

Appendix A – Promotional materials



INFORMATION - COMMUNIQUÉ

For Immediate Release
Friday, October 9, 2020

City asks for public feedback to update the multi-year budget

Winnipeg, MB – Winnipeggers are invited to take part in the multi-year budget 2021 update by sharing what they value most and how that may have changed since the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City of Winnipeg's multi-year budget provides a plan for the City's revenue and expenses from 2020-2023. This plan gives the City a blueprint for spending over four years. The multi-year budget process allows for flexibility because each year, the budget has to be approved by City Council.

In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic created unexpected impacts on the City. City Council now has to make decisions on how to adjust the multi-year budget to accommodate the financial impacts from the pandemic.

In order to assist Council in updating the multi-year budget for 2021, we are asking the public to take a short survey, available from October 9 to October 30. A representative sample of Winnipeggers was surveyed for the annual citizen satisfaction survey in May 2020 as well. Results are summarized and [available online](#).

The public's input on the budget will be summarized to help inform City Council's budget deliberations.

More information available at winnipeg.ca/engagebudget2021.

-30-

Media inquiries should be directed to the City of Winnipeg Media Inquiry Line at 204-986-6000 or via email at city-mediainquiry@winnipeg.ca.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#)

Social Media Posts

City of Winnipeg @cityofwinnipeg · Oct 21

Un court sondage est un moyen simple de s'exprimer. La pandémie a-t-elle changé vos priorités? Dites-le-nous maintenant. ow.ly/UTcw50BOy3P #wpgengage



1 1

City of Winnipeg @cityofwinnipeg · Oct 21

A short survey is one simple way to have your say. How has the pandemic impacted your priorities? Tell us now. ow.ly/tKsH50BOy3N #wpgengage



1 1

The image displays two identical social media posts from the City of Winnipeg. Each post features a header with the city's name and a verified account icon, followed by the date 'Oct 21'. The main text is in French for the top post and English for the bottom post, both asking about survey participation and providing a link and hashtag. Below the text is a graphic of four overlapping documents, each with a large green dollar sign and a checkmark on the first document. At the bottom of each post are icons for reply, retweet (with a count of 1), like (with a count of 1), and share.

Appendix B – Survey results

Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

17 October 2019 - 03 November 2020

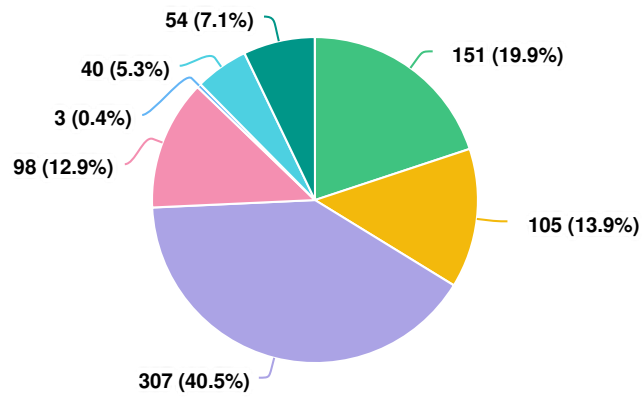
PROJECT NAME:

Multi-year budget: 2021 update



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | Of the seven priorities, please select the one that you feel is the most important for you now.



Question options

- investment in transit
- community safety
- community services
- roads
- fire protection
- trees
- controlling expenses and driving efficiencies

Optional question (758 response(s), 9 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

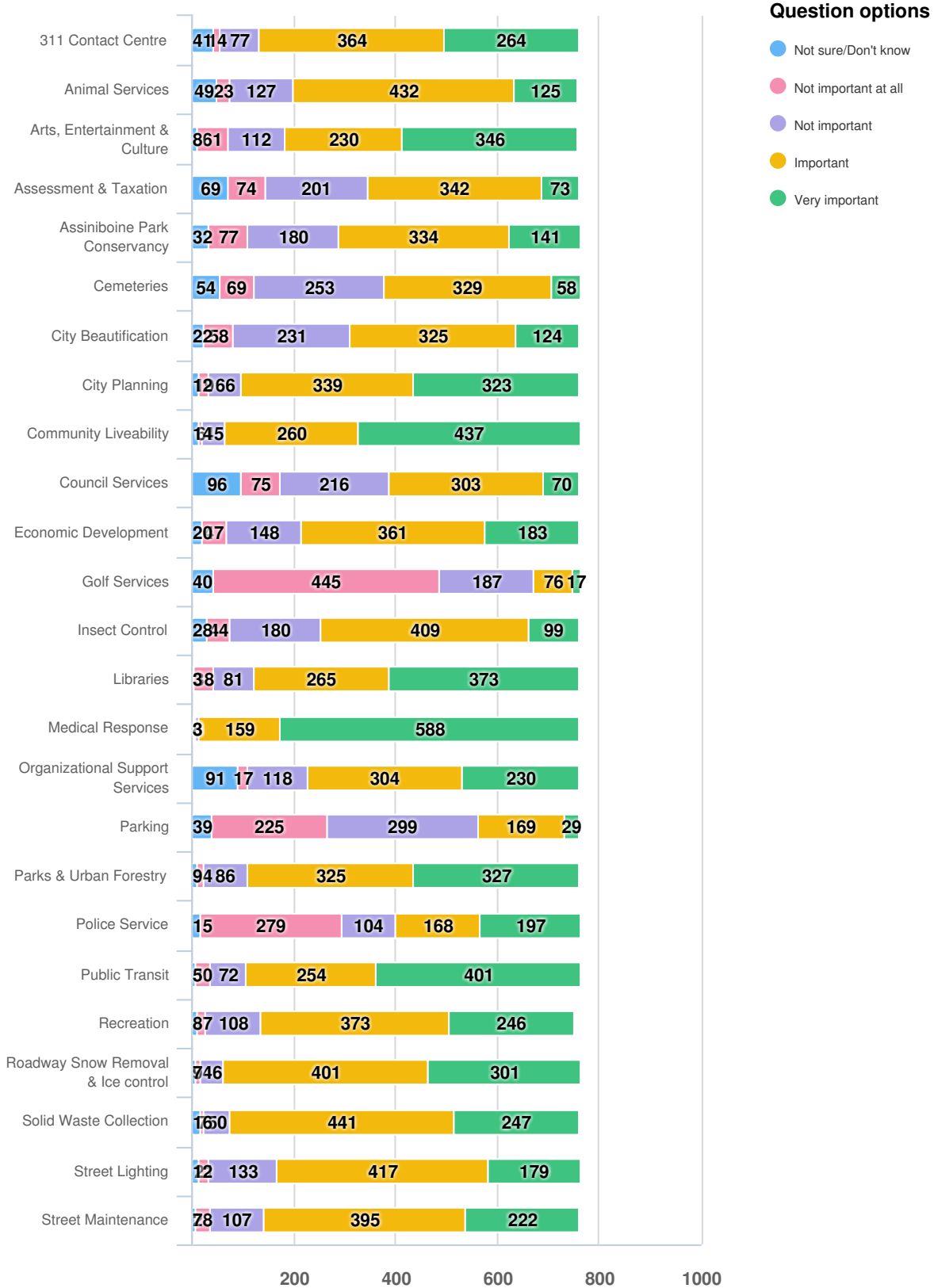
Q2 | Given the current context of COVID-19, how important are each of the following budget priorities to you? Please rank the items below from most important (1) to least important (7).

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
community services	2.47
investment in transit	3.49
community safety	3.78
trees	4.16
roads	4.25
fire protection	4.82
controlling expenses and driving efficiencies	4.94

Optional question (759 response(s), 8 skipped)

Question type: Ranking Question

Q3 Thinking about the COVID-19 pandemic and how it has affected residents and businesses, how important do you think each of the following City services/programs are to the community?



Optional question (766 response(s), 1 skipped)
Question type: Likert Question

Pages 5-31 were removed as they contain the same information as this graph

Anonymous

10/09/2020 11:07 AM

Yes, Parks and Insect Control are important as we are spending more time outdoors.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 11:19 AM

There is a lot of funding that goes to police services, and while policing is very important, it does take away resources to other services in the city. What are the checks-and-balances regarding police service spending? There have been studies that show if more resources are placed in social programs up-front, less money is needed for policing on the backend. Essentially, interested in accountability with police services.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:10 PM

No change.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:27 PM

No.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:30 PM

not really. The things that were important before are just more important now, and the things that aren't, less so.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:30 PM

Winnipeg spends far too much on policing and roads. We need to shift our priorities and think about the future of our city and our planet. The track we are on right now is not sustainable and we need courage from our leaders to make investments and moves that will create a better Winnipeg for everyone in the future. COVID has exposed the cruelty of our society and who our leaders actually care about. Mayor Bowman's limp leadership that consistently defers to the status quo is actively making Winnipeg a worse place, and council is doing little to stand up and advocate for change on behalf of their constituents.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:30 PM

yes - we need better funding for accessible and affordable healthcare services, transit, food, housing, and less funding siphoned by reactionary services that bloat the budget and cause more harm, like police. We need fiscal responsibility that invests in people-driven services, over profit. We need more ER's and paramedics, not less. More funding for educators and libraries, not less. More affordable transit access, not less.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:32 PM

No

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:33 PM

Yes, I have a greater disdain for the misuse of city funds to the inflated police budget and their invincibility to cuts which impact more important services.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:36 PM

Yes i am more concerned of the wellbeing of others

Paul M

10/09/2020 02:36 PM

Yes - less spending on roads and police, more spending on transit, active transportation and forestry.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:38 PM

Not really

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:40 PM

N/A

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:41 PM

I've become much more of a collectivist. Seeing people work together to prevent the spread of the virus has helped reinforce to me that Winnipeggers are largely good people and that we should be able to take care of each other through mutual aid and community services rather than being policed by violent, punitive measures like those that the WPS deal in. Covid has also reinforced the importance of free, publicly-funded health and welfare services.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:46 PM

Yes, we should be putting more money in medical/community services as well as more funding to continue with CERB and deal with unemployment issues due to COVID-19.

boringlives

10/09/2020 02:47 PM

need to spend much more on encouraging people to be healthy + outside. get people out of their cars . increasingly confused as to why we spend so much money on police.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:47 PM

the focus on problems with policing and prisons has underscored how spending money on those harmful things is detrimental to the most vulnerable people in our city and that the money would be better spent elsewhere

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:49 PM

Learning how big the police budget has gotten over the past decade was a shocker. Gotta scale that back and reinvest in the actual community. Should also incentivize police officers to actually live in the communities they serve. Would love to know how many cops live outside the perimeter.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:52 PM

Yes - we all need to look at the ways in which we are being selfish or careless with our time and money, and find better ways to support everyone in our communities - especially our most vulnerable citizens

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:58 PM

I've been getting more use out of walking paths & parks and have become aware of the gross overreach & overfunding of the Winnipeg Police (as they currently exist) during the pandemic

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:59 PM

seeing more and more police cars roaming the city has actually induced anxiety rather than a sense of security. however my priorities have not changed.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 02:59 PM

I used to think the police budget was bloated and out of control, and should be reduced; now I think the police should be defunded completely, and their budget redistributed to necessary services .

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:02 PM

Yes, healthcare should be made a bigger priority. Also the police budget is too high and should be cut to fund other activities such a social services. And

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:03 PM

please get the police to stop flying that stupid helicopter around.

This pandemic has brought to light the inequities that exist within our city. CERB has been a great program, but many people have been left behind and are still struggling to get by. The city should be doing more for homeless and low income people, and helping them to get back on their feet. Our current social programs are underfunded and keeping people in poverty. There needs to be more affordable housing, and more resources for community programs. The police should not be receiving 26% of the city budget when other programs are continuously defunded. Increasing transit services would also be beneficial, especially since many people who are students or low income cannot afford a car. More funds should go towards making downtown safer and liveable.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:04 PM

n/a

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:04 PM

It is more clear than ever we need to reinvest in our city's urban canopy, community services, community supports and our infrastructure and transportation more than the overbloated Winnipeg Police Service

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:05 PM

Policing is very much overfunded. Needs to be the first services to have funding reduced and implemented elsewhere.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:10 PM

no.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:11 PM

Need to invest more in healthcare and less in policing.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:15 PM

Not really.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:22 PM

Community safety went to #1

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:25 PM

We need more support for our communities, less policing and harassment from "law enforcers". The police are not trustworthy and their multi million dollar budget is ruining this city. Cops in schools are a waste, the cop in my old school (Churchill High School) was useless and did nothing, even when there were situations which needed a bit more mediating, they were nowhere to be found. We need to create better ways of helping our community, drug problems are just getting worse it seems, even with police intervention. The future of Winnipeg seems bleak, and I cannot respect the cops as they are right now.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:25 PM

No, I still believe we should be investing in communities and community services/local businesses especially since Covid 19 biggest impact is with

financially insecure communities that cannot afford to take time off work without the fear of being evicted or not being able to eat. This is not a new problem but one that has only been exasperated by Covid 19 and the provinces lack of/late response to it.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:30 PM

the police budget has not been impacted by the pandemic, yet other services like healthcare funding have been cut. that is wildly irresponsible and while it cannot be identified as a cause of the increasing amount of community transmission, the over-reliance on balancing provincial and municipal budgets and diverting more funds towards the WPS shows that the city is not interested in communicating and listening to the members of their own community and would rather blame those members for their actions instead of taking more drastic measures to save lives at a higher, but temporary, economic hit

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:40 PM

Yes, we have a renewed need to divest ridiculously high funding from the police and put it toward other city services (ie. transit, libraries, parks, trees).

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:42 PM

The pandemic has made me realize we need to start looking for alternative transportation methods that move toward a more eco friendly solution and that we need to defund the police.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:47 PM

defund the police to better help redistribute the 2021 budget for the needs of Winnipeggers. Cuts from the transit budget (that have been proposed/made) directly hurt citizens and causes more problems

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:48 PM

No, the inflated budget of the winnipeg police service while we cut funding to public programs is and has always been infuriating to me and the majority of winnipeg residents

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:50 PM

My priorities have changed completely. I used to be extraordinarily high functioning with at least 3 jobs. Now I have 1 job and I am solely focused on staying alive. I try to just do my work, school work, and not contract or spend COVID. That's it. I also prioritize social justice more than I was before and am working toward fairer opportunities and support for various demographics.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:59 PM

Before the COVID-19 pandemic I was in favour of controlling or moderately reducing police spending, as it was one of the largest and fastest growing areas of the city budget. Now I favour drastically defunding police services as a necessary short-run response to the city's refusal to collect added revenue through property taxation increases.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 03:59 PM

Defund the police. Seriously. Our police force is an embarrassment to all of Canada.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 04:00 PM

COVID-19 has made it very clear to me that a focus on transit and provision of essential services must be the highest priority possible as households face tough conditions on their own. If the city's budget size is static, the funds should come from frivolous police expenses

Anonymous

During the pandemic, it was brought to my attention that despite no evidence

10/09/2020 04:00 PM

that a large, inefficient and cruel police system is effective in making our city safer, they continue to make up 30% of our city's budget. This demonstrates a concerning lack of vision and political will on behalf of our city

Anonymous

10/09/2020 04:02 PM

Covid has hit a lot of people and small businesses very hard and we need to be doing more as a city to look after those with lower incomes and those who are most reliant on city services (newcomers, students, the elderly, the impoverished)

Anonymous

10/09/2020 04:04 PM

No.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 04:04 PM

The poorest and least privileged among us need the most help. That means community services, public transportation, and communities that support themselves WITHOUT the police. The police in Winnipeg are TOO much of our budget, and actively endanger those who need the help of community services the most. Defund the police in Winnipeg. Put that money towards transit, job finding programs, affordable housing, and walkable cities. The amount we spend on police and roads without helping people actively grows the wealth gap in this city. For people, AND the budget.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 04:06 PM

It's given me more time to realize that police need to be defunded and that calling them "community safety" in your survey to try and trick people is super [removed expletive].

Anonymous

10/09/2020 04:15 PM

much less willing to spend 0.26 cents on every dollar on a policing service which is making our community less safe not more safe.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 04:21 PM

Yes I learned how much the Winnipeg Police are funded and that money can be better used elsewhere.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 04:21 PM

No. My priorities are pretty much the same. They've definitely changed over the past year, but not as a result of the pandemic.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 04:22 PM

Defund the police

Anonymous

10/09/2020 04:28 PM

Yes, police budget needs to be cut and we need more services for the community. Especially low income at risk communities

Anonymous

10/09/2020 04:32 PM

DEFUND THE WPS YOU COWARDS

Anonymous

10/09/2020 04:34 PM

Yes, the pandemic has definitely allowed me to realize how unnecessarily inflated the police budget is. We seem to be cutting funding for everything but policing. We need to re-allocate the money from WPS and use it on affordable housing and transit.

