, that is an issue. So I'll just leave that out there, Madam Speaker. And I won't be voting for this report, but I do appreciate the Chair of the Standing Committee, Madam Speaker, for arranging a meeting with myself and the head of Municipal Accommodations so we could have a dialogue about a number of issues around some other properties that were involved as well so I'll leave it at that. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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

Councillor Schreyer: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think, very briefly, Councillor Eadie has made his points clear. He's given me particular insight in terms of what, you know, the potentialities are of other places. He's made some excellent...referred to some excellent possibilities of places in north Winnipeg just basically...I'd like to say off the top of his head. Let's face it. He knows north Winnipeg so he knows what he's talking insightfully offering different places and there's probably others as well, Madam Speaker, where there could be developments, mall owners, what have you, Madam Speaker, that could certainly benefit from the placement of a...of the police station in other locations. There is that and the fact, Madam Speaker, that we are taking away from lands that could have other possibilities in the long term as well as what it is for people in the North End to have a place to play, a place to have sports and happens to be, Madam Speaker, reminded from our last meeting, we have Councillor Eadie attending on this issue, being one we actually had the signing of the...of the indigenous accord at The Forks. Chief Kevin Hart bothered to make the point that it sports and therefore athletic facilities and sports fields that made the difference for...in his life of changing his life around so that today he would be an elder and a leader and it's just an indication of how precious this land is and the priorities that Councillor Eadie is trying to represent here are very practical, very tangible, and far-sighted and he's influenced my vote, put it that way. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I wasn't going to speak on this but, you know, I...and I respect my Council colleagues' opinion on this and they're certainly entitled to their thoughts and opinions relative to this issue. I want to thank the Chair of the Standing Policy Committee, Councillor John Orlikow, for the position that the Standing Committee and where they're going. I think it's important that, you know, some due diligence does occur and come back publicly, to report back on Councillor Eadie's motion which is seconded by Councillor Schreyer. But you know what, this is, Madam Speaker, this is an exercise that...and I'm going to put my own thoughts forward on this and this is something I'm entitled to, Madam Speaker, is that this is a planning process and the City of Winnipeg, the Winnipeg Police Service through Municipal Accommodations had a plan to undertake in terms of looking at places for the North District Station which is much needed. Our city is growing. It's growing to over a million people rapidly and things are changing. The current area where the...on Hartford where the Winnipeg Police Station is there, they've outgrown that space. They need a new space. And, Madam Speaker, I hear thoughts and concepts about taking away, taking away sports facilities, taking away opportunities for kids, taking away crime prevention. It's, Madam Speaker, we're talking about adding to. We are adding to the hub of the community that is the old exhibition grounds, Madam Speaker. There is a contingent of citizens, Madam Speaker, in that neighbourhood that are extremely excited about the possibility of the Winnipeg Police Service who, by the way, has a huge slogan that talks about community relationships

as part of their work, to come into this neighbourhood. There is a huge contingent of people that utilize the North Centennial Recreational Leisure Facility, Madam Speaker, that are excited about those opportunities. Not everyone is, Madam Speaker, but the point of the...the point here, Madam Speaker, is that there is a dialogue, there is a plan to consult with the stakeholders in the neighbourhood and, you know, I'm very excited that that's going to still take place here. I just want to put points on the record that there's folks that are excited about this possibility and excited to talk about how we can work together in a collaborative fashion because that's what's...that's...that is really I think the prevailing thought within this neighbourhood about how we can collaborate with the Winnipeg Police Service and the Winnipeg Police Service is doing incredibly good things that people want to be part of that energy, those programs and their initiatives in terms of crime prevention and sports and crime prevention, Madam Speaker, go hand in hand. So I'll be supportive of the recommendation from Standing Committee and I just want to put those thoughts on the record.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. Any further speakers? Councillor Wyatt.

Councillor Wyatt: Kind of like Mike, I wasn't going to speak either, but anyway, I just want to...just a few comments. I think it's crucial that we ensure whatever the result takes place here, that we ensure that and I think sometime there is pressure from one part of the public service, on another part of the public service. There's no doubt the WPS has been waiting for some time before district model was approved in this chamber in a...actually in a July Council meeting in 2003, the vote was 15 to 1, I was the one. And...anyway, it was quite controversial at the time because, you know, Councillor Vandal and I were losing...well, I...we were both losing our police stations. He in the heart of St. Boniface, I in the heart in Plessis and Pandora and, you know, and then of course, the debate started about the location but the crucial thing with this is it's absolutely crucial that yes, the police have identified their criteria, their need of what they want to see done but then we have to ensure that the real estate division of the City has the ability to go out and do the necessary due diligence which should be involving either an RFP or expression of interest, something, some public process to garner what lands are available. What I've seen happen too often in the past is we kind of run to where we have the land first and that makes sense, we do have land in the area that is practical, that does not cost us even now more money. That's my growing concern. I had a chance to go look at Charlie Krupp Stadium. There is a significant investment already made in that site. It won't be insignificant for us and the cost could be quite significant in terms of having to move them and rebuild those fields as Councillor Mayes rightly knows from spearheading that athletic field in his ward. So, you know, it's...I really hope that...and I want to state this that even if we have to put...push the pause button to be able to go back and do a whole engagement, there may be private sector opportunities out there with regards to purchasing land that we have not, we're not aware of because we have not put any kind of public interest out. So this is absolutely crucial. I know the first choice should be to go to City land, but if the costs are similar to going and buying private land, then, you know, or less potentially, then I think we should be entertaining that option as well just so, you know, we're not getting too far ahead. And I know out of all the different departments of the City of Winnipeg, Police is rather, the WPS is...they don't hesitate to insert themselves. And, you know, I remember getting a phone call from one former chief who said our dogs are at Plessis and Pandora because we didn't have enough money to build a dog enclosure for the canine unit at the new station, and the dogs are staying there and I says, no they're not. I mean, we as a council passed a policy. The policy was to get out of that facility. You have to stick to the Policy of Council. You know, you just can't...we can't...I can't change that, neither can you. If you want to change it, come back to Council. And so of course that never happened. Then they...whenever we found money to build the canine unit which ultimately happened. So, you know, I think sometimes we have to say no. You know what, it might take a little bit longer, not too long. You know, this is the last district. There were some of us previously who wanted to see it combined into the...the new police station, in the downtown Winnipeg. I still think that could possibility be done but, you know, I realize that, you know, there is a push to have that presence in that neighbourhood and I definitely understand that from the perspective of what we went through in the East District. But, nevertheless, I think we should ensure the process is there and then by having a good process, and that's really what we're talking about here in terms of land selection, site selection, a lot of these issues can be dealt with. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Back to you, Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. It is hard to discuss an 'if'. We don't have a report in front of us. We don't know if somebody is to be impacted, if someone is not going to be impacted. We have assumptions, possibilities that may be but again, we don't have a report in front of us and that will be the time when Council will be able to look at the report and actually see what actually we are talking about. I must say I was brought into more confidence after my meeting with Councillor Eadie and with the department and quite pleased to see that someone of our...well, all of our real estate management practices that we've adopted since some of the other episodes are being followed now. So Municipal Accommodations is leading this one, it's being led by Winnipeg Public...Police Service. It's been led by Municipal Accommodations. So that's significant and why that's significant is because it does allow us the opportunity when the time comes, it's to look at other lands that were considered and there were a number of lands considered. I think I can't...I won't give out the number but there was a lot of lands that were considered other than just this one only, it wasn't just...we're running to the free land. No, that was not a consideration. There's significant issues

