

Q1 Do you have feedback for consideration when developing the Planning, Property & Development Department budget? Submit your feedback below. All feedback will be provided to elected officials on the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development. 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	<p>I have the perhaps unique opportunity to speak not only as the Executive Director of the West Broadway BIZ, but also as a longtime West Broadway resident. As a resident, I can remember the feeling of excitement and pride years ago when I gathered with hundreds of others in the parking lot of the Food Fare to participate in the unveiling of Synonym Art Consultations first mural, followed by a bike jam. Since that time I've felt a sense of delight and proud ownership each time a new mural has gone up in the neighbourhood. As executive director, I know it's been the grants, relationships, and partnerships that the West Broadway BIZ has provided and fostered that has lead to the neighbourhood being so rich and vibrant with public art. I know that the businesses are thankful for this attention and investment, because they have told me. As a resident, seeing the completion of the skate park was wonderful. Knowing that youth in the neighbourhood had another outlet, and that programming could be built around it was great. As someone who's worked with youth in neighbourhood organizations and in community economic and social enterprises, I knew this park presented an opportunity to engage with youth to provide an alternative to the negative influences out there. As an executive director, I know that so much hard work went into bringing this idea to fruition, and that it was the direct result of partnerships between the BIZ, businesses, and neighbourhood non-profits. Money from the City and our budget was levied to get large grants that meant this dream became a reality. These are just two examples of the many initiatives the West Broadway BIZ has been a part of, championed, or supported that have made the West Broadway neighbourhood what it is today: a vibrant, thriving neighbourhood with an array of businesses and organizations that, through their existence, make the neighbourhood known as an inclusive arts and culture hub that is creative and fun, and one that people want to be a part of. Business Improvement Zones provide an extraordinary return on what is currently a minimal investment by the City and the proposed cuts to our budgets will have a detrimental impact on businesses, communities, and the local economy. Our organizations leverage the amounts we get from the city through fund-raising, accessing grants from other levels of government, and sponsorships to bolster our annual budget and operations above what your levy provides. This is incredible value for the minimal dollars invested by Council. As a small BIZ that does not have a large geographic footprint, but that is incredibly dense population wise, the money we receive from the City is vital in our ability to deliver programs that benefit the neighbourhood and city as a whole BIZ groups already struggle to navigate municipal systems, to attain permits, organize street events, deliver green space and street activation programs, manage safety initiatives, clean-ups, public concerts, beautification campaigns, etc with minimal support from city staff, and it is unthinkable that this work could be accomplished without a position like the Neighbourhood Economic Development Officer. BIZ groups, organized as non profit boards, mobilize countless volunteers, generating hundreds of thousands of dollars in real and in-kind value for neighbourhoods across the city. Cutting this position and the relatively modest budget that assists BIZ groups will set this effort back precisely when it is most needed. In West Broadway, where close to 50 percent of households live in poverty, the West Broadway BIZ organizes businesses as a stabilizing force, generating local jobs, creating hundreds of hours of volunteerism, contributing to neighbourhood safety, pride, appearance, and connectivity. These are tangible efforts that actually work and address issues of poverty, crime, and safety. At a time when these efforts are needed, the City needs to properly support BIZ groups and stop short changing front line organizations.</p>	11/27/2019 7:44 PM
3	Austerity is not the way to go. Look at England. Think outside the box. Your job is to fight for people and the communities you serve. Cutting libraries, transit, recreational services, community centres is going to make mental health, gangs, and overall desperation worse. You are not acknowledging the decay in the society. Watch the documentary The Divide. We are heading in the wrong direction. Time for you to stand up and call a spade a spade. Austerity benefits the rich and nobody else. Shameful to even consider cutting libraries.	11/27/2019 5:16 PM