Anonymous

yeah, defund the police, why are we spending over 1/4 of our budget on

10/09/2020 04:43 PM

police when there's much more useful ways to spend our tax dollars. for example: investing in lower income areas and housing, it's proven that doing that results in a great boost to the economy

Anonymous

10/09/2020 05:09 PM

COVID has highlighted the need for a much more robust network of support for Winnipeg's most vulnerable. Particularly, it has thrown into sharp relief the unconscionable allocation of city resources to a bloated police department whose size and lack of accountability poses an existential threat to civic life and local democracy.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 05:13 PM

More than ever, Winnipeggers need community supports, safe and beautiful spaces to exist in. We need to cut the police budget and instead, invest in services that promote the wellbeing and safety of everyone in the city.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 05:21 PM

They have not changed. We spend an astronomical amount of the budget on "law enforcement" and short term fixes on roads and the city has been falling apart because of it. The time to change is now, and grow our public transit, our community services, public washrooms and facilities, and our unique and irreplaceable canopy.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 05:21 PM

Defund the winnipeg police, no accountability or reform.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 05:23 PM

Yes. We need more community services and outlets to make up for the loss of jobs and restrictions that are, or should, be in place to minimize Covid

Anonymous

10/09/2020 05:32 PM

Police are doing nothing to better the lives of Winnipeggers. We NEED to be allocating more money into true community services instead of continuing to increase the police budget. Do better, Winnipeg. Be something the world would be proud of.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 05:55 PM

Stop funding the police.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 06:05 PM

I would say more community services and safety nets are needed like more poverty prevention measures rather than reactionary measures like policing. Obviously there must be punitive measures but police in their current form are sort of like a one size fits all "solution" to a very complicated problem that must be solved by treating the cause rather than only treating the symptoms.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 06:16 PM

The police force is over budget while the roads are destroyed and small businesses are shutting down. A simple change in funding could help all 3 of these problems and make a huge change during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 06:30 PM

Yes, my hours have been cut at work. My income is shrinking while my expenses rise. Since rent control is not important I will need community services when I finally am evicted due to rent being double what minimum wage take home is.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 06:35 PM

No

Anonymous 10/09/2020 06:35 PM	We need to do what we can but be very budget minded. No one has extra money for more taxes
Anonymous 10/09/2020 06:36 PM	No
Anonymous 10/09/2020 06:37 PM	no.
Anonymous 10/09/2020 06:40 PM	Yes, active transit and safe bike routes have become a lot more important to me and my family. I really hope St Mary's from the junction to downtown gets a protected bike lane.
Anonymous 10/09/2020 06:40 PM	No
Anonymous 10/09/2020 06:41 PM	There needs to be a focus on digitising government services
Anonymous 10/09/2020 06:45 PM	Changed only slightly. Before covid, I would ha 've rated transit services higher than I do today.
Anonymous 10/09/2020 06:46 PM	No.
Anonymous 10/09/2020 06:50 PM	Transit is important to get around, snow is coming and keeping sidewalks clear will be important to keep people walking safely - both for exersize and getting around safely during the pandemic
Anonymous 10/09/2020 06:54 PM	No, I think it's absolutely ridiculous that people are saying to defund the police. Police make this city safe. Residents keep saying about how many people the police have shot to date but there's never any mention about how these people were criminals and how they hurt innocent people. If people out there think that police should be defunded let them do the job for a day and see what interactions and scum they have to deal with on a daily basis. Reality is people need to think about this .. when there getting brutally attacked in a home invasion or raped or beaten and robbed who will they call ? The police or a social group they just cut police funding for.
Anonymous 10/09/2020 07:00 PM	Not really. Confirmed things mostly.
markthardy 10/09/2020 07:08 PM	Yes, personally being off work since the beginning of Covid - 19 I have had time to explore my neighbourhood and the city. I'm out every day walking or riding my bicycle, the things that I have seen make me rethink a lot about my neighbourhood and the rest of the city, too much to list right now, but if you

Anonymous 10/09/2020 07:15 PM	would like my thoughts , just let me know.
Anonymous 10/09/2020 07:18 PM	I care a lot more now about issues that directly effect the vulnerable
Anonymous 10/09/2020 07:24 PM	The pandemic has made clear the wasteful and irresponsible spending of the city on police. Every other service is in dire need of support and it is shameful to continue to pretend that the grossly inflated budget is fine as it is.
Anonymous 10/09/2020 07:25 PM	Greater need for active transportation and green spaces
Anonymous 10/09/2020 07:31 PM	Yes. The open streets program this year made it easier to be outside this summer. The positive experience I had there has increased the importance I place on outdoor and community recreation
Anonymous 10/09/2020 07:38 PM	Yes, Covid has caused revenue shortfalls . The city needs to spend only on priority issues.
Anonymous 10/09/2020 07:40 PM	No.
Anonymous 10/09/2020 07:41 PM	Covid has made me realize that we have to make supporting citizens a priority all the time so that we are ready when something like this happens. I would like city council to put pressure on the provincial government to instate a Universal Basic Income for all Manitobans.
Anonymous 10/09/2020 07:42 PM	Draining the transportation budget for COVID response is not an effective solution when the most financially affected groups are those who must use transit. Please consider drawing from the exuberant Winnipeg police budget for COVID relief if you must.
Anonymous 10/09/2020 08:38 PM	Cut the police budget. They waste so much money and there is no accountability. Crime is going up as their budget goes up. How does that make sense? They obviously do not reduce crime. It is common knowledge that providing for people's material needs DOES reduce crime. Why are you not paying attention to this? There are people without homes. People who are starving. House them! Feed them! Take care of people! Do something about climate change! Invest in transit! People are very upset!
Anonymous 10/09/2020 08:39 PM	No. Not really. Not enough ambulances and too many medical calls... Too many fire fighters and not many fires.
Anonymous 10/09/2020 08:39 PM	Yes. I realized more community supports are needed, and less police presence
Anonymous 10/09/2020 08:39 PM	No

Anonymous

10/09/2020 08:46 PM

i don't understand why minimum wage workers are supposed to enforce the new covid laws and personally deal with the backlash, yet the police still continue to do nothing except murder people.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 08:51 PM

Yes. The wage gap between the police and other essential workers is unacceptable. I am horrified at the value this city places on policing.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 08:56 PM

More of the city budget should be funnelled into community and recreation services, like parks and libraries to provide Winnipeggers with spaces to exercise and meet with others. The Winnipeg Police budget is too high and ought to be cut to help in other areas of our city. As an institution, the WPS must be held accountable for the deaths (murders) of Winnipeggers such as Eishia Hudson, a 16 year old Indigenous girl, and if they are using nearly 1/4 of our city budget they must answer to the people.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 09:24 PM

Please reconsider why 26% of our city's budget is wasted on the Winnipeg Police Service. There is no correlation between their budget and crime control. Taking money out of transit is a direct disadvantage towards low income communities. The people of Winnipeg demand the WPS be abolished or at the very least defunded.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 09:51 PM

The Winnipeg Police Service has shown itself to be completely overfunded and should be drastically defunded if not abolished. This is not up for debate.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 09:56 PM

Less wps please

Anonymous

10/09/2020 09:58 PM

Please make safety a priority for all. Defund the WPS. Open steets for ALL, not just white neighbourhoods. Fund social services, not WPS.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 10:37 PM

No

Anonymous

10/09/2020 10:40 PM

Defund the police :) thank you

Anonymous

10/09/2020 10:45 PM

Not really. I've always wanted more investment in community building, public and active transportation, etc.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 11:40 PM

Yes and no. I have serious concerns about the police and the amount of money they are receiving. This concern is especially significant considering their tone with the community and their habit of killing citizens. I think monies allocated to social and community services would be a good prevention tool.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 11:44 PM

I have lost all support I felt for the police budget, due to personal experiences, personal observations, and activist work in this city. I prioritize community support that originates within the community.

Anonymous

10/09/2020 11:53 PM

Public Education in low income communities needs better funding

Anonymous

10/09/2020 11:55 PM

no, defund the police and fund social services

Anonymous

10/10/2020 12:22 AM

Let us keep more of our money. Tax & spend is awful policy.

zain012

10/10/2020 02:15 AM

I would prefer more investment in community safety, like the Police.

Anonymous

10/10/2020 06:16 AM

No not really

Anonymous

10/10/2020 07:56 AM

Stop sending so much of OUR money to the police. Provide more funds for social services, and watch our city turn into a better place

Anonymous

10/10/2020 07:58 AM

Not really

Anonymous

10/10/2020 08:51 AM

People's safety should be the top priority... this is a potentially deadly pandemic with no current vaccine. Get your head out of the sand.

Anonymous

10/10/2020 08:57 AM

Yes, the pandemic has allowed me to reflect on this city and realize a few things. We are not prioritizing our budget in any way. First, I live in st Boniface and there are potholes everywhere, meanwhile bishop grandin is being replaced once again. I don't understand why we are being ignored for those living in the suburbs with brand new streets. Also, we should not have to pay to get the back lane paved that's your responsibility. There is no reason we should have to turn off street light and a have potholes everywhere when our police service spends its portion on tanks and officers that are careless. I want to see justice for those murdered by the police. I want proper mental health services and deescalation. I want police unarmed, fewer and better used.

Anonymous

10/10/2020 09:21 AM

I am definitely more interested in defunding the police and in putting money towards community services. People are dying of Covid, by police violence, and by the lack of community investment combined with a crisis that isolates us.

Anonymous

10/10/2020 09:22 AM

I am concerned about physical distancing while walking given our sidewalk space is very tight and whether the sidewalks will be properly and promptly cleared in winter. I am also very concerned about transit and the need to invest more in transit at this time, not less. We need more buses at this time to allow physical distancing.

Anonymous 10/10/2020 09:31 AM	Policing is vastly over budgeted as it crowds other essential services that actually keep us safe.
Anonymous 10/10/2020 09:53 AM	My priorities lay with my community.
Anonymous 10/10/2020 10:56 AM	Yes, biking has become much more important
Anonymous 10/10/2020 11:16 AM	It has become even more obvious that policing takes up way too much of the city budget. All priorities are higher than funding policing at the moment.
Anonymous 10/10/2020 11:22 AM	I have realized that the police have an inflated budget and harm marginalized groups. If we defunded them we would have more money for more important services such as trainait and community services.
Anonymous 10/10/2020 11:44 AM	I see how important safe public transit and active transportation routes are!
Anonymous 10/10/2020 11:50 AM	Only in that i find cops to be a colossal waste of money even more now than ever!
Anonymous 10/10/2020 12:35 PM	No, fix the roads and do better for the environment
Anonymous 10/10/2020 12:42 PM	As someone who chooses not to own a car (and that should be a valid choice) I no longer feel safe on the bus because they can no longer distance people properly as they haven't expanded the number of busses to do so. I now bike everywhere instead and fear for my life on most roads.
Anonymous 10/10/2020 01:22 PM	Yes. Winnipeg Police have shown themselves to be expensive and useless. 300 million a year is insane. Please put those funds to better use in schools, roads and the medical system.
Anonymous 10/10/2020 01:38 PM	Yes; outdoor activities have significantly increased. We need sidewalks and quality outdoor spaces suitable for all ages and stages
Anonymous 10/10/2020 02:58 PM	Yes. Small biz and families are struggling, but I'll the city does is find the police and give tax breaks to those that don't need them.
Anonymous 10/10/2020 03:01 PM	Not really
Anonymous 10/10/2020 03:16 PM	I don't think so. More attention needs to be focused on basic core services.
Anonymous	No

10/10/2020 03:29 PM

Anonymous

Yes, increased need for accessible transportation and public spaces.

10/10/2020 03:39 PM

Anonymous

No

10/10/2020 03:47 PM

Anonymous

Yes in that I have realized it is more important to focus on community based supports than ever.

10/10/2020 04:42 PM

Anonymous

I think during this pandemic I have realized the privileges I have in my life. I am living in a house, I have been able to keep my job, and I am able to use my vehicle to get around safely. This pandemic has really shown me how vulnerable our homeless community in Winnipeg are, and how they are the ones that are suffering so greatly because they don't have those same privileges and protection that I have. I wish there were more outlets/ resources to protect them and keep them safe, while providing the aid that they need to get back on their feet.

10/10/2020 05:22 PM

Anonymous

I am spending more time outside and have a greater appreciation for our parks and green spaces! Also, I am more aware of the needs of our most vulnerable people and the way racism and other discrimination impacts them. Many of the largest challenges of COVID-19 would not be as significant if everyone's basic needs were met.

10/10/2020 07:29 PM

Anonymous

No

10/10/2020 07:56 PM

Anonymous

No

10/10/2020 08:01 PM

Anonymous

Yes and No. The city should be cutting the police budget that makes up 26.6 percent of the total budget and spend it on transit, housing, recreation services and support services for the citizens of this lovely city. Invest in the people and not police.

10/10/2020 08:26 PM

Anonymous

No

10/10/2020 09:35 PM

Anonymous

I never realized how important recreation programs and libraries were until I could no longer utilize their services

10/10/2020 10:48 PM

Anonymous

I exercise outside during the summer rather than the gym now.

10/11/2020 12:04 AM

Anonymous

Yes, before I had no opinion on WPS, but now I would like them defunded

10/11/2020 02:11 AM

and abolished, thanks!!

Anonymous

10/11/2020 06:20 AM

Stop sending police to deal with homeless camps and other non-life threatening situations. Everyone deserves a home, people who aren't harming anyone should be left alone. I wish 911 reached Fire, Paramedic, Police, AND a team of trained social service individuals who could respond to calls where police with guns really are not needed. Stop escalating situations by bringing a gun to everything.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 09:19 AM

No. We homeschool anyway, so school-related needs (child care, transportation) are not an issue. We use the library extensively, so that remains a priority. We must help those who live in poverty and those left vulnerable to the effects of COVID.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 09:33 AM

Police Budget is way too high compared to every other city in Canada

Anonymous

10/11/2020 09:50 AM

No

Anonymous

10/11/2020 11:04 AM

The amount of violence that had occurred due to the WPS is inexcusable and the entire force must be defunded with the money being allocated into stronger community support and training purposes.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 11:14 AM

Nope,

Anonymous

10/11/2020 11:31 AM

Having the open streets program was a great example of how valuable active transportation is.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 11:34 AM

Yes my priorities have changed. I work in the performing arts industry, which has suffered a huge blow and affected everyone. As a result I could not care less about anything else.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 11:35 AM

No

Anonymous

10/11/2020 11:36 AM

DEFUND THE POLICE

Anonymous

10/11/2020 11:51 AM

More money into schools and healthcare

Anonymous

10/11/2020 11:54 AM

Now more than ever the importance of community services and mental health resources (both formal and informal) is apparent. We must find ways to continue to care for people holistically while taking serious measures to address covid-19.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 12:00 PM

They have changed since Black Lives Matter. Defund the police!

Anonymous

10/11/2020 12:10 PM

Police have shown they do not care for the safety of everyone in the community. We need money put into education, community services, mental health services, rehabilitation services, etc. As a young white woman, I have never felt safe around police, meaning there purpose is clearly not being done well. They do not strengthen the community, they take away money from services that rehabilitate and rebuild our community. ABOLISH THE POLICE.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 12:13 PM

Yes, my priorities are much more focused on my immediate community and family's safety and has grown very much opposed to the presence and use(?) of the Winnipeg Police in the community and city as a whole.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 12:14 PM

I've become more aware of how COVID is affecting those less fortunate than myself. People who depend on free public services (libraries, transit, etc) for every day existence. The influx of solid waste (single use cups, containers, masks, etc) due to pandemic concerns. And how (some) Winnipeggers are getting cabin fever, rejecting the mask requirements and lashing out at each other in frustration.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 12:33 PM

Staying safe has become much more important

Anonymous

10/11/2020 12:48 PM

I'm more certain of priorities. Community care is so important. social services need to be the focus of all funding. Defund policing and let the people care for ourselves. We are already protecting our selves

Anonymous

10/11/2020 12:52 PM

Recreation services, while important at most times, during the pandemic people need to think before they attend. If you want to join a private country club.. then you pay for it.. it's that simple. During this pandemic times, the regular tax paying citizen is left to deal with things, 311 you are on hold forever, police response is slow as they are constantly dealing with very serious life affecting situations. Ambulances are stretched to the limit.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 12:55 PM

No

Anonymous

10/11/2020 01:08 PM

Not really

Anonymous

10/11/2020 01:09 PM

No

Anonymous

10/11/2020 01:13 PM

Not really

Anonymous

The importance of cheap and safe transit has increased for me as well as the

10/11/2020 01:18 PM

importance of medical treatment

Anonymous

10/11/2020 01:25 PM

Please invest in everything EXCEPT the Winnipeg Police Service. Defund the police, put that money towards services the community actually needs.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 01:28 PM

No

Anonymous

10/11/2020 01:32 PM

Public safety is still top for priority, but now I believe outdoor recreation, and park maintenance is higher since indoor activities are compromising.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 01:38 PM

A bit, but likely less than other people's may have. Just more aware of how integrated everything is, and how important sanitation and home entertainment is.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 02:37 PM

Not necessarily, no.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 02:46 PM

Covid-19 has disproportionately affected people who relied on services that are now not as accessible due to the pandemic (I'm thinking particularly of those experiencing poverty or homelessness). Services that support these individuals are incredibly important normally, but during this pandemic when so many of those normal supports have been shut down I think it is even more important to increase funding to these services

Anonymous

10/11/2020 02:50 PM

No.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 02:58 PM

Not at all.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 03:09 PM

Yes....changes in the way I carry out my daily routine from cleanliness awareness to staying healthier. The less I have to worry about public safety and health care, the more I can concentrate on maintaining a healthy life style for myself and my family!

Anonymous

10/11/2020 04:14 PM

Put humans first. Stop committing so much of the budget to the police. Invest in the humans that live in the city.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 06:56 PM

Mental health will be impacted the longer Covid measures are in place. We need to have services for people to relieve stress.

Anonymous

10/11/2020 07:05 PM

my priorities havent changed but they have become more front and centre I think

Anonymous

10/11/2020 08:48 PM

Yes, I think there should be increased attention towards social services that can help people in distress.

Anonymous 10/11/2020 10:49 PM	No. We still want a safe city with proper infrastructure.
Anonymous 10/11/2020 11:23 PM	No
Anonymous 10/11/2020 11:54 PM	yes. providing for those on the lowest/zero income bracket is even more important. and places to gather outdoors are integral to help with physical and mental health - as meeting places, places for recreation, and places to connect with nature.
Anonymous 10/12/2020 06:12 AM	No
Anonymous 10/12/2020 09:31 AM	No. I have always felt more work needs to be done to create a safe and friendlier cycling environment for commuters and recreational cyclists. Especially for winter cycling.
Anonymous 10/12/2020 09:57 AM	No
Anonymous 10/12/2020 10:22 AM	No
Anonymous 10/12/2020 12:58 PM	Yes, simply trying to keep a roof over my head and no lose the family home due to increased costs and taxes.
Anonymous 10/12/2020 05:20 PM	Yeah, it's a pandemic.
Anonymous 10/12/2020 06:51 PM	Na
Anonymous 10/12/2020 07:48 PM	Police needed more than ever.
Anonymous 10/12/2020 08:07 PM	Somewhat. I feel that health and safety are top priorities at this time.
Anonymous 10/12/2020 08:09 PM	No
Anonymous 10/12/2020 08:09 PM	Yes. Services where lots of people would be present at the same time aren't important right now. For example library

Anonymous

10/12/2020 08:10 PM

No

Anonymous

10/12/2020 09:12 PM

No

Anonymous

10/12/2020 10:01 PM

Yes, priorities have changed 4 everyone. Covid health info. & resources, & govt. communication more important. Arts & cultural less of a priority unless it speaks directly 2 anti-racism. City beautification & rapid transit could certainly be put on hold until covid crisis over.

Anonymous

10/12/2020 10:39 PM

Since COVID began, it has become obvious that the police budget and road budget are effectively burning taxpayer dollars. It's insulting. We need better transit and public services and we need them now. Shape up or ship out.

Anonymous

10/12/2020 11:14 PM

Yes ... it has helped me focus on what is important

Anonymous

10/12/2020 11:46 PM

The need to support lower income citizens has increased.

Anonymous

10/13/2020 12:08 AM

Yes they have!!! Scared to go out as streets are more dangerous and too many people do not take this virus seriously enough so keeps me at home for top two reasons !!