with all the other lands that were. And again, that information, we're trying to figure out some of the confidentiality issues but again, it has been done. So again, Municipal Accommodations weighted it with input from the Winnipeg Police Service, but again, how to weigh it on more of a real estate/building model. So again, and there is more good thing, one criteria when we look at the building a police station, again, so those are also included in there. So I was happy to see that. I know that we have some meetings coming up shortly. I'm not sure I think Councillor Eadie and myself, I'm not sure if I'm at all of them, but councillors are being reached out to in the stakeholder engagement part of this. So my comments really are, let the course run itself through. I hope that people will be...and the report will be able to, they are very aware of the issues with the Nomads. They have met with the Nomads numerous times. They are aware of many other issues to the other lands. They've met with private land owners numerous times. So they're working through that process now. It will come forward to Council and Council can say yea or nay. But again, I don't think we should be saying or assuming certain things are going to happen. I think the concerns that have been raised is valid and it has been expressed clearly to both Municipal Accommodations and to the Winnipeg Police Service. So based upon that, you know, I hope to have some answers sooner than later, that the delay...the delay idea, delaying the station any longer, just go down to the present North End Police Station right now and tell me if we should delay it any longer. It is actually embarrassing. We have staff in this place. I thought the Pembina Police Station was horrific until I've gone to see this one. It is just a horrific building that needs to be...our Police Service deserve it. They need to get out of there. It doesn't meet their needs at all. Therefore, it's not meeting the neighbourhood's needs. We can't be delaying. We have to be moving forward to get the new station going. It has been too long. The department has done the due diligence. So I just ask, wait till the report and my hope is that we'll...Councillor Eadie and the area councillors and Counsel General will see the report in the positive light which I hope it will be. Thanks.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Orlikow. With that, I'll call the question on Item 8. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 15.

**Item 15 – Budget Preparation Related to Readying the Former Public Safety Building and
Civic Centre Car Park Lands**

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Orlikow, do you wish to introduce the item?

Councillor Orlikow: I'll just wait to hear to what my colleagues have to say. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: And who stood this down? Councillor Wyatt, you have the floor.

Councillor Wyatt: I just want to...I'll be supporting the report. I just hope we can knock down the old parkade sooner rather than later. It's a blight, it sends the wrong message I think in terms of this area, in terms of the repurposing or demolition of the Public Safety Building I think that has to be considered now in light of the issue of the growing demolition or potential demolition costs versus repurposing it and amortizing those costs if there is a potential use which will be able to finance such amortization. But in the meantime, if there's a way to take that parkade down, let's do it now rather than later because it really is an eyesore and it's a safety issue I think in many ways. And anyway, those are my thoughts. Thanks, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Wyatt. Councillor Schreyer.

Councillor Schreyer: Thanks, Madam Speaker. I want to share a few comments. Things you hear, you know, regularly, are here and there. Madam Speaker, just that when it comes to budget consultation, budget consultation doesn't happen at an event. I've got a budget consultation in my ward. It was great. Is that where I got the majority of my budget consultation? No. Never thought I would. I was there. It was good. It was informative. It was a good process. Does it constitute a mere half of my budget consultation that I intake talking to people around my ward and anywhere? No. Madam Speaker, but I do want to share a few comments on this because it's important. This is how I feel Winnipeggers think. Madam Speaker, you know, we've got structures...geez, you know, you go to Europe, they've got buildings that are...been around for centuries, even Quebec City. Madam Speaker, we've got buildings in Winnipeg that people like Councillor Gerbasi and others are...have taken pains to preserve because they're worthwhile, because they've been around the longest and they're still preservable and sustainable and hopefully, they will last another generations, maybe hundreds of years. I think I just want to make the point, Madam Speaker, because it's important and people deserve to be heard on this issue. What has gone on when there's been an era where buildings can't last you know, 40 years or something? So I just want to make the comment. I know it's, I guess, laughable. I mean it is totally humorous, but what happened? They could make buildings 500 years ago to last at least 500 years somehow, but we can't make a building post World War II to last my age. And on that base, I'd like to thank my mother because I'm still here, just had my 50th birthday two days ago and I am doing all right so here you are. Thank you. So Madam Speaker, I just needed to get that out. I don't know if this is...if we've entered some sort of era in which we build what are otherwise great structures. But all these resources, the modern structured edifices to last the span of 50 years. There's something wrong with that,

