

Council opposition fails in access maneuver

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Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman and his allies on city council quashed an opposition motion to pry more information out of city officials.

Council voted 10-6 on Wednesday to defeat a motion that would have required senior public servants to meet with councillors to provide information about reports prior to votes at council and committee meetings.

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South Winnipeg-St. Norbert Coun. Janice Lukes authored the motion after complaining she was denied information by chief administrative officer Doug McNeil.

She only convinced five colleagues to support her motion: Couns. Jeff Browaty (North Kildonan), Shawn Dobson (St. Charles), Ross Eadie (Mynarski), Jason Schreyer (Elmwood-East Kildonan) and Russ Wyatt (Transcona).

Before the vote, Mayor Brian Bowman suggested Lukes mischaracterized the nature of her dispute with McNeil and claimed city council is more open than ever.