Anonymous

10/13/2020 01:56 AM

no

Anonymous

10/13/2020 07:46 AM

no

Anonymous

10/13/2020 08:24 AM

slightly

Anonymous

10/13/2020 09:05 AM

No: the pandemic has highlighted how necessary our social services are over other things. It doesn't make any sense to pay the police 26% of our budget when preventative services could have a much bigger impact with that money.

Anonymous

10/13/2020 09:20 AM

Of course they have! I am now working from home and so traveling is considerably less of a concern than it was, I also feel child care and community services are exponentially more important than they once were. Enforcing social distancing and pandemic response is also a must and overall safety should be top of mind.

Anonymous

10/13/2020 09:41 AM

Yes. More value placed on outdoor experiences / natural beauty of our city and province. More value placed on arts and culture that we miss/crave/need

Anonymous

10/13/2020 10:08 AM

A focus on growing the economy should be this and every government's number one priority. Without economic growth there are no revenues with which to fund needed and wanted services, no ability to maintain balanced budgets.

user20205892

10/13/2020 12:02 PM

not really, other than perhaps less importance on major transit spending until ridership levels improve.

Anonymous

10/13/2020 12:27 PM

Like many, my focus has turned more local during the COVID-19 pandemic. I have become more aware of my neighbours and the different communities that make up our city. Many of the gaps in our current systems, social supports, community program funding have been exposed in during this time and it provides an opportunity to make changes to those systems that aren't working for many Winnipeggers. A few things that have become very clear:

- 1) There is systemic racism in our police force and funding decisions - It has become very clear that many of our city's systems are hurting communities of colour. There is a huge budget line for a police department that has low success at preventing crime, has a history of racial profiling and overuse of violence . In contrast, many of our community lead safety initiatives and social programs, food programs, housing programs...things that give people a life of dignity and actually prevent crime are constantly on the chopping block and seeing reduced funding. This is a short-sighted view that harms low-income folks and BIPOC folks. I want to live in a city that has a long-term vision and invests in solutions that will stick and actually change lives! Not a band-aid solution that eats up huge amounts of the budget (Police Dept) and has negative outcomes, violence against BIPOC and doesn't create long term change.
- 2) Investment in transit and active transit results in more usage and a safer, healthier city - During the pandemic I have had a chance to explore much of the city's active transportation routes on bicycle. I will say, the city has been very slow to create these networks, but that I have been pleasantly surprised with sections of it! Some great connections to the South, West and North via safe, protected bike paths and low-traffic crescents. The Open Streets project was a smashing success and seeing so many folks walking, blading, biking and playing in closed street spaces was inspiring to see. Additionally, the need for frequent, predictable, safe transit became clear. Providing world-class public and active transportation infrastructure helps low-income folks and one-car families and promotes a healthy lifestyle for the city's residents, helps the environment and creates community. If you build it, people will use it!
- 3) There are many community organizations and social programs that would do great work with more consistent, predictable budget projections - It has been inspiring to see so many non-profits, and community orgs step up during the pandemic to get people what they need. I have become increasingly aware of folks doing this work. They are often providing services that should be the responsibility of the civic, provincial and federal governments. This includes getting folks food, assistance to find housing solutions, addictions counselling, mental health services, community engagement and youth programs, to name a few. It is frustrating to see these

orgs, who are often most connected to and in tune with their constituents needs constantly be short-changed in funding, when they are often delivering better and important services that the traditional funding methods. We need to empower these folks with fair budgets and multi-year budgets that allow them to project, plan and implement even better programming.

Anonymous

10/13/2020 04:37 PM

No, I think roads have been important all along

Anonymous

10/14/2020 07:24 AM

No

Anonymous

10/14/2020 08:55 AM

Priorities no. How I live now, yes. I never placed a high importance on entertainment that had large gatherings like sports. Also can we stop giving heaps of money to TN Hockey. Clearly they're a viable company.

Anonymous

10/14/2020 10:00 AM

Not much, there are a few things that are even less important now (ie: Golf Services, etc)

Anonymous

10/14/2020 10:10 AM

no

Anonymous

10/14/2020 10:13 AM

The City should be focusing on how to adapt to the new realities and make transit and recreation safe for citizens

Anonymous

10/14/2020 10:22 AM

No

Anonymous

10/14/2020 10:23 AM

No

Anonymous

10/14/2020 10:28 AM

Putting the health and wellbeing of my family and myself first.

Anonymous

10/14/2020 10:31 AM

Community resources / recreation / similar (library, community centres, arts/culture, parks, etc) where citizens can "escape" because they cannot go on vacation become more important to allow citizens to unwind and de-stress.

Anonymous

10/14/2020 11:07 AM

no

Anonymous

10/14/2020 11:22 AM

no

Anonymous

10/14/2020 11:24 AM

My personal priorities have not changed.

Anonymous 10/14/2020 11:28 AM	NO
Anonymous 10/14/2020 11:35 AM	No
Anonymous 10/14/2020 11:56 AM	City investment priorities need to drive economic activity and reinvest in the local economy
Anonymous 10/14/2020 12:26 PM	Not much. I think the panic is overblown. I may place more importance in supporting small businesses that are affected by the closures and restrictions.
Anonymous 10/14/2020 01:17 PM	No
Anonymous 10/14/2020 01:25 PM	with the downturn in the economy the city should be spending on infrastructure which is needed and the quickest and most employment for people.
Anonymous 10/14/2020 01:51 PM	More resources need to be put into better public transportation so that people feel safe taking it. We need to find a way to better support our small businesses during this time. Work on creating more open safe spaces for people to do outdoor activities and stay active.
Anonymous 10/14/2020 02:26 PM	Making community services and transit service safe for use with social distancing measures and sanitization (e.g. available space to distance on buses, in homeless shelters). Making more services accessible virtually without added cost, so that everyone can use it (e.g. virtual doctor's appointments, online grocery orders & delivery, etc.) Also public availability of masks, sanitizer, etc. so that those who cannot afford extra or may have run out always have it.
Anonymous 10/14/2020 02:38 PM	health and medical emergencies
Anonymous 10/14/2020 02:59 PM	Not really. Problems that existed before Covid still exist, although many have been amplified, and will still exist after Covid.
Anonymous 10/14/2020 04:20 PM	No
Anonymous 10/14/2020 04:51 PM	No they have not changed
Anonymous 10/14/2020 04:57 PM	no

Anonymous

10/14/2020 05:19 PM

Have been outside more and realised how much of city is built for cars not people

Anonymous

10/14/2020 06:23 PM

No they haven't

Anonymous

10/14/2020 07:06 PM

I have a 2 year old daughter, and while I take her to playgrounds every day, run an outdoor playgroup and do any available activity that is safe, outdoors or limits numbers indoors, young families are left behind. Funding to Healthy Child Manitoba was reduced, reducing program capacity across the city. I live in River East - Transcona and free access to early childhood education through Kinderlinks was being cut pre-pandemic. I was told it would not run or run at very reduced programming in the fall if we had no cases. Families with babies, toddlers and preschoolers who choose to parent full time have very few resources in the community. Our mental health matters, our children having access to early childhood education where they can learn to socialize with other children matters.

Anonymous

10/15/2020 05:52 AM

We have a greater need for accessible nature and share recreational outdoor spaces to ensure our mental health

Anonymous

10/15/2020 09:29 AM

Yes they have, it's made me rethink society and it's ebb and flow. Transportation as a service (TAAS) will quickly be in our community and will revolutionize the way human beings commute in the same way covid revolutionized how people work.

Anonymous

10/15/2020 10:40 AM

No. Maintaining our tree canopy and focusing on planning for the future (both fiscally and smart development wise) remain the most important issues facing our city.

Anonymous

10/15/2020 10:50 AM

No

Anonymous

10/15/2020 11:06 AM

Covid has shown that it is important to invest in local communities. As people cannot travel any more, access to local services that can be accessed in a healthy way (walking or biking) are ever more important

Anonymous

10/15/2020 11:09 AM

COVID has really encouraged people to enjoy outdoor recreation and highlighted the value of the city's parks and recreation facilities. I think it has also highlighted the need for more frequent transit service to reduce the number of riders per bus and improve safety.

Anonymous

10/15/2020 11:09 AM

No

Anonymous

10/15/2020 11:14 AM

Yes, my priorities are now about trying to save my small business due to sever loss of revenue because of pandemic and be able to provide for close family

ms888ekb

10/15/2020 11:24 AM

didn't change

Anonymous

10/15/2020 11:26 AM

It's not a pandemic.. Doesn't even come close to the definition of one. My priorities are getting back to normal and living life, rather die at 75 than at 85 and have to live like this. Time to get rid of the masks and open the economy. Viruses are a part of life, especially ones where the numbers no longer add up to the predictions from the spring time. Herd immunity.. Just look to the numbers in Sweden.

Anonymous

10/15/2020 11:33 AM

Due to covid, it has come to my attention that recreational facilities are paramount , more cleaning is required & better services. Police= very important. Insect Control = very important. Quality Control re: civic services = very , very important.

Anonymous

10/15/2020 11:35 AM

decrease the police budget by a significant amount. it's ridiculously high

Anonymous

10/15/2020 11:36 AM

COST CONTAINMENT IS NOW CRITICAL AS ALL GOVERNMENTS ARE CLEARLY LIVING BEYOND THEIR MEANS. THERE WILL BE LONG TERM FINANCIAL PAIN AS A CONSEQUENCE OF COVID FOR ALL. TIME TO START PREPARING FOR SUCH. EFFICIENCY AND COST CONTAINMENT WHEREVER POSSIBLE WILL BE CRITICAL. WHY WAIT UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE?? SECURITY CONCERNS ARE HIGHTENED IN THIS ENVIRONMENT AND SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AND ADDRESSED.

Anonymous

10/15/2020 11:37 AM

no, though some of them seem to be in sharper focus. For example, spending so much time outside during the pandemic (as a way to stay well, mentally, and safely socialize with others, made it even more clear to me that we need to do more to: preserve and grow our public tree canopy (for shade and wind-break) and improve roads safety and provide better pedestrian and bike infrastructure (open streets, protected bike lanes) so that people of all ages can be safe and *enjoy* active transportation and recreation. Walkability is an important goal if we want our local businesses to thrive rather than go under because of the pandemic.

Anonymous

10/15/2020 11:47 AM

The pandemic revealed how few spaces we have where families can be active out in public without being challenged by vehicle traffic and aggressive drivers. This is obviously part of a larger issue where the city has spent 75 years prioritizing commuting and car-culture instead of pedestrian-oriented neighbourhood development. But it became glaringly problematic once we had to start closing streets, and how fussy drivers became when just a little slice of their fiefdom got taken away. If we build walkable, dense neighbourhoods where everything is accessible within a short walk or bike ride, how much more liveable and attractive and investment-friendly would our city be? It wasn't Covid-related, but the Black Lives Matter movement also shone a pretty clear light on the ineffectiveness of our police force and how little return we get for that massive expense. For the price of a few

officers salaries we could house all homeless in Winnipeg. For the price of a couple more salaries we could provide programs for trauma recovery, skills and training development, after school activities, etc. It seems like if we want less crime we should build a society that outputs fewer criminals? The police only show up after a crime has happened, right? So let's make less crime happen and then need less police.

Anonymous

10/15/2020 12:13 PM

Not really

Anonymous

10/15/2020 12:27 PM

No. We need to do as much as possible to lessen the amount of motor vehicles we have on the road

Anonymous

10/15/2020 01:01 PM

Yes. Given that the firefighter's union initially advocated for their members to have as little involvement in responding to possible CoVID or CoVID related ambulance calls, I believe resources from the fire budget should be redirected to the ambulance service. As Councillor Klein stated, fires only make up 1.8% of the Fire Paramedic Service's call volume. So then, why do the firefighters get the lion's share of the money. Enough is enough! Scale back the dollars from the fire department (and only other City department), as other US & Canadian cities are doing, & start rebuilding our ambulance service. If the City is unable to reach a deal with Shared Health & steps away from providing paramedical services to the citizens of Winnipeg we will find ourselves falling from an advanced care service to a basic service overnight.

Anonymous

10/15/2020 01:17 PM

yes - i would now priorities services for those in our city that dont have a home or access to basic necessities like a washroom, laundry, safe place to sleep, place to access the internet

Anonymous

10/15/2020 02:21 PM

The needed investment in public transit has become a lot more noticeable. We need heavy investments in service, as well as heavy investment in transit infrastructure to create jobs and drive economic development back up in high amounts - transit has continually been one of the strongest investments that does this.

Anonymous

10/15/2020 02:31 PM

There are a lot of people out there really struggling with the pandemic. Things that could be of immediate benefit to a great deal of people would be rent control, expanding public housing and programs to help houseless people. Safe-consumption sites to respond to the drug crisis. Defunding police. Just please defund the police, the amount that we went of them and the violence and racism the police perpetrate is an absolute shame on this city. More publicly funded group homes for people with intellectual disabilities and better pay for the direct support providers who work with them. These people are pillars of community who are paid terribly and deserve a living wage. Speaking of a living wage, increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour just feels like a no-brainer at this point. We should also be thinking about getting people out of prisons and providing supports for communities. Separating people from their communities through our prison system has a devastating effect on community well-being and we need to invest in

	rethinking what real justice looks like (it should mean prisons and people with guns!!)
Anonymous 10/15/2020 03:19 PM	Maybe a bit. I more concerned with ensuring the community around me is cared for, rather than the physical aspects of our city. For example, is there a reliable way for people to get to the doctor, access food or financial support if they are out of work, etc. People and our health and wellness are the most important to me. How do we put people above the economy and care for the people who may be affected by economic downturn. Focusing on economic health does not seem to be benefitting individuals.
Anonymous 10/15/2020 03:27 PM	Not really, but with so many people still without work, recreation, libraries, parks have become more important as economical entertainment.
Anonymous 10/15/2020 03:42 PM	Not going out as much or using as many services. Don't need transit/parking downtown for work. Sad that our library is closed as we used it weekly with young kids
user20202730 10/15/2020 03:42 PM	More concerns about investments in my neighbourhood and in recreation closer to home. More bike paths, more walking trails, more open park space. More things to do outside, year round, closer to home.
Anonymous 10/15/2020 04:29 PM	My priority have not changed
Anonymous 10/15/2020 04:43 PM	There is now an urgency to make sustainability a priority - we need to plant more trees, reduce our carbon footprint and make decisions/legislations for the safety and survival of humankind
Anonymous 10/15/2020 05:16 PM	It is much easier to see how the "have-nots" still have it harder with closures than the "haves" - and how ALL the politicians would still prefer to help the "haves"
Anonymous 10/15/2020 07:49 PM	Worried about my job. I work in international education and i'm torn between healthy and safety, but also letting students into the country so our business can thrive.
Anonymous 10/15/2020 09:10 PM	For the most part, not significantly
Anonymous 10/15/2020 09:21 PM	Not really. We need to mask up and move on.
Anonymous 10/15/2020 10:11 PM	Not really - my priorities were the same prior to the 2020 budget when the Chair of Finance and EPC handed everything to the road lobby at the expense of a city with a good quality of life.
Anonymous 10/16/2020 12:29 AM	No

Anonymous

10/16/2020 10:40 AM

Yes. I want to stay safe while using public transit. Increase bus services please and find ways to sanitize the busses more frequently. I want there to be a safe way to get around downtown. More skywalks and tunnels should be built connecting everything around downtown so people can get around without a car safely. And please for God's sake bring back public washrooms in the core area of downtown.

Anonymous

10/16/2020 12:30 PM

A little bit. Focus has always been essential workers Police, Fire Paramedics, Health Care even Hydro and transit workers who now take alot of abuse. I was raised and taught this way and teach my kids this. Now even more so with Covid. I also have the utmost respect for the grocery store personel working through all of this. Given all the events in the world how can any of the above not be important and how can we not support them financially with all they do. And if there was chaos and we had to enforce a lockdown due to Covid. It's the police we turn to. My priorities have also changed by staying home more and ordering online as opposed to going out if i dont have to.

Anonymous

10/16/2020 12:31 PM

If anything I feel more strongly that public city services are more important for marginalized community members. Seniors, children and youth need places to go (safely of course) to interact through covid as it is important for mental health and social development. Recreation centres, after school programming, and seniors social engagement is so very important for community members facing isolation. Many community members living under the poverty line may not have access to socialize online, therefore a meeting place is essential if only for short periods of time.

Anonymous

10/16/2020 01:32 PM

Priorities changed? No. COVID's appearance has only driven home the point behind many of my own observations on how my home town operates-this place is a joke, has been for years and its our...well your, actually as I am an outcast, the fault of every Manitoban who has traded their integrity to feed the stupidity which built this ridiculous mess of a white washed criminal regime. Ask me why I say this.

Anonymous

10/16/2020 09:50 PM

Community building and reclaiming the streets as public spaces seems more important than ever.

porcupine

10/17/2020 10:10 AM

No. Solid Waste Collection could be handled by private entities. Libraries are generally now available online. Golf should be handled by private entities.

Anonymous

10/17/2020 11:47 AM

Policing as a priority has dramatically decreased for me and for many in my community - police don't keep us safer; investing in community rehabilitation services keep us safer by ensuring basic needs are met, thus significantly decreasing crime rates. There are so many studies out there, yet our WPS demands more and more funding each year. I'm done with WPS taking 1/4th of our city budget, community services deserves that money & will actually have results.

Anonymous

10/17/2020 12:00 PM

Health and community services have moved up in priority.

Anonymous

10/17/2020 02:23 PM

Not to do with covid but we need to invest heavily in maintaining, restoring and improving upon our urban forest. As well as pushing forward with quality active transit initiatives, I.e. separated protected bike lanes - Sharrows don't count. Connectivity between infrastructures continues to be an ongoing issue in Winnipeg.

Anonymous

10/17/2020 06:36 PM

Not really

Anonymous

10/17/2020 07:11 PM

Yes, far more concerned with public policy re mask usage. Household spending reduced.

Anonymous

10/17/2020 07:25 PM

Things like entertainment for large groups no longer applicable until virus under control

Anonymous

10/17/2020 07:40 PM

Just learned about beetles that will now devastate the ash trees within the next ten years. Please protect them!!

Anonymous

10/18/2020 10:13 AM

Being able to take a walk in a lovely environment did wonders to stave off cabin fever - city walkability and beautification are even more important to me than before

Anonymous

10/18/2020 11:48 AM

No still want better transit service and a cleaner city

Anonymous

10/18/2020 02:32 PM

Trees and city beautification are far more important. The police budget needs to be cut as well as we have seen the negative effects of policing.