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Madam Speaker. Having said that, but Councillor Wyatt is right, we've got to get rid of this quick guys. We have to unfortunately. So I just want to say that. However, I'm not convinced about the Public Safety Building. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Schreyer. Councillor Orlikow, back to you for closing.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. First of all, I just want to respond to Councillor Wyatt. He's absolutely correct. This motion is critical to moving that forward. The parkade and the PSPB building of all are intertwined with mechanical systems. So exactly you are right to take one down, you can't do really just sever one. The report will allow us the opportunity to look at one or the other, but they need to be done together because it can be severing of mechanical's...mechanical functions that feed a whole bunch of things so it's not as easy as we hope it would be, but again this will allow us some ideas. And this really is again that Class 3 Estimate. There's been some discussion about how the cost has risen in the PSPB building demolition which is, it is inaccurate. The Deloitte report didn't actually accurately indicate it but in their analysis when they did it, they based upon a square footage. So the actual number of the 8 million is actually, if you took the square footage and it should've been done better, that cost estimate is there and it was used to analyse the options of moving in and repurposing this building which is somewhere around 60 to 70 million dollars to repurpose it because to Councillor Schreyer's point, it is well made. It is well made for a single purpose only. It is well made for a single purpose of that being a jail and a police station. So again, it doesn't have the accessibility, doesn't the streetscaping, the wiring is going to be incredibly difficult to get it upgraded, there's a number of functions. Now that said, CentreVenture as presently been moving into, quite shortly, phase two of their consultations and if somebody comes forward and wants to repurpose the building and deliver us the \$60 million, I don't think we're saying no to that, but I haven't seen that come forward at this point. So it isn't that the fact that the building is falling down. It's the fact that it was, and this is where I think designs have changed in the future, it was just as built for a single purpose only. So to renovate it back out of that would be incredibly cost prohibitive. But again, if CentreVenture comes forward with the ideas and they'll do the business planning and comes forward and said, this is what you could do with it and here's how you can fund it, well then again, that's why it's still on the table. There's still...all options are still on the table at this point. Again, all this report is doing is saying, you know what, we need to be moving forward to get ready for it. It's going to happen. It may...the parkade for sure, it's going to happen. I think we're all quite clearly on that. I personally believe that the Public Safety Building is not...is not reusable in any other function than a prison. Again, I could stand to be corrected. I'm more than happy to be, but every indication I have, the \$60 million is just cost prohibitive to repurpose the building. But again, we'll let CentreVenture carry on with their work, but in the meantime, because of things such as the parkade and the fact of the carrying cost and a number of other issues, we need to be getting ready to be able to transform this whole block. That's what my intent is what we approved previously when we received the Deloitte report is we want to transform this block. We want to really get it in a way that integrates with the new expansion of the campus. We want to make it the streetscaping on it. We want to have it accessible to people and it's not barring that we still will move some of our...of our staffing in there, but I don't think we even...if we moved every piece of staff we have throughout the City, I don't think they could fit that building. But again, it's \$60 million. That will be astronomical. So again, I'm not bought to the idea of time to repurpose it for our staff. I think we're going to get good value for money what we're doing now. However, we have left the option of repurposing the Public Safety Building on the table but that's not for what we're talking about today. Today, we're talking about we need to get ready for something to happen. So we're going to analyze...we're going to extend this contract out to get the Class 3 Estimate for the parkade. For the demo of the parkade and for the demo of the PSPB building and then at least we'll have there the accurate numbers to go forward because I agree with Councillor Wyatt, regardless, moving forward we really have to be addressing the parkade issues sooner than later.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Orlikow. I'll call the question on Item 15. All in favour? Contrary? So noted. Carried. Councillor Orlikow on the by-laws for second and third reading.

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

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much. I move that the By-law No. 30/2017 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 30/2017.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow on the third reading.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I move that By-law No. 30/2017 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Madam Speaker: We'll move on to By-laws for all three readings. Councillor Orlikow.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

Councillor Orlikow: ...By-law 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75 and 76/2017 inclusive, be read the first time.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 68/2017, 69/2017, 70/2017, 71/2017, 72/2017, 73/2017, 74/2017, 75/2017 and 76/2017.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Madam Speaker, I move the By-laws No. 68/2017 to 76/2017 both inclusive be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 68/2017 to 76/2017 both inclusive.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow on the suspension.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I move that the rules be suspended and By-laws No. 68/2017 to 76/2017 both inclusive be read a third time and the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, now we'll move into the addendum by-law, the suspension Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: I move that the rules be suspended and the following by-laws be read a first time; By-laws No. 79/2017 and 80/2017.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 79/2017 and 80/2017.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you, Madam Chair. I move that By-laws No. 79/2017 and 80/2017 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 79/2017 and 80/2017.

Councillor Orlikow: I move that the rules be suspended and By-laws No. 79/2017 and 80/2017 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We now have question period for our Chair, for Councillor Orlikow. Any questions? Next committee.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT, HERITAGE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
QUESTION PERIOD**

Councillor Wyatt: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a quick question in terms of the whole issue coming down the pipe from the Federal Government changing its regulations on the legalizing of marijuana, has there been any work going on with regards to land use, and land use issues which are going to be something which other cities have addressed and have work taking place preparing for this, namely, the dispensaries and the concern of course in terms of location of these dispensaries, where they can be located, how close they can be to schools, how close they can be to residential areas, all of these things. I don't think we have to re-invent the wheel but I think we should be ready and our zoning by-law should be updated in the event this does come forward.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Orlikow.

Councillor Orlikow: Thank you for the question. The answer is yes. Again, our Chief Planner has begun a process awhile back from Councillor Eadie, so a little while ago, and we said, "You know what, it's time to at least do a cross-jurisdictional analysis of what's going on." Surprising enough, many places haven't even done that yet either (inaudible) the motion today but there has been some look at other cities and what they're doing and there's also links now through the Planning Department with other cities that are kind of our similar size on what they'll be doing, so they are in conversation with each other to get ready.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions for our Chair? Okay, seeing none, we'll move onto the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks. Councillor Pagtakhan.