4	Upzone older R1 neighbourhoods. Implementation tangible density targets. Fund infill education to move public support of infill.	11/27/2019 3:05 PM

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5	<p>Hello Counsellors, You want downtown to thrive? Get a subway system. If you want to play with the big boys like the Vancouver's, Edmonton's, Calgary's & Montreal's, you better transporting people underground where it's warm and will travel to every major institution in Winnipeg. Montreal built their subway in 1966 with 1.2 million people. Why can't Winnipeg as it reaches 850 thousand? If Waterloo, Ontario can have light rapid transit with 115 thousand people, why can't Winnipeg? Winnipeg is so far behind with other major cities across Canada, that nobody in their right mind will want to come to Winnipeg to invest. Why is Winnipeg the least favorite place to play as a visiting team: because it's just dirty..... I wouldn't walk around downtown during the day never mind going anywhere at night. *link removed* I will continue to shop at the larger malls (St. Vital, Polo Park, Waverly west because it's safer and the parking is free. I went shopping at the Bay downtown and before I get through the doors, I'm asked for change by 5 different street people. Why did I do this??? It's ridiculous. 1. The panhandlers need to go. 2. The homeless population require immediate attention and need to be moved. 3. If you want me downtown, you better give me a good reason and the Jet's or the Moose is not one of them. 4. Why can't I find a decent grocery store or hardware store downtown? You want me to live there? You better have good transportation besides my bicycle. I live in a condo in St. Boniface and I ride my bike to work which takes 30 minutes. I drive my car and it takes 17 minutes, if I take the bus it's 1 hour and 20 minutes with one transfer. I should be able to get on a subway or a light rail transit and be at work in 15 minutes, just like going from one end of the city to the other in Montreal which takes approximately 25 minutes. I will be moving to the interior of B.C. very soon because there is more opportunities. I will be 6 hours away from Calgary or 5 hours away from Vancouver. Either way, I will be in a progressive city.</p>	11/23/2019 12:36 AM
6	<p>Require the employees caught slacking off to pay back the salaries from when they should have been working</p>	11/22/2019 3:47 AM
7	<p>Urban planning is critical for environmental protection as well as for creating liveable and appealing communities. I have lived in a number of European and North American cities, and sadly Winnipeg is more like a collection suburbs rather than a true city. It is appalling to see more and more farmland or greenspace outside the city turned into far-flung suburbs, while the heart of the city decays. The population of the city has barely increased over decades, while the physical footprint of the city had exploded exponentially. This is horrible for the environment, as we sprawl out into either wildlife habitat or land that could be used for agriculture, and also horrible for lifestyle. All this sprawl - with of course no public transit - means more cars on the road. And of course these suburbs are not built as self-contained areas with grocery stores and other conveniences in walkable distance - meaning that for every single errand, all these suburbanites are getting into their SUVs to travel to strip malls or big box stores which comprise it seems most of the commercial development in the city. There is also no street scale to the commercial development - all stores are built half a mile back from the street, making it totally unappealing to walk down commercial streets - imagine walking down Kenaston Blvd to visit the various shops in the strip malls - as well as deterring people from taking the bus because the stores are so inaccessible unless you take a car. Osborne village and a couple streets in the Exchange area are the exception, but those areas are dying, retail-wise. It might be worth it for anyone who works in the city's urban planning department to go on a field trip to an actual city, like Toronto or Portland OR, to see what they look like, and how they work. I think that would be a good investment - so we can inspire Wpg city planners to start actually do urban planning, instead of just rubber-stamping permits from developers who want to build another horrific hideous suburb.</p>	11/22/2019 2:19 AM
8	<p>Best way to increase expenses is to cut the planning department. High quality planning saves significant money compared to poorly funded shoddy planning. Poor quality planning increases chances of conflicts with developers, litigation, and wasted city resources through legal costs.</p>	11/19/2019 5:15 AM
9	<p>Many of us are switching to apartment life. Please raise property taxes so that vital services aren't taken from those who love downtown.</p>	11/15/2019 11:29 PM