Anonymous

10/18/2020 04:03 PM

I feel that community support services and any services for more vulnerable populations have become more necessary than ever. I was not sure what "community safety" refers to, if this is for example, providing safe injection sites or if this refers to police. So I was unsure as to how to rate it. At this time I feel that money spent on policing, particularly in schools, would be better spent on supporting those in need. Covid-19 has highlighted the importance of this.

Anonymous

10/18/2020 06:33 PM

Yes, Healthcare,Equality,homelessness,the environment, community safety services ,roads,transit, and financial needs,and caring for the vulnerable are now more important then ever,and have been neglected far too long,this virus has exposed all of it, it exposed, violence,mental health disability,health,the environment, homelessness, inequality, systemic racism, greed,power, it needs to end if we are to grow as a city of 1 million plus. Acknowledging our past, the history, to learn from it,reconcile,To share, forgive , emotionally,mentally,physically and financially. Greed is a means to no end.

Anonymous

10/18/2020 08:00 PM

Yes. I want all of us to stay safe and do as we are asked to stop the spread so we can find the new normal we are going to have to live with

Anonymous

10/18/2020 08:03 PM

No

Anonymous

10/19/2020 12:32 AM

My priority for transit has INCREASED. We need frequency now, more than ever, to ensure social distancing is possible on buses.

Anonymous

10/19/2020 08:05 AM

Trying to stay alive and healthy

Anonymous

10/19/2020 10:13 AM

since Covid I find myself driving more frequently on city streets and main roadways Yes my priorities have changed, road and street maintenance should be at the top of the list.

Anonymous

10/19/2020 10:22 AM

We need more walking and biking streets and separated bike lanes. we need less busses that are less packed. we need more outdoor recreation, winter and summer.

Anonymous

10/19/2020 10:39 AM

Less funding for the police. More oversight and independent investigation

Anonymous

10/19/2020 11:13 AM

No. The city should provide a basket of services and the least important are to be reduced when revenues are reduced.

Anonymous

10/19/2020 11:22 AM

No. Defund the Police.

Anonymous

10/19/2020 11:33 AM

Please do not provide more funding to the Winnipeg Police Service in the name of "community safety". Real safety is investing in community services, providing resources to existing groups who are working hard to support marginalized groups of people. Listen to Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, the 2SLGBTQ+ community, and folks with mental health and addictions. The Winnipeg Police Service has made all of these groups unsafe, and killed many Indigenous people this year, including Eisha Hudson. Actually listen to the community who is impacted by issues of safety, and provide funding to non profits, mental health and addictions services, programs for youth, and Indigenous groups.

Anonymous

10/19/2020 11:38 AM

I want to clarify that in the first section "community safety" is high on my list, but that does NOT mean policing. Defund police now.

Anonymous

10/19/2020 11:58 AM

Absolutely. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought to light the gaps in services within Winnipeg (and the province). These gaps have existed for a long time but cannot continue to exist any longer. Fundamental change with regards to housing, health, and basic survival (accessing food, shelter, Internet, general safety, etc.) is needed.

Anonymous

10/19/2020 12:10 PM

They have changed in a renewed concern for putting communities and people over profits and economics.

Anonymous

10/19/2020 12:15 PM

We need services for those who are unable to get to testing centres or grocery stores, for those who are unable to isolate properly within their own homes or for those who are homeless We need more detox and treatment beds for those misusing drugs and alcohol We need to have more beds for homeless people, particularly during a pandemic, proper apartment with bed and washroom and small place to cook

Anonymous

10/19/2020 01:08 PM

We need to invest in safe spaces for recreation and walking and cycling during a pandemic

Anonymous

10/19/2020 02:48 PM

City has to do more to promote social justice and redress economic inequality - more transit, more social housing. Taxes should be raised and better spent to support marginalized residents.

Anonymous

10/19/2020 03:33 PM

The police absolutely need to be defunded and their behaviour during the pandemic shows that. Service after service is asked to take a cut to their budget while the police command the lions share of resourcing to enforce racist policies and terrorize citizens.

Anonymous

10/19/2020 03:37 PM

Seeing the police presence increase in Winnipeg despite the lockdown and people being indoors has shown me how bloated and over funded the Winnipeg police are and how much money they are using needs to be redirected to better city services to meet the needs of the public and not just violent racist responses.

Anonymous

10/19/2020 04:49 PM

It's made me aware that front line social services and assisting vulnerable people is more important and cheaper than paying more police.

Anonymous

10/19/2020 05:06 PM

No

Anonymous

10/19/2020 05:27 PM

Yes

Anonymous

10/19/2020 06:17 PM

Communities need to be more walkable/livable, access to transit and public services for all people need to be a higher priority.

Anonymous

10/19/2020 07:20 PM

N/A

Anonymous

10/19/2020 07:58 PM

Not really.

Anonymous

10/19/2020 09:21 PM

Defund the police

Anonymous

With everything under financial stress it is crucial that the city be lean,

10/19/2020 10:34 PM

focused, and efficient.

Anonymous

10/19/2020 11:27 PM

Yes. I see a bloated Winnipeg Police budget at the expense of essential public services.

Anonymous

10/20/2020 12:01 AM

I've watched while politicians prioritize an abstraction called "the economy" over the health and welfare of fellow citizens, refusing basic, prudent measures. I've watched a bloated police service flail to justify their enormous budget while crime declines precipitously. My priorities as always are real community supports and services; but since COVID-19 I've felt especially sensitive to the disastrous misallocation of resources in a crisis.

Anonymous

10/20/2020 09:09 AM

We use community outside spaces waaay more than before. We have a toddler so getting out has been important for our mental health.

Anonymous

10/20/2020 09:26 AM

I think it's really important now to make sure the families who need support (e.g., subsidized childcare, food security, social work support) still have easy access to those supports. Clearly some populations are being hit harder than others by this pandemic so we need to ensure that they have everything they need to come through it okay.

Anonymous

10/20/2020 09:28 AM

My priorities have always been (and continue to be) safety for all members of all communities, including equitable access to critical all life-sustaining services, including mental, physical and social determinants of health, for example, housing, recreation, food security, etc.

Anonymous

10/20/2020 09:31 AM

not really

Anonymous

10/20/2020 10:36 AM

My Priorities have mostly stayed the same. Health and safety top the list. My current concerns are the quality of life for the people, in particular the elderly and very young. The vulnerable need more people contact, but less. Stress adds to vulnerability. Expecting businesses to operate in less crowded areas is healthy, but has to be balanced with financial viability. Masks have not been proven effective and should be optional, not mandatory. They give people a false sense of security and contribute to the spread of viruses.

Anonymous

10/20/2020 10:41 AM

No

Anonymous

10/20/2020 10:50 AM

Our household focus has been on our personal health and the protection of the health of our neighbours. We make conscious decisions everyday on whether we need to do certain activities that require contact with others. We believe that as a community we are in this together so we try to support our local businesses and restaurants as we can by ordering online so that they will be there when we get through this.

Anonymous

10/20/2020 11:20 AM

No. Regardless of the pandemic, we need to focus on services for our people.

Anonymous

10/20/2020 12:01 PM

Greater need for social services. Greater distain for Police.

Anonymous

10/20/2020 01:21 PM

Not really, since much of this will affect longer-term planning and budgeting.

Anonymous

10/20/2020 01:25 PM

Yes, the safety of all citizens is paramount while helping our economy stay afloat, along with small local businesses.

Anonymous

10/20/2020 02:13 PM

No

Anonymous

10/20/2020 02:36 PM

Not really

Anonymous

10/20/2020 04:43 PM

No

Anonymous

10/20/2020 04:46 PM

Health more important Arts less knoortant

Anonymous

10/20/2020 07:09 PM

We need to see a shift from "policing" the community to serving its needs (e.g. Bear Clan, Denver's STAR program, etc.). Our policing costs are unsustainable, starving the other priorities that are needed for a livable city, and the massive growth in police expenditures has not led to a safer city (and certainly a not more equitable or just one). Parks and outdoor recreation opportunities year round have also become much more important during COVID. As our usual routines for socializing and recreation are disrupted, the city needs more resources allocated to parks, to alternative transit, to recreation programs, libraries, and other services that help citizens, families, and children cope during the pandemic.

Anonymous

10/21/2020 08:30 AM

Yes, we're both working from home, so our focus has been improving it because we spend all of our time here. On a broader note, the pandemic has underscored the need for good government services and assistance to those who need it. Our community is not only a place we live and work in; it is our collective insurance policy and our taxes are our premiums.

Anonymous

10/21/2020 10:13 AM

Support services that help facilitate connection and community safety services are more important than ever

Anonymous

10/21/2020 10:52 AM

Because transit is a challenge now, re people feeling safe on the bus, I have rated it as less important - this is a great time to continue the work on active transportation!

Anonymous

Much less going out/entertainment. More cooking/baking. Been working the

10/21/2020 10:54 AM

entire time as I'm considered "essential".

Anonymous

Not really

10/21/2020 11:14 AM

user20205840

Yes, I am very interested in spending time outdoors in my city.

10/21/2020 12:15 PM

Anonymous

No. Not really. I've always been an advocate for active transportation and was very pleased the city increased the safe possibilities available.

10/21/2020 12:28 PM

Anonymous

Yes, we need more services and we need higher taxes to pay for them.

10/21/2020 12:31 PM

Anonymous

Yes Health is # 1, also keeping services to have activities to stay sane are important

10/21/2020 12:39 PM

Anonymous

Transit and parking not as important since work at home still in force with many companies

10/21/2020 01:10 PM

Anonymous

Some, still focused on a better livable community for all in the context of climate change.

10/21/2020 02:05 PM

Anonymous

Focus on basic needs rather than wants Deficit budgets are not good at any time

10/21/2020 02:08 PM

Anonymous

We don't need firefighters responding to medical calls. It's a giant waste of money, when more ambulances would be better suited. The fire department stopped responding to certain types of calls during the beginning stages of Covid and paramedics managed just fine. Get more ambulances on the road and send them first.

10/21/2020 02:11 PM

Anonymous

Not really

10/21/2020 03:07 PM

Anonymous

absolutely, we must support our core city services, security, and health care

10/21/2020 03:14 PM

Anonymous

No

10/21/2020 03:44 PM

Anonymous

Since the pandemic I have used libraries even more, needing more things to do and to keep winter bearable. But it's been very important that the fees be waived and borrowing periods be extended since it can be more challenging to physically get to the library. Improving outdoor community spaces like parks and forests and recreation is even more important than it was before

10/21/2020 04:05 PM

since we have fewer places where it is safe to gather improving and expanding those outdoor resources will be so important. Medical response is obviously also increasingly important during a pandemic. I drive much less now that I work from home so roadways matter less to me.

Anonymous

10/21/2020 04:10 PM

No although as a casual rider of Transit, I was appaled by the lack of cleaning before the pandemic. Have not and will not ride transit again as City has proven in the past maintenance is not a priority.

Anonymous

10/21/2020 05:54 PM

Yes, caregiver for 90 year old mother. Safety and accessibility to her is first priority.

Anonymous

10/21/2020 09:59 PM

No. I believe the City's role and responsibility is to serve the community by engaging in thoughtful , professionally-driven modern city planning practices that ensure: safe, sustainable, water heating and electricity systems; effective, safe and sustainable waste and water disposal and recycling/composting; modern, safe, sustainable mobility options that focus on pedestrians, cyclists and public transit (as opposed to encouraging cars); financial investment in, and in-kind support and championing of locally-driven arts, culture, libraries, recreation, parks, trees, sports, entertainment; and overarching physical safety through fire protection, medical response, police and public safety including street lighting and maintenance.

Anonymous

10/21/2020 10:48 PM

No, still need all services

Anonymous

10/21/2020 10:59 PM

no

Anonymous

10/22/2020 09:18 AM

Not really, except for emergency medical. Side note - I don't know what some of the titles in the survey mean.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 09:42 AM

Only to reinforce how important the arts and community investment are.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 11:15 AM

Yes. I think more about how collective change can happen quickly given the will. I think of how climate change is an even more pressing issue that somehow doesn't seem to be a priority or concern for current mayor and council. I think this is short sighted and irresponsible. My priority remains to ensure my kid inherits a livable City—vibrant, healthy and rich with culture—and a planet rich with ecological diversity and safe from extreme weather conditions and corresponding concerns (safety, food security, water security).

Anonymous

10/22/2020 12:18 PM

No

Anonymous

10/22/2020 12:25 PM

no

Anonymous

10/22/2020 12:28 PM

The arts and small businesses have been hit really hard during the pandemic. It's going to take a lot to bring back the arts. Also workers in the service industries and restaurants are struggling more than others.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 12:31 PM

Yes. My family and I, like many members of our community, are spending more time outdoors, enjoying community parks, tracking down public art installations, and otherwise attempting to entertain ourselves and engage with our neighbours and various communities in socially distanced ways. My concern about the sustainability for our renowned local arts scene is growing as the pandemic has limited so much of what can be safely done. I worry that unless we invest in local arts initiatives to help them through, we'll emerge on the other side of this pandemic with next to no local theatres, dance groups and spaces, or other parts of the arts and entertainment scene that made this such an exciting and increasingly cosmopolitan place to live pre-Covid-19.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 12:47 PM

Priorities have become safety, but I try and support my community as best as I can with buying local. I don't want businesses to have to close.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 12:48 PM

We have to support the poor & homeless.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 01:04 PM

Please just defund the police already. There is absolutely no reason why they need a third of the budget

Anonymous

10/22/2020 01:08 PM

I think it hewighthen certain things that were already priorities. Like AT infrastructure. Allowing for safe options for people to get around in the city. Like Arts and Culture and Parks&Urban Forestry for the quality of life items. And for Community livebility as our system needs have shifted.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 01:17 PM

Not really...

Anonymous

10/22/2020 01:27 PM

Yes. I now try to help low income/disabled people/families as the pandemic has put a lot of people out of jobs or significantly reduced their income. And with how low minimum wage is already people have had to risk their lives just to make sure there is a roof of their/families head(s) and food on the table. With COVID cases rising and not slowing down and the "restrictions" being put in place aren't really doing anything we need to put our money towards the community and keeping everyone safe, fed and housed without all the risks that come with working during a pandemic. And letting people let go of the fear of being fired/reprimanded for taking time off for if sick/family member sick.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 01:34 PM

Yes, we're trying to stay alive.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 01:37 PM

Yes, while all services and programs offered/funded by the city are important, during the pandemic it those services/programs that will help citizen survey

physically and mentally (e.g., access to outdoor green/recreational space). It is also important to maintain and increase funding to those services/program hardest hit by the pandemic (e.g., arts), to ensure that they survive.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 01:47 PM

All city services are important, but COVID has demonstrated the need for quick accurate help from 311 AND arts, entertainment, and culture are a vital element of sustaining our mental health during these difficult times.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 01:57 PM

My priorities have changed in light of the Defund the Police campaign. I now see the need for other community support services to be funded instead of the Police.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 02:02 PM

I feel some items are less important at this time since we're supposed to be staying home.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 02:04 PM

I am much more concerned about the survival of Winnipeg arts organizations and Winnipeg local businesses. I am also much more concerned about homeless people being warm this winter and fast police response to people in need and domestic violence/abuse.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 02:12 PM

Stop cutting already decimated budgets and defund the police services!

Anonymous

10/22/2020 02:32 PM

Yes. I think that for our city to recover we need to prioritize the health and prosperity of our communities. This entails supporting community programs, parks, transit, libraries and the industries and workers that are hard hit by the pandemic (like restaurants, culture, retail). Excessive spending on roads and police are not sustainable and do not increase the prosperity and health of our city as a whole. I drive everyday and am a homeowner but do not believe that my tax dollars should be spent on inefficient means to provide community safety (the police) or maintaining roads while other means of transportation (like increased public transit and biking infrastructure) that have much lighter impact and greater benefit are not adequately funded.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 02:37 PM

No, I have always believed that all people should be able to live in a safe environment in dignity. COVID-19 has merely illuminated and increased the gap between those who have and those who do not. Perhaps reinvesting some of the millions of dollars in the police budget into community supports and services would benefit everyone in the long term.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 03:07 PM

Yes - it has pointed out that all levels of government must do everything they can to help those struggling because they were already struggling before the pandemic. Had we taken better care before now, many could be much better off

Anonymous

10/22/2020 03:23 PM

No. I believe the City should focus on making public transportation convenient and free, and making driving inconvenient and expensive, in order to do our part to avert the climate crisis, which is the top priority on my agenda.

Anonymous

Yes. I'm now far more concerned with the NEXT big issue facing all of us, ie;

10/22/2020 04:05 PM

climate change, so would like to see transit expanded and made free, and greatly defunding the police to pay for it. The police budget is ludicrously large and there's just no excuse for expensive "toys" like the helicopter and the tank, ESPECIALLY given our current state of affairs. Community services could pick up well over half the things the police do. Given how many people the police have killed during the pandemic, I'd also like to see them disarmed.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 04:27 PM

Higher priority on policing general.feeling of more petty crime, transit service needs to keep up with increasing demand

Anonymous

10/22/2020 04:29 PM

Nope. Defund the police.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 04:54 PM

As I can now work from home, my priorities have moved away from my work environment/commute and shifted to my home and local neighborhood. My recreation needs have also moved away from large group activities, and moved towards outdoor, active recreation.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 05:27 PM

The need to support the arts and cultural sector is more important than ever

Anonymous

10/22/2020 05:39 PM

I am worried that covid is going to be used to justify cutting transit spending. However esp now that winter is pretty much here I rely on the bus as my only means of transportation. Even beyond covid, funding public transit is one of the best and easiest ways to reduce emissions, reduce wear on roads, and make life easier for lower income people and students like myself. So transit was a priority before but I do not want to see covid being used an excuse to cut funding to this important service, or to other important community services that people rely on.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 07:32 PM

The gaps in funding to services that are not the Winnipeg Police Service are way too low. We need to significantly refund the WPS because they do not help fight crime and cause vastly more problems than they solve.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 08:03 PM

Yes. Invest more in community services. Cut the police budget.

Anonymous

10/22/2020 09:25 PM

Yes - much more reliant on community supports for recreation and community services

Anonymous

10/22/2020 09:49 PM

Yes. We need to find ways to re-invigorate our community through access to affordable activities that allow social interaction in a safe and controlled manner and re-stimulate of the economy. Previously, the more functional priorities (roads, waste removal, efficiencies) would have been more important to me, but now our greater community health risk relates to the mental and financial well-being of the people of Winnipeg.

Anonymous

Not too much.

10/22/2020 10:09 PM

Anonymous

We need to invest more in bike and active transport infrastructure

10/22/2020 10:42 PM

Anonymous

No.

10/22/2020 10:42 PM

Anonymous

No

10/22/2020 10:44 PM

Anonymous

2020 has brought to light how corrupt our policing really is. Safe public transportation, access to health care services, and community support is more important than ever. We also need to take care of our environment.