**REPORT OF THE
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS
DATED JULY 7, 2017**

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I'd like to move...I'd like to stand down Item No. 1 and move Items 2 and 3 of the report dated July 7th.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour of Item 2 and 3? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Facility Renaming – Sergeant Tommy Prince Place

Madam Speaker: Councillor Pagtakhan to introduce the item.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Really pleased to introduce this. This is a facility renaming of...from...of the North Centennial Recreation Leisure Facility to the Sergeant Tommy Prince Place. I want to thank you, Madam Speaker and Councillor Eadie for supporting this at community committee and thank Executive Policy Committee and as well as the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks for supporting this. I just wanted to read a few things about Sergeant Tommy Prince into the record. There are several...several bits of information about this fine individual and so I took this one because it was...there's some pretty fascinating stories and I'm going to use up all the time. So basically, Madam Speaker, Tommy Prince was born in a canvass tent in Petersfield, Manitoba in October, 1915, one of 11 children born to Harry and Elizabeth Prince of the Brokenhead band of Ojibwa. He was a descendant of Chief Peguis. When he was five, his family moved to the Brokenhead of Ojibway reserve in Scantbury, Manitoba. Prince learned to be a superb marksman and excellent tracker on the reserve. His father, a hunter and trapper had taught him. Prince enlisted in the Canadian army on the 3rd of June, 1940 and was assigned to the First Field Park Company of the Royal Canadian Engineers. By 1942, Prince was a sergeant with the Canadian Parachute Battalion. Posted to the first Canadian Special Service Battalion, he was amongst a select group of Canadian soldiers sent to train with an American unit to form a specialized assault team. They became the first special service force known to the enemy as the Devil's Brigade. The name was adopted by Hollywood as a title of a 1968 portrayal of an elite unit. Prince was portrayed as Chief. Prince distinguished himself with the...with this unit in Italy and France using the skills he learned growing up on the reserve. He displayed his covert abilities and celebrated action near the front line in Anzio, Italy. In February, 1944, he volunteered to run a communication line, 1400 meters out to an abandoned farm house that sat 200 metres from a German artillery position. He set up an observation post in the farm house and for three days, reported on German movements via a communication wire. When the wire was severed during shelling, he disguised himself as a peasant farmer and pretended to work the land around the farmhouse. He stooped to tie his shoes and fixed the wire while German soldiers

watched oblivious to his true identity. At one point, he shook his fist at the Germans, and when the allies pretending to be disgusted with both. His actions resulted in the destruction of four German tanks that led...that had been firing on ally troops. In France, in the summer of 1944, Prince endured a gruelling trek across rugged terrain to locate an enemy camp. He travelled without food or water for 72 hours. He returned to the allied position and led his brigade to the German encampment resulting in the capture of more than 1,000 German soldiers. When the fighting ended in France, Prince was summoned to Buckingham Palace when King George VI decorated him with the military medal and on behalf of the American President, the Silver Star with ribbon. He would also receive the 1939 to 1945 Star, the Italy Star, the France and German Star, the Defence Medal and the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with class and the war medal. Prince was one of 59 Canadians who were awarded the Silver Star during the World War...Second World War. Only three of whom...sorry, only three of whom also possessed the Military Medal. Tommy Prince was honourably discharged on the 15th of June 1945 and returned to Canada. Back home in Canada, Prince faced racism from the Canadian Government. As an Indigenous man, he was not allowed to vote in federal elections in spite of the war time...in spite of his war time service and was refused the same benefits as other Canadian veterans. He started a business which briefly prospered. He left it in the hands of friends so he could serve as a spokesman for the Manitoba Indian Association where he lobbied the Federal Government to change the Indian Act. Following his campaigning, he came home to discover that the business he entrusted to friends had failed in his absence. Facing unemployment, he re-enlisted in the military and served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Prince resumed his former rank of sergeant and began training new recruits for the Korean War. He was then part of the first Canadian unit to land in Korea where he served with the PPCLI rifle platoon. In Korea, Prince led many snatch patrols where a small group of soldiers would travel into enemy territory and launch sneak attacks before retreating. One overnight raid led to the capture of two enemy machine guns. Suffering from bad knees, Prince returned to Canada for treatment in 1951, but he went back to Korea for a second tour in 1952. He was injured again and spent weeks in hospital where he was still recovering when the Korea Armistice came into force in 1953, ending the fighting. During two tours of duty in Korea, he won the Korean Canadian Volunteer Service and United Nations Service medals. He returned to Canada and remained in the army serving at Winnipeg's personnel depot until September 1954 when he was honourably discharged. Prince had a strong sense of civic duty and a fierce pride in his people. He dedicated himself to attaining increased educational and economic opportunities for Indigenous peoples. In quotes, he says, "All my life, I wanted to do something to help my people recover their good name. I wanted to show they were as good as any white man." Prince was married and had five children. In 1955, he saw a man drowning at the Alexander Docks in Winnipeg and leapt to save him. Finally, Prince fell on hard times and spent his last years living in a Salvation Army shelter. He died at the Deer Lodge Hospital in 1977, November 25th. He was 62 years old. Prince was buried in Brookside Cemetery, a military grave site in Winnipeg. A delegation of the Princess Patricia's served as his pallbearers. Men from his reserve chanted the death of a warrior song as he was lowered into the grave. More than 500 people attended his funeral including Manitoba's Lieutenant Governor and the consuls from France, Italy and the US. His tombstone mentions two of the 11 medals he earned, which made him Canada's most decorated Indigenous veteran. So, Madam Speaker, a great day I think for the City of Winnipeg. Just want to say that it's a huge honour to see that this facility be named Sergeant Tommy Prince Place and it's got the support of the community, the Dufferin Residents Association, several of the groups, the North Winnipeg Nomads, several the swimming groups in there and sports groups and zumba groups and so it's a real pleasure to support this. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, I just rise a big...just a quick couple of words, Madam Speaker. Of course our community committee, Madam Speaker, we had a good discussion about the reasonings behind renaming the North Centennial Recreation Leisure Centre. Madam Speaker, I just wanted to rise...I grew up with some descendants of Tommy Prince's in the North End and actually one of them still lives on Stella Avenue, a boxer that the former Councillor Dan Vandal would remember but...and I know that they would be proud to know that...that they're proud to know that we are renaming this facility after Sergeant Tommy Prince who gave so much for his country and for the people, for us to live a safe, happy life. So anyway, I'd like to thank Councillor Pagtakhan for moving such an excellent motion.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Eadie. Councillor Pagtakhan, anything further? I'll call the question. Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Bowman: I'm going to be quick. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to...I wanted to just thank each of the members of the community committee for bringing this matter forward and I'm proud that EPC supported it. I think I really do appreciate the information that Councillor Pagtakhan provided today in what he just read. I trust that many of us probably learned something in just listening to that. It's quite timely that we're voting on this today given the fact that we are on the heels of our Year of Reconciliation, the historic signing of the Winnipeg's first Indigenous Accord, and today of all days, we had Lord Selkirk here with Chief Jim Bear for recognition of the 200 year anniversary of the Selkirk Peguis Treaty. And so in...I don't know if members of Council noticed but there were medals today that were in the Mayor's foyer that were Tommy Prince's and so it's quite timely, these are the actual medals that Councillor Pagtakhan

referred to today. And I just think it's...it's one small step in our ongoing journey of reconciliation and I want to commend everybody involved in bringing this matter forward to Council for today's vote. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Councillor Pagtakhan to close.

