

Q1 Do you have feedback for consideration when developing the Public Works Department (Parks & Open Spaces Division) budget? Submit your feedback below. All feedback will be provided to elected officials on the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks during their budget discussions. Submit your feedback by Thursday, November 28.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Budgets should not be cut and taxes should be increased. We need our services.	11/28/2019 5:04 PM
2	You have got to be kidding me! Look, no fault to the Parks Department for this - these guys already run on a shoestring budget. Some of these buildings are literally crumbling. Do you really think the budget crisis solution is to lower our collective standards for quality and civic pride? Bowman & Council - take one for the team and eliminate these cuts, even if it means breaking your *removed* tax promise. On another note, why can't I submit feedback on Riverbank Stabilization? Making the most of our rivers, and protecting the parks and paths that employ them is essential to good quality of life in this City and too getting our children outdoors! So shortsided to ask for cuts to priority projects. The projects I most care about aren't even near the top of your list and the top of your list is getting cancelled! *removed*.	11/27/2019 6:10 PM
3	To whom it may concern, There is a book in each childhood. Winnipeg has a great reading culture among its residents and is home to many neighbourhood libraries. Helen Norrie (donor of the Bill and Helen Norrie Library) attests that she "saw firsthand the impact these fixtures can have on individuals of all ages". In a time of thrilling but also challenging tumultuous change, the return to social solidarity, tolerance and participation increasingly gains in importance. Public libraries are an essential part of this civic task and act as a social and spatial transformer for everyday landscapes within a city. By providing books and other media in spaces accessible for all abilities, libraries remain a very powerful and ubiquitous medium for cross-cultural exchange of knowledge and ideas. We are writing you in order to express our deepest concerns about the proposal to close the Fort Garry Library in January 2022. We moved to Canada twelve years ago and we were lucky to find a home in Wildwood Park *address removed*. Our children were 1.5 and 3.5 years old at that time. The wading pool and the library were such important destinations in our everyday life. And while spending time in the library I got the impression that this kind of social infrastructure is so well received by others. I am aware that Winnipeg is not the richest city but we are not poor, we just don't have big budgets for everything. The system of well maintained public libraries offer fantastic opportunities also for those who can't afford books or newspapers. It's a sustainable investment in the future of our City. It would be a shame if we as a human society are not longer willing to cultivate our educational and social landscape. The community libraries are an indispensable component of this culture. Please stop the plan to close the Fort Garry Library in January 2022. Please feel free to contact us anytime if you have any questions. Best regards, *name removed*	11/27/2019 3:46 PM
4	tree pruning and general tree maintenance, including replanting should be better funded. Our urban forest is one of the very few things that sets Winnipeg apart from almost all other major Can. cities... we are losing it due to indifference. I would be willing to pay higher taxes.	11/26/2019 5:30 PM
5	I'm concerned about our urban forest, which is in crisis. The disastrous October snowstorm has elevated the need for significantly increased, stable funding. The One Million Tree Challenge indicates that City Hall leadership values Winnipeg's urban forest. A flourishing tree canopy makes our city a vibrant, world-class, and healthy place people want to live, work, and visit ... in addition to providing huge benefits in terms of infrastructure savings. The investments we make now in our trees will continue to pay off in coming years. The city needs to take decisive and urgent action to save Winnipeg's iconic canopy, considering the threats it faces from disease (Dutch elm disease, emerald ash borer, and cottony ash psyllid), and climate change ... and the irreplaceable value of our mature trees. Current levels of pruning, planting, and disease management are insufficient to keep our canopy intact. Winnipeg's forestry department has been under-funded for years and industry best practices advise a level of tree maintenance the city does not achieve. New trees planted replace only a fraction of trees removed each year. Last year, in the 2019 Parks & Open Space Division 2019 Preliminary Operating Budget presentation, the department identified a shortfall of \$7.61 million in resources required to address tree disease management and pruning that went unfunded. As a result, we are losing our tree canopy. Please expand funding for Winnipeg's forestry department in the 2020 budget by \$7.61 million, and maintain this funding over the four years of the multi-year budget. This will allow the city to invest in a broad-based city-wide plan for the entire urban forest, including the ability to keep up with the removal of diseased trees, tree planting (including follow-up care), maintenance, and monitoring.	11/24/2019 9:19 PM