10/22/2020 10:56 PM

Anonymous

No. The pandemic has been made worse by lack of attention to things that should have been priorities, like community services and the arts.

10/22/2020 11:04 PM

Anonymous

no

10/23/2020 12:13 AM

Anonymous

No

10/23/2020 05:02 AM

Anonymous

We can clearly see how important arts and culture are. People have been streaming, reading, binge watching, CONSUMING content. Our local institutions have been stepping up to respond, and the city should focus on them. We're also going to be staying close to home more than ever in the next year. The Open Streets initiative that clearly showed how we can transform our streets to work for more people, and to make our neighbourhoods more livable. The city has NOT addressed the inequality of this place, however. The city's initial placement of streets were all but one in wealthy neighbourhoods. The city CUT transit, but MAINTAINED spending on road infra, once again demonstrating that those who can afford personal vehicles are those who matter to this city. We need to invest in our neighbourhoods to ensure they are healthy, happy and EQUITABLE. The city needs to divert funds from roads and police back into the community. The city has the money, it just has to make the choice.

10/23/2020 10:38 AM

Anonymous

Yes. health, quality of life and support services are more important. police reform and systemic racism reform is more important.

10/23/2020 10:59 AM

Anonymous

Yeah, it's really laid bare the inherent problems in capitalism and the need to take money away from the racist, overpaid cops and use it to fund useful services.

10/23/2020 11:27 AM

Anonymous

No, Police and Public Safety was and continues to be my number 1 concern

10/23/2020 11:42 AM

Anonymous

10/23/2020 01:41 PM

Yes. My family's health and safety is of utmost importance and we continue to forego non-essential pleasures if need be, to stop the spread of covid.

Anonymous

10/23/2020 02:11 PM

Perhaps, more attention to Health care and safety since the pandemic.

Anonymous

10/23/2020 02:11 PM

I am on the board of directors for a local theatre group (Sarasvati), and as a result I have seen firsthand how badly artists and art organizations have been affected by COVID. Winnipeg has a world-class arts community, and I hope that the city will provide support to members of this community to ensure that it is still hear and thriving as life (hopefully) becomes more normal over time.

Anonymous

10/23/2020 02:11 PM

an increased importance for active living (paths, parks) and safe cultural experiences (galleries and museums) as options for much-needed mental health support. Medical health always important; other determinants of health (overall citizen well-being) just as important especially in pandemic times.

Anonymous

10/23/2020 02:20 PM

They have changed to become even more strongly about community support, local business, and guaranteed basic income. I want to be sure that Winnipeggers, and all Manitobans are cared for and supported. I am 100% behind abolishing and reforming the police, starting with a massive budget cut and redistributing that money to arts and culture, community services, education, and healthcare

Anonymous

10/23/2020 02:27 PM

Being safe, happy and healthy is much closer to home now. So having a city with excellent liveability is even more important due to the limitations in travel restrictions.

Anonymous

10/23/2020 02:40 PM

yes, the city needs to focus on its budget (obviously), but roads and arts, entertainment and culture have neglected for too long. Not more of the city beautification projects (for example the Tache street renewal and the associated walkway, definitely way too much spent for so little benefit)

Anonymous

10/23/2020 02:54 PM

No

Anonymous

10/23/2020 02:59 PM

no

Anonymous

10/23/2020 03:22 PM

I would honestly be willing to pay more taxes if it meant that people in the social services got paid reasonably. I think that I now prioritize child care centers, recreational services, counseling services much more than I did before.

Anonymous

10/23/2020 03:58 PM

As I've been spending more time outside, my desire for beautiful, shady, treed places to walk has increased. I've also realized how much I miss the

cities' arts and cultural festivals. I have a new appreciation for Museums and am sad that some of them have fallen on hard times as the city will be much poorer if they don't persist through this.

Anonymous

10/23/2020 05:43 PM

I would like to explore defunding the police and increasing social services in the community especially in lower income areas.

Anonymous

10/23/2020 06:03 PM

No, it has just reinforced the need to prioritize urban canopy, active transportation (not just recreational paths), and transit.

Anonymous

10/23/2020 06:35 PM

No, we need to continue to support Winnipeg's most vulnerable populations: those living without adequate house, those living with problematic substance abuse issues, and those who's access to necessary things like food and healthcare is limited due to systemic inequalities. If anything Covid has served to highlight these issues, and to make my resolution stronger in seeking out ways to long term address these needs in our Winnipeg communities.

Anonymous

10/23/2020 08:34 PM

Police, fire, ambulance are always top priority.

Anonymous

10/23/2020 08:35 PM

No

Anonymous

10/24/2020 05:29 AM

Yes. I am high risk and bought a car after taking transit for 20+ years because I did not feel safe taking the bus. So now I notice the road quality more. Also walking more and notice the lack of street lighting as the days get shorter. Even in my "safe" neighbourhood it is quite dark on side streets and car break-ins have increased during covid.

Anonymous

10/24/2020 07:25 AM

No

Anonymous

10/24/2020 10:08 AM

Even more than before, I believe we need to be funding community services, like 24 hour safe spaces, libraries, race centres, transit, and parks. The police budget must be cut because they do not make people safer, only suck up all of our ability to fund alternatives.

Anonymous

10/24/2020 11:18 AM

As we see trends in crime rates including homicide and violent crime increasing, and the complement of officers decreasing we need more funding allocated to the WPS. We also need to ensure that our hospitals are prepared to handle the impact of the pandemic; however, we are statistically seeing less people going for regular medical check ups. Our medical system must adapt to these changes.

Anonymous

10/24/2020 12:26 PM

NO

Anonymous

Yes, I feel we need more support for the citie's Arts & Culture. They make life

10/24/2020 06:51 PM

more enjoyable and it creates jobs, supports local businesses and money for the community.

Anonymous

Not really

10/25/2020 09:51 AM

Anonymous

I think the police should be less of a priority and investing in our community should be a bigger priority by funding community services and public transportation more while defunding the police

10/25/2020 01:46 PM

Anonymous

A little. Our travelling has been less, so road work has been less important.

10/25/2020 04:30 PM

Anonymous

Yes, it has become very clear how important the arts are in our community.

10/25/2020 05:14 PM

Anonymous

The city MUST continue and increase investing in Arts and Culture in Winnipeg. The Arts may be one of the last sectors to come back during our current Covid-19 crisis. Artists contribute so much to Winnipeg's vibrancy and countless Winnipeggers rely on Arts and Culture events for entertainment, enrichment and sustenance.

10/25/2020 05:20 PM

Anonymous

Yes, we need culture.

10/25/2020 09:31 PM

Anonymous

COVID-19 has exposed the faults in our system. More support for vulnerable communities is needed. Also, why do golf services get their own category?!? This survey seems biased. And "controlling expenses and driving efficiencies" is not a city service. It's an ideology that's been snuck into this survey. Unimpressed.

10/26/2020 09:02 AM

Anonymous

Not really - Roads & Infrastructure are top priority

10/26/2020 09:08 AM

Anonymous

Yes. The value of accessible, safe, comfortable public spaces is essential more than ever. People are social beings and need places to go where they can maintain distance but still be part of community.

10/26/2020 09:38 AM

Anonymous

I think that libraries and arts & culture organizations that have been hit hard / help provide free content like the Manitoba Museum, the Winnipeg Art Gallery, Park Theatre, RoyalMTC , CMHR ect really need our help in order to keep the doors open. I am very concerned for these organizations and the vibrancy of our city going foward.

10/26/2020 10:04 AM

Anonymous

No they have not substantially changed since covid.

10/26/2020 10:05 AM

Anonymous

No, same priorities - just learning new ways to organize my priorities so they can still be achieved.

10/26/2020 10:28 AM

Anonymous

10/26/2020 10:39 AM

no

Anonymous

10/26/2020 11:55 AM

With people struggling the first priority is to make sure people have what they need to live decent lives--this would come before community safety for me because human well being contributes to community safety. Arts organizations are also struggling and need support to be able to weather the storm.

Anonymous

10/26/2020 01:11 PM

Probably not. I could answer these this day next week and would probably answer differently

Anonymous

10/26/2020 01:56 PM

Transit has always been a huge priority for me as someone without a car, and it is even more important during COVID as I continue to rely on it regularly. Now more than ever we need to ensure that service doesn't erode due to the complex COVID-19 situation. We need to ensure safe, frequent, affordable and accessible transit service for all Winnipeggers and maintain current service, as the bare minimum (normally I would advocate to improve frequency -- which remains the ultimate goal).

Anonymous

10/26/2020 09:08 PM

No it has not affected my way of life

Anonymous

10/27/2020 08:38 AM

Yes. The need to invest in public spaces has increased, particularly low-barrier spaces. Public transit's retraction during the pandemic was backwards and scary. I see now we need much more investment in a transit system that's healthy, efficient, complete and very simple to use. I appreciate much more AT that gets people to and from places, not just leisure infrastructure like river paths.

Anonymous

10/27/2020 09:22 AM

no

Anonymous

10/27/2020 09:30 AM

The need for people to move within the city, to have some kind of mental stress relief, and to access services is higher than ever. Those with lower incomes and without private means of transportation depend on transit more than ever. We need to continue to improve the cleaning protocols of transit and to ensure the safety of the users. The parks have always been an integral part of Winnipeg's community health. They need more community interaction in terms of ways to be involved - not just a walk through them, but to learn through this experience and develop stronger connections to spaces - i.e. what are the plants, animals, seasonal changes - how can we become more aware and delighted by what we're seeing during these times rather than just how depressed people are becoming. We also need the arts more than ever - but again this has to be through multilevel engagement, not just viewing but participating. The arts saves lives - without this service as a fundamental part of mental and emotional growth, people's stress levels rise

and we lose the ability to understand how to navigate the world. The arts are not entertainment - they are a way to think and problem solve - they need to be integrated into services more. The way that parks are managed seems to be exclusively about making it easy for clean up of debris, not for creating habitats. If we could connect the parks and the arts more as a way of creative thinking we could move the sustainability initiatives further. The waste management system of Winnipeg, while very efficient, holds an inherent lie: recycling. I know this for a fact. That we go to the efforts to push the recycling program is laudable, but these give people the impression that their use of materials is mitigated by a recycling program is a terrible falsehood. Please please please change this so that these materials really are recycled and to demand the reduction of use of plastic by all local business, industry, and citizens. Be forward thinking about this. It cannot wait.

Anonymous

10/27/2020 09:42 AM

No, they haven't.

Anonymous

10/27/2020 09:56 AM

not really changed at all

Anonymous

10/27/2020 11:43 AM

No, but they have been underlined. Community support is the MOST IMPORTANT thing. People need economic support with the loss of jobs and loss of income from jobs (many people have seen reduced hours, wages, or tips because of the pandemic and nothing is being done to help them because they haven't full-on lost their job), need relief from payments like rent and student loans while they are struggling, and need mental health support as the stress and anxiety caused by the pandemic mounts.

Anonymous

10/27/2020 12:40 PM

Having a strong sense of community is important for Winnipeg as we navigate these challenging times together. We need to be focused on maintaining communities that make people feel comfortable, are well cared for, and place importance on developing our children into thoughtful citizens.

Anonymous

10/27/2020 08:14 PM

Need to concentrate on education of people to wear masks, and stay at a distance. More enforcement of fines for rule breakers of COVID guidelines

Anonymous

10/28/2020 08:25 AM

no

Anonymous

10/28/2020 10:15 AM

To me, COVID has reinforced the need for community services, green space / spaces to be outdoors / spaces to gather indoors including libraries, and support for arts and cultural organizations.

Anonymous

10/28/2020 11:49 AM

It's important to provide citizens with a healthy city with good recreation and cultural facilities.

Anonymous

More important now to have walkable neighbourhoods with more

10/28/2020 01:42 PM

opportunities for community recreation.

Anonymous

10/28/2020 04:03 PM

My priorities have shifted even more towards providing medical care and contact tracing, further investment in the medical sector, decreasing wait times, trying as much as possible to undo some of the destruction of the conservative provincial government on the health care community, and defunding the police has remained a top priority, as well as spending less money on roads and construction in favor of better city planning, shifting towards a car free city in light of the global climate crisis.

Anonymous

10/28/2020 05:56 PM

No, we all have to engage in less selfish wants and pursue efforts to help the ones that need help. Even if a program helps less volume, the overall quality of that program to one person could be life saving compared to someone that already has a working livable system that may not even show up to a popular program that people go for social benefits. People have enough money to entertain themselves, there are some out there that have virtually nothing that desperately need someone to just show some compassion. We can all do better than we are currently showing, we just need our leaders to step up and set an example for once.

Anonymous

10/28/2020 09:09 PM

The pandemic has exposed many of the systemic failures of the municipal government's mandate. When an exogenous shock transforms the working conditions and social interactions of a city, the ability of its citizens to weather the span of the shock is determined by how developed its supports are. In Winnipeg's case, our municipal government has abdicated many responsibilities to the provincial government and left citizens without the means to exit the pandemic no worse off. As a city, we should be prioritizing investment in housing, education, transit, harm reduction, and community services. There are a surfeit of ways in which we can fund these endeavours, be it a significant reduction of the Winnipeg Police Service's funding, or minimizing tax abatements for real estate development. The social conditions of Winnipeg's inhabitants should be the primary concern of the budget and making these investments now will develop the conditions in which all citizens may prosper. The affordability of living in Winnipeg is being challenged by the investments of external private equity firms. On balance, these "investments" do not improve the social welfare of the Winnipeg's citizenry and, coupled with unnecessary tax abatements, reduces the city's tax base to the benefit of external companies such as Starlight and True North. If we as a city do not develop the protections and supports for all citizens now, then we will be facing the same housing and affordability issues that larger Canadian cities are now experiencing.

Anonymous

10/29/2020 07:35 AM

nope

Anonymous

10/29/2020 08:01 AM

Yes. With more people isolated than before, community services and the ease of access is more important than ever.

Anonymous

10/29/2020 08:59 AM

No

Anonymous

10/29/2020 10:18 AM

My priorities have changed, somewhat, since the pandemic. I believe the medical system is highly important (as I did before) and I believe sustainability efforts are also highly important (as I did before). What's changed is my realization that nature and green spaces, as well as economic development, are especially important in this time. Nature is crucial to our collective mental health, especially as winter looms and people are encouraged to withdraw socially from one another. Economic boosts may also be required because of these strange times. We have fantastic local businesses and want them to stick around!

Anonymous

10/29/2020 10:40 AM

Yes, the pandemic has heightened challenges in our city. It is prime time to change Winnipeg's focus and budget from investing in roads and policing, and focus more on what people need right now - supports for vulnerable Winnipeggers, public space, public transportation and planning for the future.

Anonymous

10/29/2020 10:42 AM

no -

Anonymous

10/29/2020 10:43 AM

COVID has exposed the need for an integrated and safe active transport network. More people are driving now that they don't feel the busses are safe. Increased traffic combined with lack of infrastructure is moving our already car-centric city in the wrong direction.

Anonymous

10/29/2020 10:49 AM

No. I want the Council to implement the Winnipeg Transit Master Plan and not backtrack from it like they did on the past master plan. This is definitely much cheaper compared to creating additional 5 fully separated transitways.

Anonymous

10/29/2020 10:50 AM

Yes. Being relentlessly under employed has drastically affected my ability to pay for these ever increasing taxes. Start making the city safer, accessible, enjoyable and more affordable to live in.

markthardy

10/29/2020 10:51 AM

Yes , it's time to pump the brakes on all major city projects, rapid transit, counsellors and mayor need to take pay cuts and lead by example, let's help the homeless a lot more, stop dropping the ball on so many different projects, alot of work done in and around the city looks like it was down by children, my list is too long to continue, next

Anonymous

10/29/2020 10:51 AM

The fact that the police are funded so extremely at the expense of other areas has been made evident during COVID. The money could be spent in other areas such as in transit.

Anonymous

10/29/2020 10:53 AM

I am in a conflict. Expenses need to be controlled but we need a better transit service and the road need to repaired etc. In reality the top priority should be transit and roads.

Anonymous

10/29/2020 11:03 AM

Support LOCAL businesses for sure. Specifically small arts businesses that will be particularly threatened by the pandemic.

Anonymous

10/29/2020 11:03 AM

Yes, transit needs to be prioritized. It is disgusting the lack of transit available in this city and how it further marginalizes those who take transit (which is predominantly those of a lower socio-economic status).

Anonymous

10/29/2020 11:47 AM

I am increasingly concerned about our most vulnerable citizens. We need options to offer our riverbank and street residents that are safe and comfortable. Living in shelters is not safe and not comfortable for many people. We need so much more transitional housing with wraparound supports, for people with a range of barriers and needs. We need to reduce our reliance on the police as well and refocus on community services for vulnerable people. Our police at the city level and the provincial and federal justice systems are ruining the lives of people who need support, not punishment. We need so many more culturally appropriate and caring treatment and addictions programs. The city is the closest government to the people, and we need to work together to ensure people have the opportunity to change their lives. I would encourage you to look at the MAS Winnipeg facebook page. I am not an organizer of this group but taking a quick look at the number of requests from people for support across our city demonstrates how we are failing them. There are so many requests it is devastating to see. Do we even care about our fellow citizens at all?

Anonymous

10/29/2020 11:54 AM

not on these issues

Anonymous

10/29/2020 12:05 PM

No, City Services has always been important to me.

Anonymous

10/29/2020 12:08 PM

Yes, I deboarded my capitalist agenda to focus on mental health and well-being of my children, myself, my family and community.

Anonymous

10/29/2020 12:20 PM

No, still want a new police station built in the North End. Have been promised this for years.

Anonymous

10/29/2020 12:27 PM

No

Anonymous

10/29/2020 12:32 PM

Yeah, the hundreds of millions wasted on rapid transit will make even less sense with COVID. Everybody has cut costs, hoping our city can.

Anonymous

10/29/2020 12:54 PM

Community safety and enforcement of compliance for COVID regulations!!