Councillor Pagtakhan: Yes, thank you very much. I want to thank comments from Councillor Eadie and the Mayor. And, you know, I just wanted to close real quick by thanking the Mayor for the work that he's done relative to the Indigenous Accord and, you know, declaring 2016 as the Year of Reconciliation. You know, in terms of stars aligning, I won't share the story with you, but...but when we do have the opening here with the new sign, I know that Tommy Prince's son, Tommy Prince Jr. will be there and he's got a great, incredibly endearing and fascinating story as a result of the renaming here that...that pertain to his mom and dad and you'll all have to come out to hear it. It's quite cool about starts are lighting. So thank you very much.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Pagtakhan. With that, I'll call the question on Item 1, facility renaming, Sergeant Tommy Prince Place. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, we will now deal with motions. We have Motion 6 before us; moved by Councillor Wyatt, seconded by Councillor Pagtakhan. It's regarding regional outdoor aquatic parks. It'll be an automatic referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Service and Parks. Motion No. 7; moved by Councillor Dobson and seconded by Councillor Schreyer...pardon me? Okay, yes. I think I've got it written in the wrong place. Excuse me. Okay, so that concludes our motions for that committee.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PARKS MOTIONS

Motion No. 6
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Pagtakhan,

WHEREAS the Transcona Aquatic Park (T.A.P.) built for approximately \$5.9 million, has been a huge success with line up and attendance numbers that are exceeding expectations since its opening to the public on June 30, 2017;

AND WHEREAS in the First 11 days alone, from June 30 to July 10, 8000 patrons attended the T.A.P.;

AND WHEREAS the T.A.P. has a maximum attendance 'loading' set out by Manitoba Health of 341, but has seen average attendance of 673 going thru its gates daily;

AND WHEREAS this clearly demonstrates the pent up demand for such a facility in Winnipeg, with patrons traveling from all parts of the City to enjoy such a family friendly Outdoor Aquatic Park;

AND WHEREAS with the intellectual rights to the design of the T.A.P., the City can save on the soft costs for engineers, building architects and landscape architects on any additional Outdoor Aquatic Parks that are constructed;

AND WHEREAS the City presently owns and operates many outdoor pools and wading pools that were built PRIOR to Unicity and are soon approaching the end of their facility life, not to mention the fact that many are not accessible to all members of the public, with outdated amenities and washrooms/shower rooms;

AND WHEREAS the construction of new TAP type Outdoor Aquatic Park, strategically placed throughout the City, ideally in older neighbourhoods, can replace and combine older outdoor aquatic infrastructure, and will demonstrate Winnipeg's commitment to recreational facility renewal of old outdoor aquatic facilities while working to help to ensure all new operating costs are offset by existing operating costs from these older sites;

AND WHEREAS the T.A.P. is a great example of renewing older infrastructure, with the removal of two old outdoor pools, namely one wading pool and one deep pool;

AND WHEREAS the City is presently undergoing the Recreation Facility Master plan, which will help guide the City with decision making to deal with our declining and aging pools and recreational facilities;

AND WHEREAS if the City were to set aside \$2.5 to \$3 million a year, for 10 years in the Capital Budget, for strategic placement around the city, and regional Outdoor Aquatic Parks on the same size and scale as the T.A.P., the City could conceivably construct up to 5 or 6 said facilities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg establish a new capital line item called "New Regional Outdoor Aquatic Parks Capital Fund", with the purpose of:

- A. planning and developing approximately half a dozen said facilities to replace older and dated outdoor facilities,*
- B. locating each new Regional Outdoor Aquatic Park strategically around the City of Winnipeg, in support of Council policy.*
- C. accessing the existing intellectual and professional rights of the design of the T.A.P. so as to build by the said model and design and scale in 5-6 different locations.*
- D. set aside funds in the Capital Budget annually over a ten year period to allow for this said construction plan.*

Madam Speaker: We have no by-laws. Any questions for our chair, for Councillor Pagtakhan? Okay, seeing none, we'll now move on to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Councillor Morantz, on the report dated June 27th.

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DATED JUNE 27, 2017**

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. With respect to the June 27th report, I will introduce it and move adoption of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 6.

Madam Speaker: Okay, I'll call the question on Items 1 through 6. All in favour? Okay, you've got to speak up. Item No. 1, okay. Anyone else? Four? Okay Item 1 and 4 have been pulled. I'll call the question on Items 2, 3, 5 and 6. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk.

Item 1 – Review of Winnipeg Parking By-law No. 86/2016

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes, would you like to introduce Item 1?

Councillor Morantz: Sorry, Madam Speaker, regarding Item No. 1, I'll wait to hear the comments of my colleagues. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Dobson.

Councillor Dobson: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is very hard to pick up your RV or boat from storage and get it ready to go within one hour, the one hour window under the current legislation. The purpose of this motion was to allow residents the opportunity to load or prepare their vehicle for their trip in a more leisurely manner and on the return to unload, clean up and return their vehicle to storage without having to rush. Our summers are short enough without having to fear of getting a ticket because it took too long to get their RV or boat ready to go. That's it. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Dobson. Any further speakers? Councillor Morantz, do you wish to close?

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just to say, first, this by-law applies not just to RVs, but to all large vehicles; trailer, special purpose vehicles. There was a very good explanation of the reason for the by-law given by a public servant from the Parking Authority at IRPW. And if the councillor had been there to hear it, it would've been beneficial. But it is available on the video to see and...I think it's very...when you hear him explain, it makes a lot of sense. But essentially, this is really to control all large vehicles not just RVs. It's historically been a place for many, many years, this section. There is a way though to get an extension of time by simply contacting the City and getting a permit. I think there is like a small fee for that where you can get a permit and have the RV on the street for a longer period of time. So it was for that reason that the recommendation of the Standing Committee was that receive the motion as information and to let the by-law stand as it has for many years. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you. With that, I will call the question on Item 1. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Madam Clerk, Item 4.

Item 4 – Results of the March 21, 2017 advertisement of the proposed Asphaltic Concrete Lane Pavement Local improvement projects

Madam Speaker: Okay. Councillor Morantz, do you wish to introduce?

Councillor Morantz: Madam Speaker, I'll wait to hear the comments of my colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is almost time for the annual tradition of the media to come to Councillor Allard's ward or mine to feature a story about the bad condition of gravel lanes. So unreported year after year, but we pointed out year after year, this very successful program. If you do the research, and I did do the research, between 2003 and 2013, there were a total of 24 ten year period, 24 local improvements that were approved for concreting of gravel back lanes to spread across a number of different wards, primarily in the Riel Community Committee, but in other community communities as well, so 24 in a ten year period. In the three or four years since this new asphaltic program was introduced Councillor Wyatt I think was part of the group that brought this in in the late 13, Councillor Vandal and I certainly supported it in that budget, in the three years that we've been doing this there have been 43 such projects that we approved these for today. So more than we we're...we're more than a hundred percent ahead of the pace than we had been in that previous decade, there is still money in the program. The program is a pilot project that continues for another couple of years. I have to say it's been a great success. It's certainly done...most of the pick-up has been in the two wards that have most of the gravel lanes, Councillor Allard's and myself. I think he takes the lead with this. He is at 18 and I am at 17, but that the program has been picked up at the pace we expected about ten lanes a year. It's been picked up primarily in the places where the problem has been the worst; St. Boniface Ward, St. Vital Ward. So I want to thank Henly Pheifer who has been the Public Works driving force behind this for the last four years now I guess. We continue to get people signing on. It is...people who are prepared to cost share with us, get a drain, get an asphalt treatment of their back lane, it certainly has I think been a success and we don't often stand up and celebrate those. So again, it was brought in under the previous Council. It's been continued under this Council. As you will remember, we doubled the funding available for...in next year's budget so it's 2 million rather than 1 million. So if people want to sign on, there's certainly funding there to allow us to do a number of these next year as well as this year. So you've heard me ramble on about this before, Madam Speaker, but it has been a great success. In terms of getting some actual concrete, that's a play on words, some actual asphalt on the ground getting these drains installed, getting some better lane conditions, some improved infrastructure out there that citizens have supported. It's a very democratic process. People have to vote for it, and they have spoken and we certainly had very good take up of this program. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Mayes. Any further speakers? Councillor Morantz, do you wish to close?

Councillor Morantz: Just go ahead with the vote, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Okay, I'll call the question on Item 4. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Okay, we'll now deal with Motion 4 before us; moved by Councillor Morantz, seconded by myself. Pardon me? Councillor Morantz, first, we need to deal with the other report dated July 11th, 2017 if you would like to move that.

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 DATED JULY 11, 2017**

Councillor Morantz: Thank you. I'll introduce the report of July 11th and Item 1 on the Consent Agenda.

Madam Speaker: Just Item 1 there, No. 1, that's right. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. Now on to Motion No. 4 which is moved by Councillor Morantz, seconded by myself regarding the design and estimated...design and estimates for major capital projects. It's an automatic referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works. Motion No. 7; moved by Councillor Dobson and seconded by Councillor Schreyer. It's regarding the street maintenance budget, also an automatic referral to the same Standing Committee. Motion No. 10; moved by Councillor Eadie and seconded by Councillor Wyatt. It's regarding national trade corridors fund. This will be an automatic referral to the...

Councillor Eadie: ...move suspension of the rules to debate this motion at this time?

Madam Speaker: Okay. We will move suspension of the rules to debate Motion 10 at this time. All in favour? Contrary? Okay, I think we'll call for a recorded vote. All in favour to debate the motion today, please rise. Okay. Shall we go with that? Okay, okay, let's move on. Okay, it'll be an automatic referral to the Standing Policy Committee.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
MOTIONS**

Motion No. 4

**Moved by Councillor Morantz,
Seconded by Councillor Sharma,**

WHEREAS the Council adopted Transportation Master Plan identified a number of new strategic road and bridge priorities that must be addressed in order to ensure the future efficient movement of both goods and services across our city;

AND WHEREAS on June 25, 2014, Winnipeg City Council identified the Waverley Street Underpass, Marion Street Widening/Grade Separation and improvements from Archibald Street to Lagimodiere Boulevard, Chief Peguis Trail extension from Main Street to Route 90, Louise Bridge Replacement, William R. Clement Parkway Extension from Grant Avenue to Wilkes Avenue and the Widening of Kenaston Boulevard (Route 90) from Ness Avenue to Taylor Avenue, as priorities under the Building Canada Fund (Major Projects component);

AND WHEREAS on March 25, 2015, Winnipeg City Council identified Waverley Street Underpass, Marion Street Widening/Grade Separation and improvements from Archibald Street to Lagimodiere Boulevard, Chief Peguis Trail extension from Main Street to Route 90, and the Kenaston Boulevard Widening as priorities under the Building Canada Fund;

AND WHEREAS the Arlington Bridge has also been identified as a potential infrastructure project for the bridges' replacement and consultation is currently underway;

AND WHEREAS all of the aforementioned projects are at various stages of design and development;

AND WHEREAS the Public Service has made significant progress in implementing asset management standards to guide future infrastructure investment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Service report back to Council within 60 days, with a report on the progress with respect to the design and estimated budgets for each of the following projects (listed in no particular order):

- *Marion Street Widening/Grade Separation and improvements from Archibald Street to Lagimodiere Boulevard*
- *Chief Peguis Trail extension from Main Street to Route 90*
- *Louise Bridge Replacement*
- *William R. Clement Parkway Extension from Grant Avenue to Wilkes Avenue*
- *Widening of Kenaston Boulevard (Route 90) from Ness Avenue to Taylor Avenue*
- *Arlington Bridge Replacement*

Motion No. 7

**Moved by Councillor Dobson,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer,**

WHEREAS the state of roadways and sidewalks are of great concern to the citizens of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS Councillors receive many calls from citizens regarding potholes, broken curbs and lifting sidewalks each year;

AND WHEREAS there is no easy way to determine what budget is being expended to repair potholes, curbs and sidewalks each year;

AND WHEREAS providing details of this budget would facilitate whether these budgets are increasing or decreasing from year to year and help Council to determine if said budget is sufficient;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Street Maintenance Budget be itemized for Council, to reflect how much annually is being expended on pothole, curb and sidewalk repairs, so as to ensure that Council can debate and ensure an appropriate budget is being established each year.