Anonymous

10/29/2020 01:05 PM

Being at home keeps me away from the idiots out there

Anonymous

10/29/2020 01:38 PM

Much bigger focus on the environment, social planning involving transit and alternative travel, and making sure everyone finds something in this city that

	they love and keeping it diverse. also getting rid of LED street lights, sodium vapor all the way except highways
Anonymous 10/29/2020 02:11 PM	My priorities have always leaned towards supporting transit, but during the pandemic it has become clear that having an active transportation network (for cycling, walking, skiing to work or elsewhere) is also of paramount importance, to keep people healthy and reduce the amount of people in buses. I am greatly in support of the Open Streets that allowed corridors for people of all age groups to move around and exercise in safety. These Open Streets also took the place of the community recreational activities that could not be offered during the pandemic, and allowed families to get out together.
Anonymous 10/29/2020 02:27 PM	Yes, anything related to the medical system has become more important for me during this pandemic.
Anonymous 10/29/2020 02:48 PM	A bit. I'm more focussed now on what enhances my community's livability *independent* of big-box shopping and a personal automobile. I think as a society we need to SIMPLIFY and make neighborhoods more self-contained again, reduce our reliance on the big box stores, and restore our connection with local providers. I was on this path already, but Covid-19 realities have caused me to pick up speed.
Anonymous 10/29/2020 03:28 PM	Safety on the streets is still important.
Anonymous 10/29/2020 03:36 PM	Not really. The challenges of the city are the same.. and the needs are the same. COVID has highlighted the impacts on certain communities more, particularly socio-economically, of the lack of funding in the same areas as before. Rather than be the "great leveler" that the pandemic was touted at the outset, it has actually exacerbated the already existing inequalities
Anonymous 10/29/2020 03:45 PM	Yes - please bring back Public Arty and increase arts funding!!
Anonymous 10/29/2020 04:08 PM	No
Anonymous 10/29/2020 04:10 PM	need more out door recreation
Anonymous 10/29/2020 04:13 PM	Yes, it is clear that there are people who need support who's re not getting it. Especially in such a hard time it is more important than ever to support these individuals
Anonymous 10/29/2020 04:49 PM	no
Anonymous 10/29/2020 05:04 PM	No change in priorities

Anonymous 10/29/2020 05:15 PM	We need more healthy choices for moving around that don't involve personal vehicles ie. bike lines that are maintained year-round, access to winter recreational activities outside.
Anonymous 10/29/2020 05:46 PM	My priorities haven't really changed, at least not really at the municipal level. But provincial (schools, health services) I have many concerns about how the pandemic is being handled.
Anonymous 10/29/2020 06:04 PM	Not really
Anonymous 10/29/2020 06:15 PM	no, we still need better control of speeding road traffic and better walking and bicycling paths
Anonymous 10/29/2020 06:30 PM	My priorities have not changed since the COVID-19 pandemic started. I am a disabled person who lacks access to appropriate and affordable public venues with or without the pandemic. My loved ones and community have been in dire need of more community services and support for many years; The pandemic only makes those needs exponentially more critical.
Anonymous 10/29/2020 06:46 PM	No, the environment is still the most important city priority
Anonymous 10/29/2020 07:08 PM	Yes I stay home
Anonymous 10/29/2020 07:28 PM	Less driving, more emphasis on safe and effective public transit. Recreation/arts/entertainment has been deeply impacted, instead of abandoning these services in their current form, careful thought must given to how they can adapt to today's landscape. Of course public safety needs to be a priority especially in the city's downtown core with less pedestrian traffic.
Anonymous 10/29/2020 08:01 PM	Yes I want investment made to our medical access and being able to enjoy outdoor space
wpgdriver23 10/29/2020 08:13 PM	No change
Anonymous 10/29/2020 08:30 PM	I now prioritize on services and transport being accessible for all much higher after seeing libraries and city services shut down and city staff laid off when we need them most. We need to increase priority on active transport and public transit while reducing investments that primarily benefit private vehicle drivers.
Jynnantonnyx 10/29/2020 09:15 PM	No. I believe there is exaggerated media fuelled hysteria on the topic. I firmly believe that the risks are over emphasized, and it is taking a toll on everyone. Yes there are vulnerable people who need protection. If as much emphasis was put into the mental health crisis, Canada would be in better shape

Anonymous

10/29/2020 08:59 PM

I wish the city would go back to basics, do the job they are set out to do and not be concerned about peripheral or flashy items. You are not google or Apple. Conserve and invest in the assets you own, the assets that me as a tax payer paid for. CORE SERVICES.

Anonymous

10/29/2020 09:56 PM

Yes I've Now got to be bothered by people who want to close lyndale drive to vehicles even though there are two 2 levels of paths to walk and cycle,

Anonymous

10/29/2020 10:09 PM

Parks, green spaces, safe cycling routes and library books have become even more important to me. I now work remotely and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future hence road conditions are now less important.

Anonymous

10/29/2020 11:01 PM

The pandemic has further revealed the ineffective social systems we have in Manitoba. Economic development should highlight the needs of people, rather than catering to the demands of corporate entities.

Anonymous

10/30/2020 01:59 AM

No.

Anonymous

10/30/2020 06:15 AM

Yes. Access to outside activities and trails has been a game changer for my family's health.

Anonymous

10/30/2020 07:37 AM

Wearing more PPE. Not attending huge events with lots of people

Anonymous

10/30/2020 09:13 AM

no, in fact working downtown daily during the covid shut down, felt very unsafe on the streets, literally people living in the bus shacks doing meth on Portage Ave and Donald daily, due to less people downtown. No police to be seen! This was daily for WEEKS!

Anonymous

10/30/2020 09:17 AM

Yes, I have had to be more precautionous when going into public.

Anonymous

10/30/2020 09:19 AM

no

Anonymous

10/30/2020 09:26 AM

economic recovery and safety are the top priorities

Anonymous

10/30/2020 09:27 AM

Nope

Anonymous

10/30/2020 09:30 AM

not really

Anonymous

10/30/2020 09:31 AM

Only minor changes. I see front line employees as those taking on the most additional stress from the pandemic because their day-to-day hasn't

changed. Other citizens have the luxury of working from home, but Emergency services do not have that option.

Anonymous

10/30/2020 09:33 AM

Yes, I used to take the bus to work everyday, now I work from home.

Anonymous

10/30/2020 09:33 AM

Yes. Our Community clubs require more funding so that they can stay open longer on weekends and offer more support to our communities. Outdoor sports , such as outdoor skating and other outdoor sports must be promoted by the COW. More outdoor " take down" rinks. An error in judgment was to stop flooding of neighborhood "tot lot" rinks . Now, more then ever kids, adults need to be outside for their well being.

Anonymous

10/30/2020 09:36 AM

no

Anonymous

10/30/2020 09:42 AM

yes, I see the need for a better, faster and safer transit system, and for more safe and enjoyable outdoor spaces for outdoor activities for every season. I see investment in our small businesses and in helping vulnerable individuals as more important than ever as well, along with supporting the ability of those with compromised immune systems to stay safe if needed and not be forced to work in unsafe situations at risk to their lives.

Anonymous

10/30/2020 09:43 AM

Parks have increased importance as a place to go and provides an a opportunity to see people in a safe (physically distanced) setting. Environmental issues have not gone away since the pandemic hit.

Anonymous

10/30/2020 09:50 AM

Yes, health and safety an even higher priority now!

Anonymous

10/30/2020 09:52 AM

Yes, there is less commuting through the city and much more outdoor recreation. Therefore, greenspaces should be a higher priority than roads.

Anonymous

10/30/2020 09:52 AM

It is important to have a liveable, city with access to nature within the city. Especially since Covid-19 it is important to have safe transport that everyone can access regardless of income. It is essential that the opportunity to decrease traffic dramatically for the health of all does not rebound (close lanes, decrease speed limits, increase vehicle restrictions on holidays and weekends, reclaim parking for recreation, leisure, or patio use for business). Shift budget from police to community support (eg mental health). I know that crosses boundaries with services that should be provided by the province but hopefully one day that cooperation might be there...

Anonymous

10/30/2020 09:54 AM

everything has changed and becomes relevant or irrelevant based on work life and home and economic situation.

Anonymous

10/30/2020 10:08 AM

It has placed an importance on activities that can be done at home, in your own city. There is lots to explore and do without needing to travel.

Anonymous

10/30/2020 10:15 AM

We need more outdoor spaces, shared streets, bikeways, trees and landscaping, etc. in order to provide safe opportunities for exercise and mental health.

Anonymous

10/30/2020 10:16 AM

Yes, would like to see focus on helping vulnerable Winnipeg's . Close streets for walking. More trees.

Anonymous

10/30/2020 10:31 AM

No not significantly

Anonymous

10/30/2020 10:51 AM

obviously... if.. due to covid... transit is being used at 50%capacity, then for the interim... it is not as much of a priority... altho this is a good time to do planning... same with services from community services.. e.g. if libraries and pools are closed... not much of a priority except for basic maintenance - but a good opportunity to do things you don't get a chance to do - like planning. I also can't believe your choice of priorities and seven options... do you live on this planet? what about SUSTAINABILITY and THE ENVIRONMENT. The City's contribution to the tragedy of Lake Winnipeg? What I see so far is ridiculous. Of course Efficiency and SUSTAINABILITY are closely linked... you should be looking at ways to get advantages out of your waste... e.g. composting and using the heat produced for a purpose. You have enough people with degrees working for you - they can do research to drive improvements. Concrete is one of the biggest environmental pollutants, and as I understand it... Public Works is just doing what they have always done, when they should be looking for sustainability advantages. If you could come up with good ideas, you might be able to profit from that to drive more research and improvements. I can't believe what I am seeing here... "trees"????? what??? do you mean... like... the environment???? how narrowly focused can you be? btw.. you clearly are missing the forest for the trees... very sad

Anonymous

10/30/2020 11:07 AM

Healthcare and education are the #1 priority.

Anonymous

10/30/2020 11:09 AM

Public transit capacity is more important than ever.

Icbodnarchuk

10/30/2020 11:15 AM

Yes. Family 1st, concern over personal finances, concern over family mental health. Wpg Libraries have been a lifesaver for us. Please do not cut library services, we need them right now because schools don't have enough resources for all.

Anonymous

10/30/2020 11:48 AM

COVID has illustrated the lack of equity in our city. Policing went up when people weren't around - more money was spent protecting property than protecting people.

Anonymous

10/30/2020 01:07 PM

I now place higher value on maintaining natural spaces, community walkability, and (safe/clean) public transportation. Parking should not be a city

	priority.
Anonymous 10/30/2020 01:09 PM	Yes. I stay home and don't go out hardly at all anymore. My interest in city services has more to do with ensuring health and access to critical services more than recreation.
Anonymous 10/30/2020 02:18 PM	Public health is obviously THE priority right now. We need to support city workers, with proper PPE, especially those dealing with the public directly. They also need to have open communication and expectations with their employer.
Anonymous 10/30/2020 02:20 PM	I think medical response is more important now.
Anonymous 10/30/2020 02:51 PM	No
Anonymous 10/30/2020 03:33 PM	COVID has not changed the things I think are important, but it has emphasized how gaps in the social safety net and uneven access to resources and services create emergencies for poor, disabled, queer, and racialized people disproportionate to the rest of the population. Closed libraries mean those without internet can't access all info and resources. Less frequent buses make it harder for people who don't have cars to get around. If we don't want people to suffer (and we don't want to be "inconvenienced" by the visible problems of people in crisis, like homelessness and public drug use), we need to make sure everyone has access to internet, transit, an unpolluted environment, food, and a safe place to live.
Anonymous 10/30/2020 06:56 PM	My personal priorities have not changed a great deal but I believe the needs of the city have shifted away from normal commuter culture to something more adaptive
Anonymous 10/30/2020 08:04 PM	Not really, aside from the importance of community health (nature spaces, safe enrichment programming, public transportation, including bike lanes) and economy have timely priority.
Anonymous 10/30/2020 08:41 PM	We need to put people *before* the obsession with the economy. Government seem to forget the economy is meant to serve people and not the other way around. Put people and the environment first.
Anonymous 10/30/2020 09:10 PM	No
Cmacbdc 10/30/2020 11:15 PM	Not really
Anonymous 10/31/2020 09:39 AM	No

Anonymous

10/31/2020 11:44 AM

My priorities have changed in terms of what I consider community security to be. By community security, I am referring to appropriate resources for marginalized demographics such as people suffering from homelessness and addiction, to ensure that these individuals are getting the support they deserve, especially during this period. I DO NOT mean more police. Police do not equal security.

Anonymous

10/31/2020 04:41 PM

no.

Anonymous

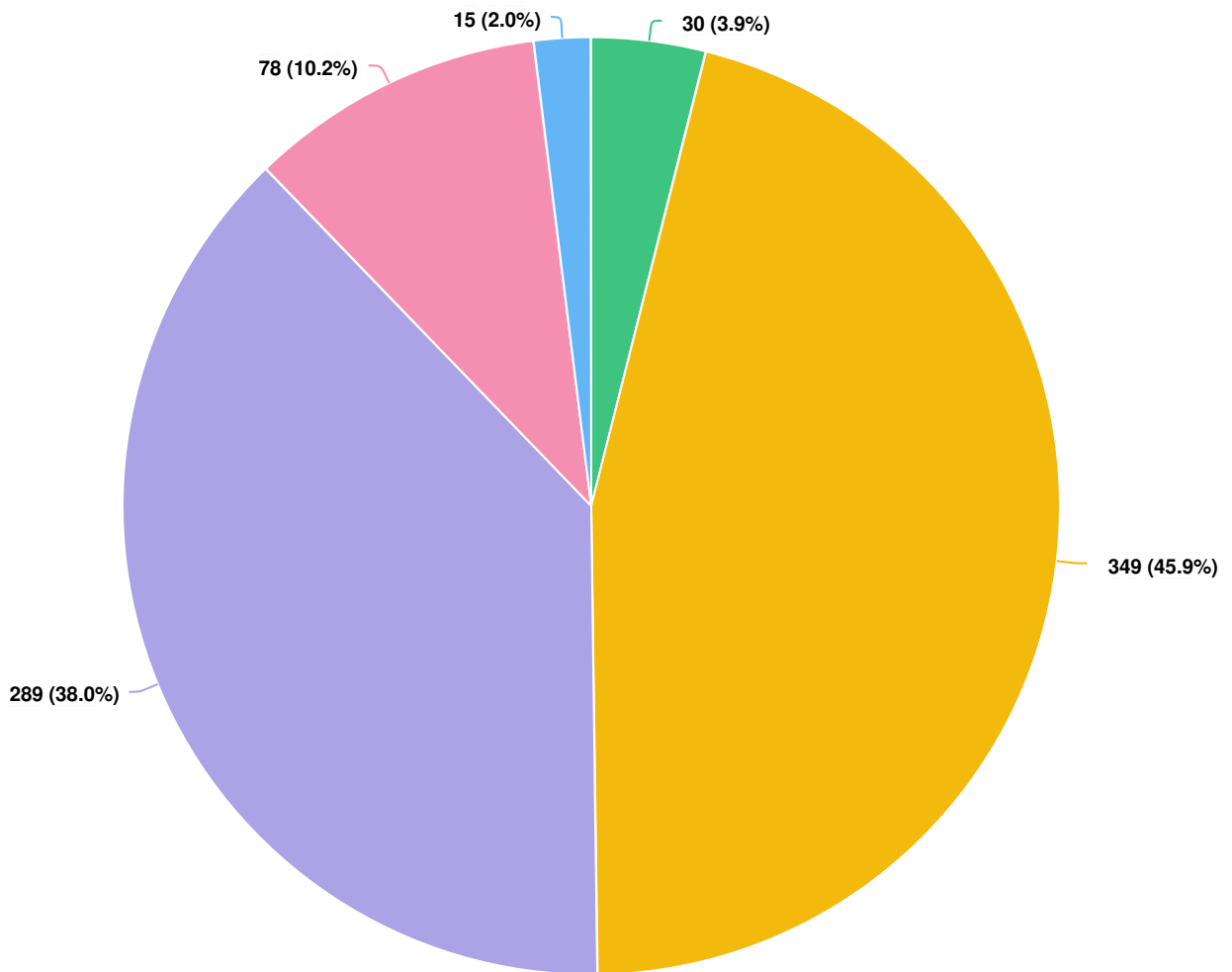
11/01/2020 02:37 PM

Yes, safe and more spaces for kids in daycare and school!

Optional question (547 response(s), 220 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q5 Considering the services you receive from the City, how much value do you feel you receive for your tax dollars?

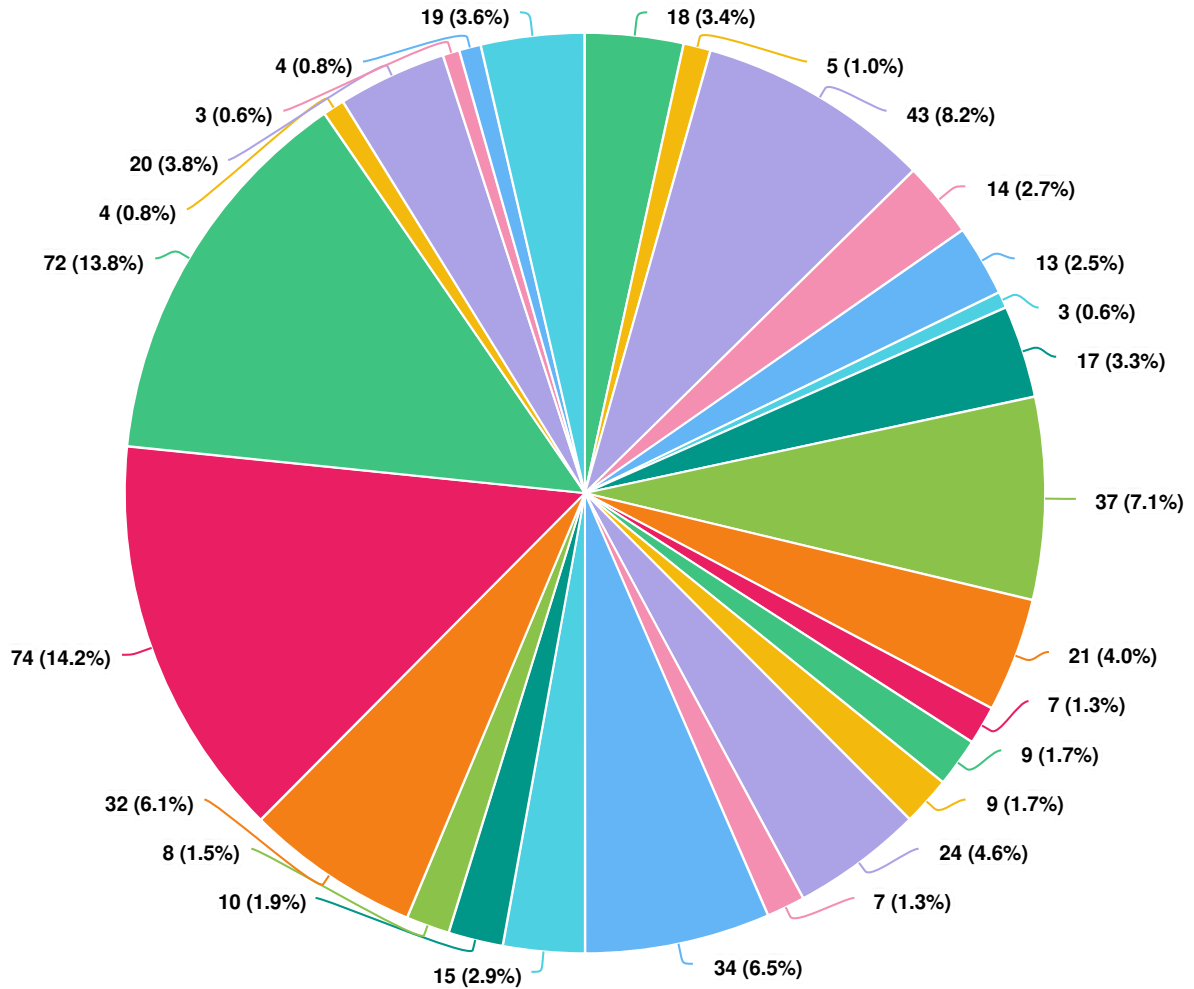


Question options

- Don't know
- Very poor value
- Poor value
- Good value
- Very good value

Optional question (761 response(s), 6 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q8 Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

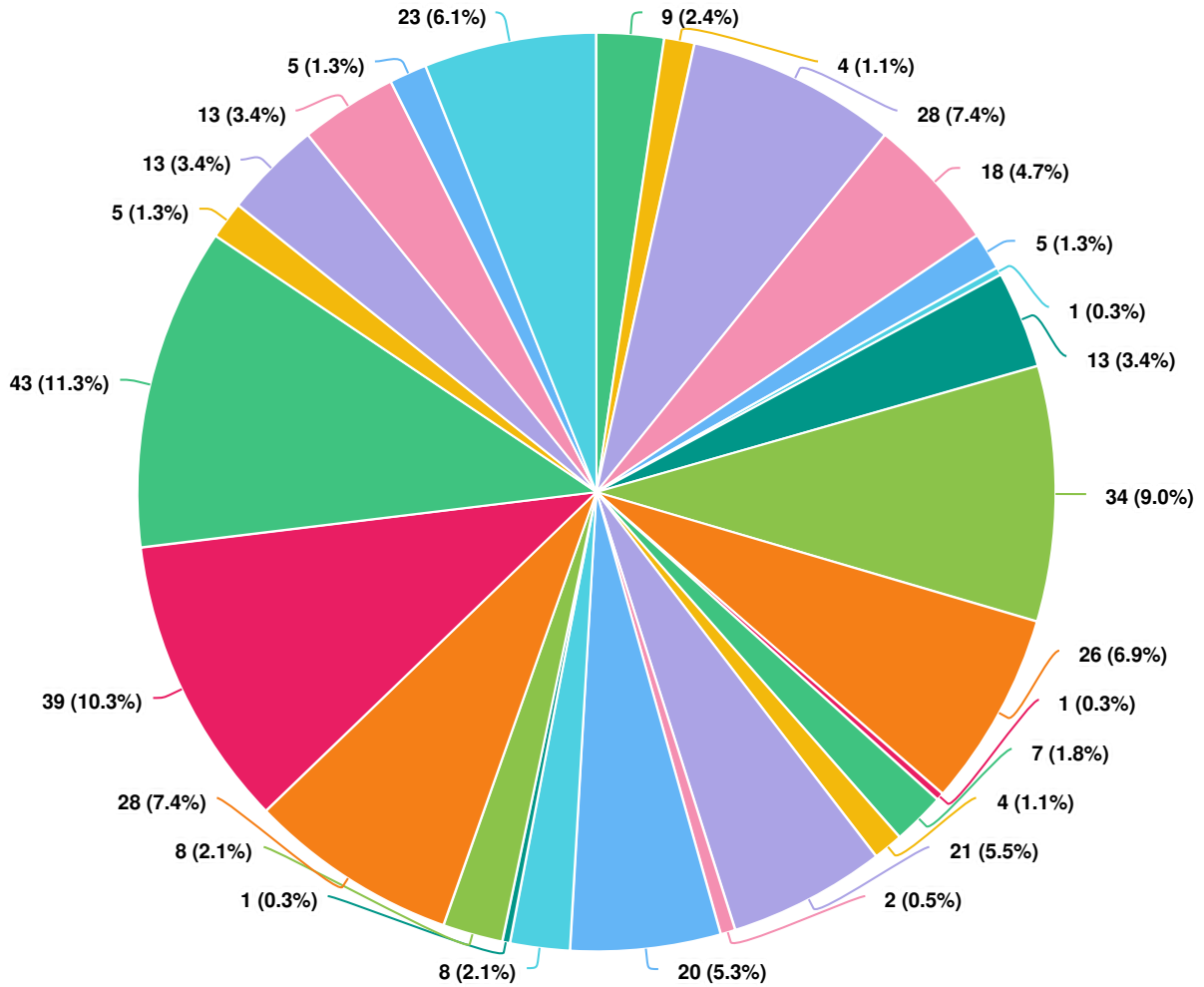


Question options

- Street Maintenance Street Lighting Solid Waste Collection Roadway Snow Removal & Ice control
- Recreation Public Transit Police Service Parks & Urban Forestry Parking
- Organizational Support Services Medical Response Libraries Insect Control Golf Services
- Fire Service Economic Development Council Services Community Liveability City Planning
- City Beautification Cemeteries Assiniboine Park Conservancy Assessment & Taxation
- Arts, Entertainment & Culture Animal Services 311 Contact Centre

Optional question (522 response(s), 245 skipped)
 Question type: Dropdown Question

Q10 Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

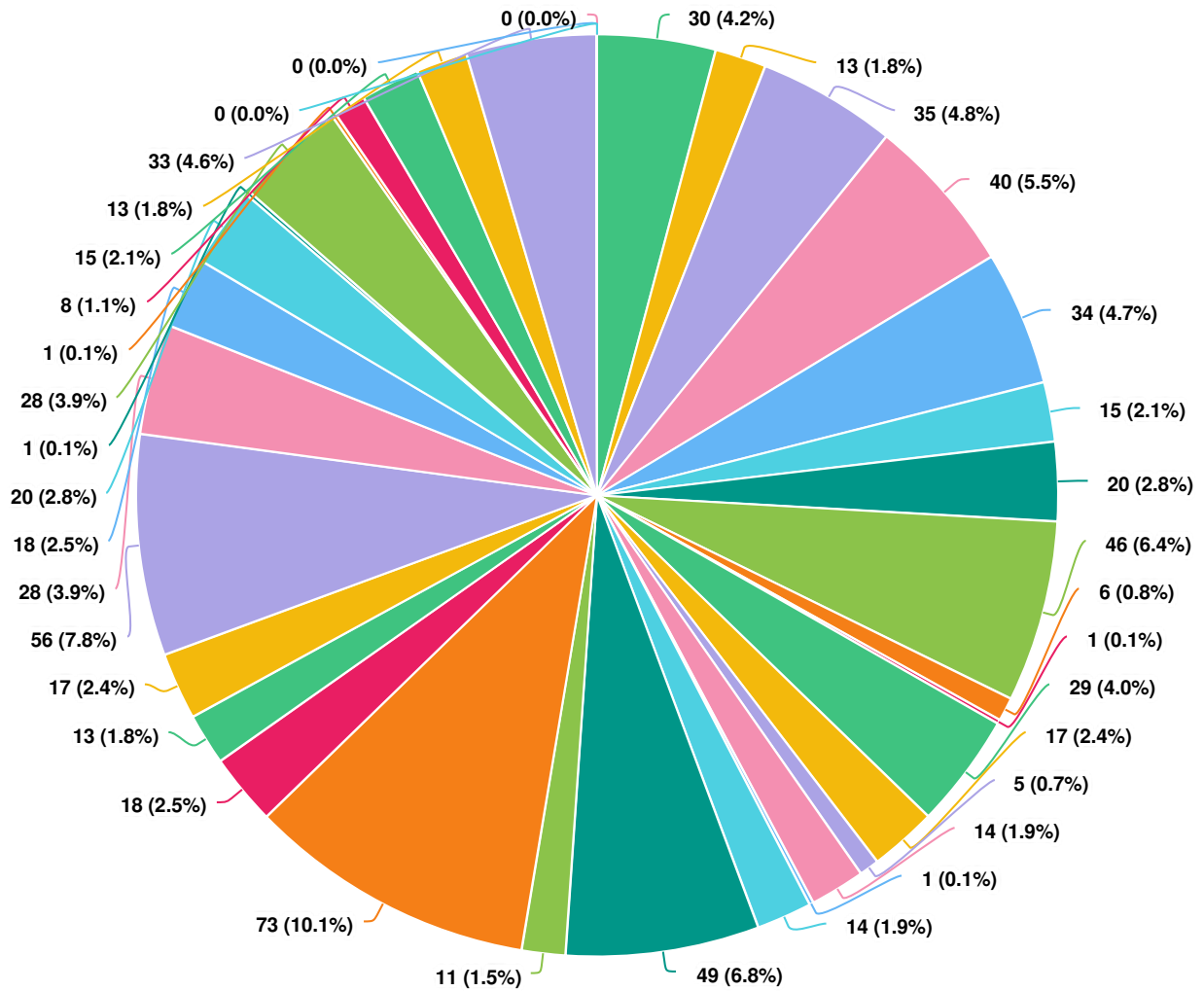


Question options

- Street Maintenance Street Lighting Solid Waste Collection Roadway Snow Removal & Ice control
- Recreation Public Transit Police Service Parks & Urban Forestry Parking
- Organizational Support Services Medical Response Libraries Insect Control Golf Services
- Fire Service Economic Development Council Services Community Liveability City Planning
- City Beautification Cemeteries Assiniboine Park Conservancy Assessment & Taxation
- Arts, Entertainment & Culture Animal Services 311 Contact Centre

Optional question (379 response(s), 388 skipped)
 Question type: Dropdown Question

Q12 Please let us know where in Winnipeg you live by selecting the first three digits of your postal code below. This information is used to see which areas of Winnipeg we are hearing from.

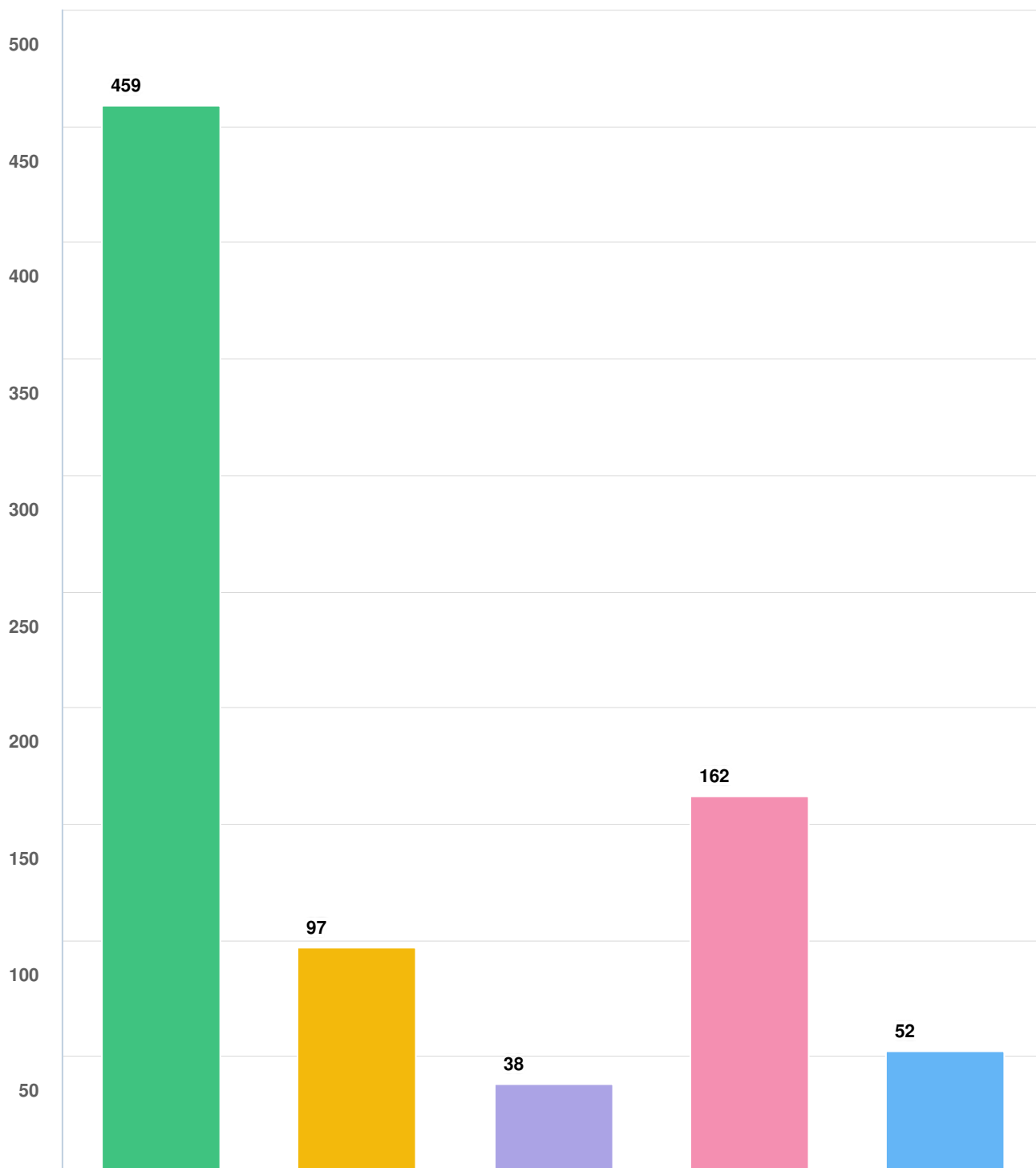


Question options

- R4A R3H R2R Other (please specify) R3Y R3X R3W R3V R3T R3S
- R3R R3P R3N R3M R3L R3K R3J R3G R3E R3C R3B
- R3A R2Y R2X R2W R2V R2P R2N R2M R2L R2K R2J
- R2H R2G R2E R2C

Optional question (722 response(s), 45 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q13 How did you hear about this? Please select all that apply

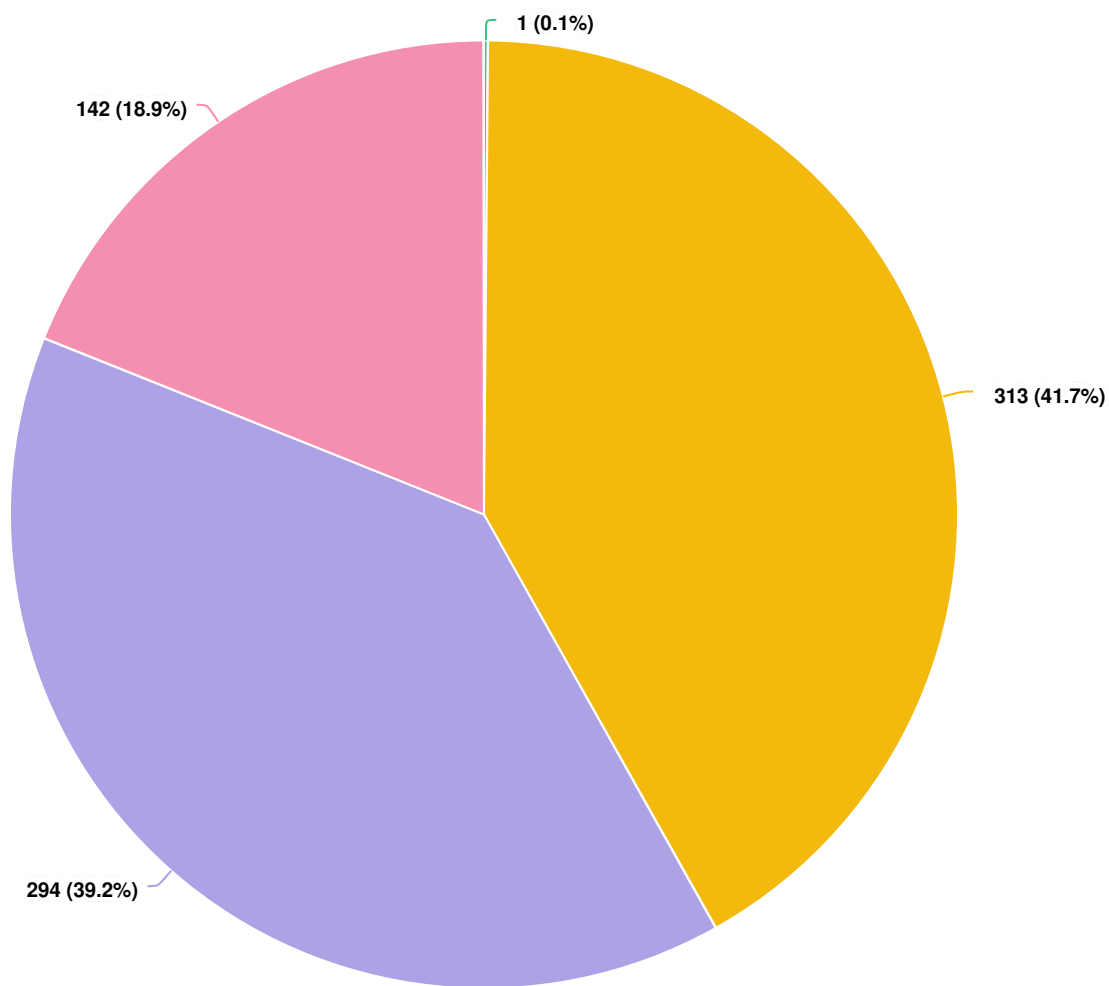


Question options

- news media
- word of mouth
- Councillor notice
- City webpage
- social media

Optional question (750 response(s), 17 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q14 | Age