Motion No. 10

**Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,**

WHEREAS the launch of the National Trade Corridors Fund described in FCM's newsletter article below provides opportunity for the City of Winnipeg to make many improvements to Highway One's entrance into Winnipeg and its trade route system;

"On July 4, Transport Minister Marc Garneau announced the details for the Federal Government's National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF) and launched the application period for funding requests. The fund will provide \$2 billion over 11 years to projects that reduce bottlenecks at major transportation hubs and modernize Canada's transportation network, including municipal priorities such as roads, bridges and grade separations.

The NTCF is an important new federal investment that responds directly to FCM's recommendations for improving Canada's transportation system by:

- A. providing dedicated funding for transportation needs not directly addressed in Phase 1 of the Federal Government's infrastructure plan;*
- B. permitting proponents to stack multiple sources of federal funding beyond 50 percent of eligible costs; and*
- C. including a \$400-million carve-out for Canada's northern transportation needs.*

The submission period for Expressions of Interest is now open until September 5, 2017. If you have any further questions, please contact Transport Canada at tc.ntcf-fncc.tc@tc.gc.ca."

AND WHEREAS Fermor Avenue, from Lagimodiere to Plessis Road (Winnipeg's boundary road), is the Number One Trans Canada Highway and is therefore a significant gateway into Winnipeg for many visitors arriving to Winnipeg from the east, and is also the site of the beautifully constructed building and grounds of the Royal Canadian Mint, a major industry that has a successful international business by minting coins for countries the world over;

AND WHEREAS Fermor Avenue, from Lagimodiere to Plessis Road, and inclusive of the Fermor and Legimodiere intersection, is in poor condition and is congested at peak traffic hours and this is not fitting such a gateway and indirectly does a disservice to the Royal Canadian Mint;

AND WHEREAS the City works hard to find ways and means to finance its share of road works when we engage in tripartite funding programs with other levels of government other than direct mill rate support;

AND WHEREAS developer obligations presently exist at this location from a previous Council decision, which makes this a unique opportunity for the City of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service do all things necessary to submit an expression of interest to Transport Canada to remove the bottle neck at the intersection of Lagimodiere Blvd. and Fermor Ave. and renew and redevelop Fermor Avenue from Lagimodiere Blvd. to Plessis Road, including upgrades for the Fermor / Lagimodiere intersection.

Madam Speaker: Okay, we'll now move into by-laws. Councillor Morantz.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

Councillor Morantz: Thank you Madam Speaker, I will move that the following by-laws be read for a first time; By-law No. 50/2017, No. 66/2017 and No. 67/2017.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws No. 50/2017, 66/2017 and 67/2017.

Madam Speaker: Okay, Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: I will move that By-laws No. 50/2017, 66/2017 and 67/2017 be read a second time.

Madam Speaker: Okay, all in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Clerk: By-laws numbered 50/2017, 66/2017 and 67/2017.

Madam Speaker: All in favour? Contrary? Carried.

Councillor Morantz: Madam Speaker, I'll move that the rules be suspended and By-laws No. 50, 66 and 67/2017 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Speaker: Okay. All in favour? Contrary? Carried. We'll now have question period for the Chair, for Councillor Morantz. Councillor Eadie.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL AND PUBLIC WORKS
QUESTION PERIOD**

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, I'm just rising to ask a question with regards to the Motion 10 that was there, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to point out that, you know, in undertaking our various aspects of getting ready for Council, Madam Speaker, we find out...we discover things that maybe we should deal with right away, and so Madam Speaker, I just wanted to ask the question of the Chairperson in regards to the announcement on July 4 from Minister Garneau, Transportation Minister, about the \$2 billion, 400 for the north, 1.6 million for the rest of the country over the next 11 years. It's really an initial thing to get things building quickly Madam Speaker, and I'm just wondering if the Chair of the Standing Committee had noticed the announcement and actually asked the Administration to find a number of projects that they could provide an expression of interest by September 7th, Madam Speaker.

Madam Speaker: Councillor Morantz.

Councillor Morantz: Madam Speaker, I'd like to thank the Councillor for his question through the Chair. I have not been briefed by the Public Service on this fund and this particular project other than being aware that there's a front-ending agreement for the developer. I'm not aware of this project other than that. And this application, this motion was just drafted early over the lunch hour, so there's really been no time for consultation with Public Service to find out whether or not this project is something that would even be eligible for the program, and not having any information really about the program I've been briefed on, I really can't give a fulsome response at this time, but now that the motion has been signed and brought before Council, certainly I will be inquiring with the CAO with respect to the program. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Morantz. Anything further?

Councillor Eadie: Yes, Madam Speaker, a follow up question, Madam Speaker. Now that it's brought to the Standing Committee Chairperson's attention in terms of this particular work that's really needed, my question is, once he discovers the information he wants from the Administration, would he...I'd invite him to, along with the Mayor, to request that they put in an expression of interest by September 7th for this particular project because I know that the Standing Committee Chairperson will see the importance of this particular infrastructure issue. So will he undertake, just direct them once he finds out?

Councillor Morantz: Sorry what was the last part? I couldn't hear the question.

Madam Speaker: You can clarify the question, Councillor Eadie.

Councillor Eadie: Well, the question really is, once the Standing Committee Chairperson gets a verbal explanation of what's going on with this particular section of road, Madam Speaker, my question is would he entertain, along with the Mayor, instructing the Public Service to put in an expression of interest for this particular project, because I think we don't want to miss an opportunity to find the funding to do this. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Councillor Morantz: Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do appreciate the question and I will look into the matter.

Madam Speaker: Any further questions of the Chair? Okay. I'm just going to hand over the Chair to the Deputy Speaker for a few minutes and then the Standing Policy Committee on Finance.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Standing Policy Committee on Finance, there's no report, there's no motions, by-laws, question period for Finance? Councillor Wyatt.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
QUESTION PERIOD**

Councillor Wyatt: Yes, where are we with regards to the 2018 budget? Capital and Operating.

Councillor Gillingham: Madam Speaker, thank...Madam Speaker, thank you...I want to thank my council colleague for the question. We're in, obviously, in a process...we've...as most of my colleagues understand, the public engagement took place earlier this year as was our intention and was requested, you know, the expectation by the public. Public engagement has been completed and the report was made public last month. I've really appreciated the opportunity I've had to speak to...with so many council colleagues and consulted with them. So many of my colleagues have given such good information and an insight into the 2018 budget. I can assure my colleagues that that's not the last discussion that I want to have with each one. There are a couple I haven't had a chance to meet with. I would really encourage the rest of my council colleagues that I haven't had a chance to meet with to please connect with me. Let's find a time to meet together because Madam Speaker, it's important to hear from each ward because each councillor represents the citizens of their respective wards, and so I do want to have that input. As per the annual calendar, I know that I understand that our departments have...you know, have been submitting to the Administration the...their initial preliminary operating and capital budgets, and that process is ongoing right now, and then obviously we'll really ramp up in earnest over the next several months and into the fall, so we are still facing an \$88 million projected deficit and there's lots of work left to do. I would remind my council colleagues too that the Committee, the Standing Policy Committee on Finance with Councillor Gerbasi, Councillor Lukes and myself on a regular basis as the quarterly reports from 2017 come forward, we do get updates as far as how things are going in '17 which will obviously impact us in the budget preparation for 2018, but in September, the Standing Policy Committee on Finance meeting in September, at that time we do expect to hear the second quarter report, so the 2017 report up to the end of June, and that will be important, an important report also as we kind of gear towards the fall and get ready to present a budget for 2018. I can assure you that my aim, our aim, speaking with the Mayor as well, the aim is to have the 2018 budget prepared, the preliminary budget for late this fall and the goal will be, my goal is to pass a budget for 2018 before the end of 2017. That is certainly the goal. Let me pre-empt maybe any other questions with regards to discussions with the Province. I think the Councillor from Transcona indicated earlier in the meeting today, talked a little bit about the changes in the way the Provincial Government is funding the City of Winnipeg. Those are ongoing discussions. We know the implications to this point of some of those changes. I know our administration continues to discuss with their, I'll call them counterparts of the Province as far as any other implications to the changes the Province has made in the way they fund the City. I've stated publicly and I know our administration, I believe as...I know they've expressed behind, you know, in their meetings that we really do need to hear from the Province for clarity and as we prepare our 2018 budget, respect the fact that the Province submitted their, you know, brought their budget forward several months after we brought our budget forward for the year, so those ongoing discussions are important and we'll continue to work with the Province to get clarity on '18 funding and funding for future years as well. Thank you.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Councillor Gillingham. Councillor Wyatt, did you have any further questions? Thank you. Any other questions on that report? Seeing none, we'll move to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment, the report dated June 29th, 2017, Items 1 to 4. And if you could introduce, Councillor Mayes.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
DATED JUNE 29, 2017**

Councillor Mayes: I'll move Items 1 through 4 inclusive.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Any...seeing no items pulled, move Items 1 to 4. All those in favour? Any opposed? Carried. Next report is the report dated July 10th, Item 1.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
DATED JULY 10, 2017**

Councillor Eadie: Madam Speaker, I rise to declare a perceived conflict of interest in this matter and therefore, I'm going to remove myself from the Council Chamber at this time.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Thank you very much, Councillor Eadie. Okay, Councillor Mayes.

Councillor Mayes: Yes, I'll move item...there's only the one item from the report dated July 10th, 2017. My thanks to Councillors Allard and Gillingham for making themselves available for that special meeting that was needed.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Okay, moving that as Consent, I take it or...? Okay. Any...all those in favour? Any opposed? That's carried. By-laws, Councillor Mayes.

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
WATER AND WASTE, RIVERBANK MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that By-law No. 78/2017, the By-law of the City of Winnipeg to authorize the undertaking of certain local improvements be read a first time.

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Any opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 78/2017.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that By-law No. 78/2017 be read a second time.

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Any opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 78/2017.

Councillor Mayes: I'll move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 78/2017 be read a third time and that the same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Any opposed? It's carried. Oh, question period, questions for the Chair? Seeing none, the next report is the Governance Committee, Councillor...okay. The next report is the Governance Committee report which Councillor Allard has been asked to deliver.

**REPORT OF THE
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
DATED JULY 6, 2017**

Councillor Allard: Can I just...can I move the Consent Agenda? I've never done that before. So I would move that, yes.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Item 1 is moved. All those in favour? Any...pardon me? Just moving item 1. All those in favour? Any opposed? Carried.

Councillor Allard: Councillor Wyatt's trying to read on my...

Madam Deputy Speaker: Consideration of by-laws.

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS**

Councillor Allard: So I move...I move that the rule be suspended and By-law No. 77/2017. Is that right? Okay, be read a first time.

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Any opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 77/2017.

Councillor Allard: I move that By-law No. 77/2017 be read a second time.

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Any opposed? Carried.

Clerk: By-law No. 77/2017.

Councillor Allard: And I move that the rule be suspended and that By-law No. 77/2017 be read a third time and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those in favour? Any...you want a recorded vote? Has been called for. Okay. A recorded vote has been called for. A recorded vote has been called on the third reading. All those in favour, please rise.

A RECORDED VOTE was taken the result being as follows:

Yeas

His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Morantz, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Schreyer, Councillor Sharma and Madam Deputy Speaker Councillor Gerbasi

Madam Deputy Speaker: All those opposed, please rise.

Nays

Councillor Wyatt

City Clerk: The vote Madam Deputy Speaker, Yeas 15, Nays 1.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Motion is carried. And Councillor Orlikow is happy to move adjournment. Thank you everybody. All those...roll call.

ROLL CALL

Clerk: Madam Deputy Speaker Councillor Gerbasi, His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Dobson, Eadie, Gillingham, Gilroy, Lukes, Mayes, Morantz, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Schreyer, Wyatt and Councillor Sharma.

Council adjourned at 4:14 p.m.