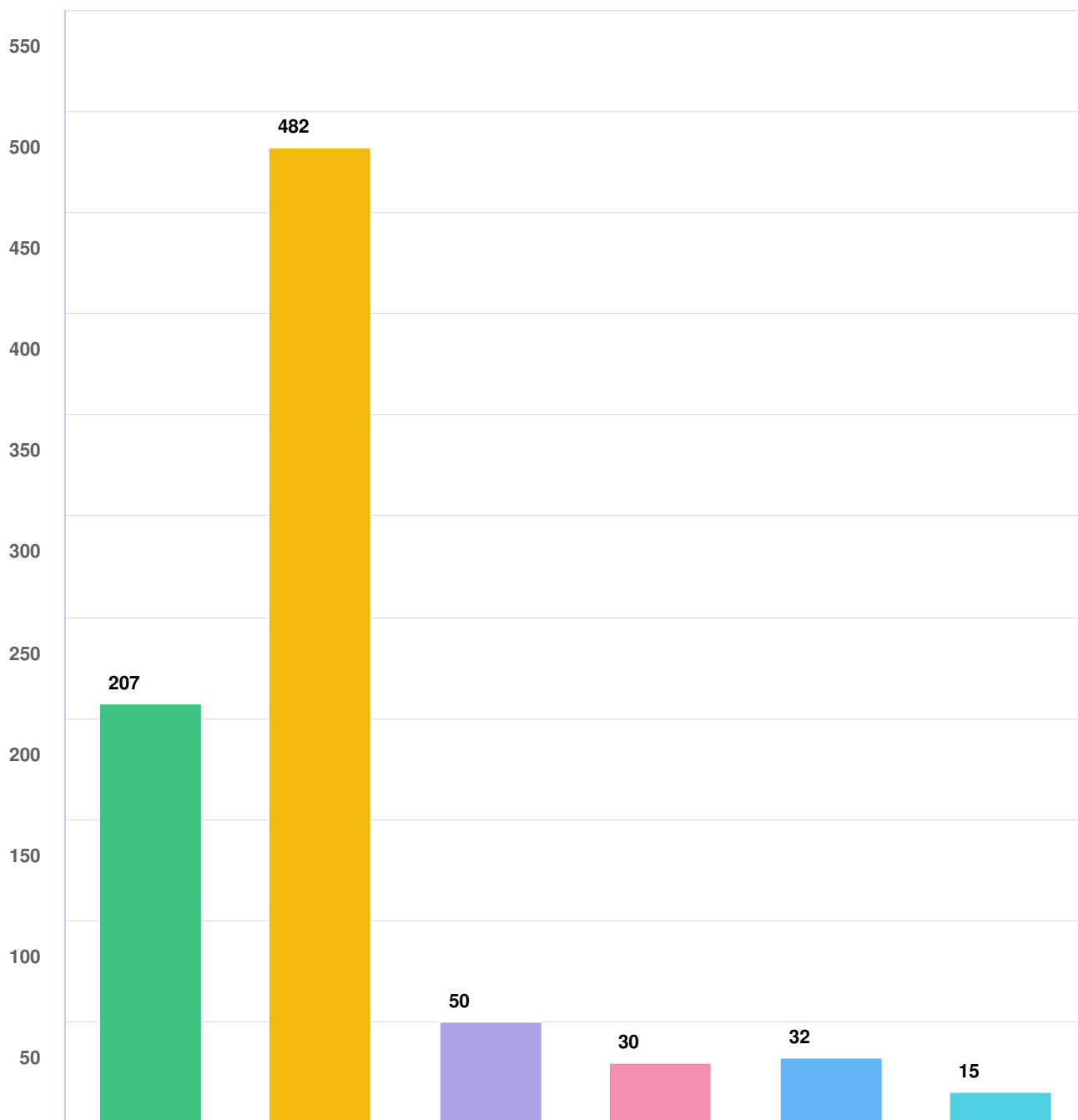


Question options

- 55+
- 35-55
- 18-34
- Under 18

Optional question (750 response(s), 17 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q16 Please select all that apply.



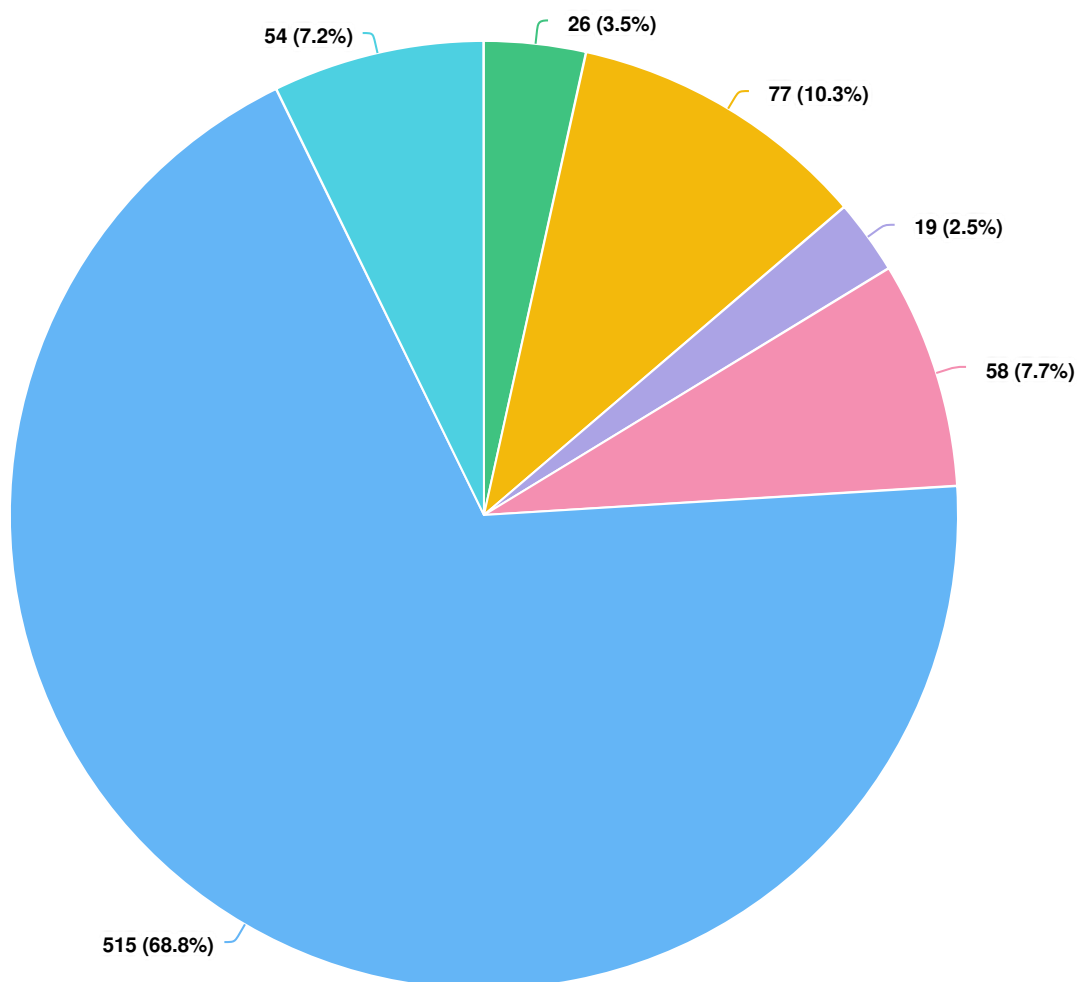
Question options

- None of the above
- Own/operate a business in the City of Winnipeg and own my business property
- Own/operate a business in the City of Winnipeg and rent my business property
- Live in the City of Winnipeg but do not rent or own
- Own and live in the City of Winnipeg
- Rent and live in the City of Winnipeg

Optional question (758 response(s), 9 skipped)

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q17 | Employment



Question options

- Working part-time
- Working full-time
- Retired
- Not in the paid workforce
- Full-time student
- Actively seeking work

Optional question (749 response(s), 18 skipped)
Question type: Dropdown Question

Appendix C – Comments on City services

Appendix C – Comments on City services

Table of Contents

Service	Page
311 Contact Centre	1
Animal Services	5
Arts, Entertainment & Culture	7
Assessment and Taxation	19
Assiniboine Park Conservancy	22
Cemeteries	25
City Beautification	27
City Planning	31
Community Livability	44
Council Services	51
Economic Development	53
Fire Service	56
Golf Services	59
Insect Control	62
Libraries	64
Medical Response	70
Organizational Support Services	16
Parking	76
Parks and Urban Forestry	78
Police Service	88
Public Transit	120
Recreation	134
Roadway Snow Removal and Ice Control	136
Solid Waste Collection	140
Street Lighting	143
Street Maintenance	144

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

311 Contact Centre

Total respondents who selected this service: 46

Note: blank cells represent respondents who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	311 Call times and agent responses are terrible and need improvement. Wait time for services need improvement as well.
3	It's useless inefficient service that I never will use - I contact my city councillor if there is something I need
4	I would rather go back to calling individual departments and speaking to people in that department
5	The wait time is far to long
6	Never can get through and I am not spending 3 hours for a person to talk to me and then do nothing about it!!!! Not worth the money used!!
7	In my personal experience your published response times are at best fictional. focus more on the online experience
8	confusing

9	The current 311 service sucks. I hate having to sit on hold for anywhere from 10-60 minutes to talk to anyone.
10	This service is terrible. Back in the day , a homeowner would call its District Yard, inform of the complaint & the task was completed sometimes the same day. Today with 311, the service has gone backwards. I can call and wait 30 minutes, or I can email and get a response , but can wait months for on site attention .
11	For the most part a 311 service is a good idea, but it was taken too far as a catch all for all help when it should have been a service to so that you would contact them and be directed to the right person to help you, not a service that answers questions that they have no direct knowledge of and must search the website to find the info you are looking for. You get an answer that someone will get back to you in 27 days, and usually no one follows up. ex, a friend of mine has been trying to get a hole (crater) filled in the city boulevard for over 5 years. Each year she sends all the previous correspondence to 311 and is told that it will get filled, but all that gets done is the curb is painted.
12	This service was very valuable during the pandemic as a source of information.
13	the French service sucks (I have called, requested French service and been stuck talking in English... at which point why offer French at all). Next every time I call the 311 service it take WAY TOO LONG to get anything done or resolved. ie. it should not take 1 hour to renew a dog/cat license over the phone! I have called about getting large items picked up for garbage collection, on the phone for 45 minutes (no wonder the city is losing money). The 311 idea of it being a central repository was a good idea but terribly implemented. the great majority of what is being offered by 311 could be reallocated to an email and chat service.
14	Great service. Long wait times
15	311 has been very helpful to me especially with the leisure guide.
16	311 needs to be better at providing answers rather than just passing questions off
17	We need to be able to report issues related to our community. It seems to work okay.
18	
19	I find it is not very good when you have to wait on hold for so long and then have to explain which department you want and why before they transfer you to the appropriate person and then have to wait on line again before you are answered. Being on the call for 30 minutes is not very efficient.
20	Add more resources so wait times can be lowered and more meaningful responses provided on the spot
21	I've always had a good experience with 311, booking extra garbage pickup, getting information, etc. Your website although informative is very cluttered and tricky to navigate- time for a refresh
22	Inefficient and frustrating trying to get a simple answer from a 311 system that's overtaxed. Sometimes taking hours to get through for the dept you're looking to get through to.
23	Make it more efficient.
24	Wait times are horrible & many times the operator is unable to assist with the problem as they have no understanding of the issue or how to solve it. Many times told a representative from the appropriate department will be notified & contact the citizen. Return phone calls have taken days or never occurred until several calls to 311 were made.

25	This service feels useless - called in regarding quarantine procedures for COVID and after multiple lengthy waits exceeding 2.5 hrs, connected with someone who wasn't able to provide me with any information. It either needs to be removed or reinvented.
26	This service feels mostly irrelevant these days with the internet providing better info more concisely and clearly. I wish we could use the call center resources towards better resources. Ex: instead of it taking 2 years for the city to attend to my 311 ticket for boulevard tree planting, I'd prefer for less investment in 311 and more tree resources available to citizens for quicker action to needs and wants.
27	Callbacks should be part of this system. So managers should be monitoring the lingering tickets and providing updates.
28	This is important because they can find the correct city service, saving people from having to figure out what department they need. The email address should be advertised clearly, as it can save people from waiting on hold.
29	The 311 Twitter account is amazing. Makes it very fast to report issues. Unfortunately, following up/checking on action is very slow. In many cases, it's "wait 30 business days", or "phone some internal city department".
30	I like the email contact option and response times
31	311 is able to answer questions that are not easily addressed by the city website. It has impacted our life as a place to report missing street signs integral to child safety and/or get more information so we can follow up with the right person who may be more applicable.
32	Members of our family has experienced many frustrating attempts to receive timely service from the 311 Contact Centre. This system needs improvement.
33	Inefficient. Direct contact numbers have been removed from online sources and now multiple people have to be involved to pass messages along for simple inquiries. Both options should be available. If I need the number for a pool, for example, I should have to contact 311 for them to open a file and have someone contact me back in 48 hours. Unnecessary.
34	I don't use it often, but when I do, I want quick service. I have sat on hold at times for up to an hour. This makes the 311 service next to useless.
35	The phone wait times are horrendous but I have had better success using the online feature. If you want people to use this service, do so.something about the wait times.
36	great program - easiest way to find proper contacts within city depts
37	It's incredibly important that the public have access to quality information from 311. I'd like to see investments that improve response and wait times overall.
38	Glad it exists. This is a helpful resource to have when there is nowhere else to turn for questions about the city. I think they could use some more support.
39	If you have the hour to wait on hold you may get some service from the call centre.
40	A city worker gave me his card. Called his number & was redirected to 311. They tried to connect me to his real phone for 10 min & failed. This is inefficient. Tying up 311 resources for a guy who wants to avoid calls. Just cut his phone and save money on his bill if he doesn't want to answer it.
41	The ability to obtain accurate and updated information is key to the welfare of citizens!!

42	I'm sure the people working in the 311 call center do their best, but either it is very understaffed, or it is just plain a waste of time. IF you can get through to a person, they are generally unable to answer your question. They will not put you in contact with the person or department that can help. They basically take a message, and then you wait to hear back from the person or department, and hope that you don't have to wait for too long. When you call back to follow-up, again, IF you can get through without waiting for hours (how many people can spend that much time on hold? there are other things that the person needs to do, and these days, many of the people may be on a "pay per use" cell phone - waiting on hold can get very pricy), you still can't get an answer to the question/issue, but again leave a message, hoping for someone to get back to you. I avoid using 311 unless I absolutely have to. Not worth the trouble.
43	see if you can coordinate this with 211 - or just coordinate services period - including NGOs
44	311 staff are not adequately trained. It seems they are thrown into the job with just a script, which results in many inaccurate contacts needing to be made before a citizen finds their answer. I do like the case number option for tracking, but I find after the initial contact that there is little follow through. I appreciate the ability to chat through Messenger as needed though.
45	I do not contact 311 service often unless it is through email as I find it quite frustrating.
46	311 should not be the only way to reach city departments. The actual city dept phone numbers should also be listed so a person can talk directly to an expert on the subject rather than wasting 20 minutes with a 311 operator who can't answer all questions anyway. 311 should be only a shortcut, a switchboard if the citizen doesn't have the direct phone number.

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Animal Services

Total respondents who selected this service: 13

Note: blank cells represent respondents who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	We love animal services, we adopted our amazing dog from there
3	Unsure of their role besides enforcement. Would appreciate clarity of their survives offered.
4	It's disorganized.
5	They did nothing when my partner was bit by a dog, outside of discouraging him from seeking justice through the courts. When he spoke to them initially, they said that they would quarantine the dog, (which never happened), and monitor the dog, (also never happened), because the owner of the dog said the "dog had been taken out of town". They failed him.
6	With all the abimal rescues and shelters popping up is it still necessary for the city to operate animal services the way it does?

7	<p>Every single dog that is adopted from Animal Services should be spay/neutered!!</p> <p>Pet overpopulation is a community and health issue and needs to be controlled at the exit door.</p> <p>Animal Services should have their budget increased to ensure all dogs are s/n'd.</p> <p>A new facility would be amazing, increasing outreach abilities and proper housing and care for the dogs.</p>
8	Cut back amount of cats allowed
9	I have not noticed this service and have no idea what it does for our community.
10	<p>Animal Services has done a wonderful turn around from a high kill shelter to a no kill shelter. Partnering with Winnipeg Lost Dog Alert has pushed both agencies to excellence.</p> <p>I have delivered quite a few dogs to animal services that were knowingly in danger and had no qualms with the treatment they would receive and only full confidence that they would be introduced to a safe home, if not returned to the original owner.</p> <p>I have donated treats and toys to animal services and even delivered boiled water when there was a need a few years back. I visit the dogs when I am in the neighborhood and attend some of their events. I was actively on the street looking for lost dogs when Winnipeg Lost Dog Alert first started. I would check the page before leaving home or work and managed to corral a fair few and deliver them to safety. I always followed their progress, dropped in to visit them daily and was joyous when they found their home or a new home. I know one of the dogs I delivered was taken over by a local rescue, had entropion surgery and found a new home.</p> <p>I have been active with local rescues, attending spay & neuter clinics as a volunteer, transporting dogs and fostering. I kept a foster that had some issues with other dogs so my fostering days ended so I turned instead to fundraising. Fundraising is a big one as millions of private dollars have been put into Manitoba's First Nations communities to try to help alleviate the suffering of dogs on reserves over the last 10 or so years.</p> <p>Winnipeg filled with reserve dogs years ago. Manitoba Rescues started shipping dogs to the west, until it was full. Now Manitoba Rescues are shipping to the east...until they are full. Has anything changed with the northern dog situation? Winnipeg & Brandon Humane Societies threw their hats into the ring to help with the northern dogs, now Winnipeg Animal Services is taking on northern dogs.</p> <p>It's all about the dogs...I know...and we all want better for the dogs. I have put many many of my disposable dollars into trying to reduce the suffering of the dogs. Winnipeg Animal Services would do more for the dogs by helping communities write dog ownership bylaws like we have here in Winnipeg. My license fees for my dogs have increased over the past few years and I don't have too much of a problem with that since the new Free Ride Home Policy came into being. That license fee is there to service Winnipeg and it's approximately 56,0000 licensed dogs, not out lying communities that have no bylaws. My donations of food and treats is for the dogs housed at animal services or how about</p>
11	Get rid of breed specific legislation and bring in a responsible owner bylaw.
12	<p>Animal services provide needed support and resources to vet vulnerable members of our society.</p> <p>When we can't care for abandoned animals how can we cars for each other?</p>
13	Unsure what they do now a days

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Arts, Entertainment & Culture

Total respondents who selected this service: 153

Note: blank cells represent respondents who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	<p>Winnipeg had a small but vibrant arts and culture scene, which it likes to bank on as an attraction to visitors. Cutting funding to and not supporting that arts scene will drive your local creatives to move elsewhere - which will cause the scene to deteriorate. Love us or lose us. We need more support.</p>
3	<p>Extremely important to our city. Educates, entertains and stimulates.</p>
4	<p>Cancel all funding</p>
5	<p>Arts and culture are the heart of a city</p>
6	<p>The arts encourage empathy and understanding in these difficult times. Our Arts community is struggling due to COVID and needs support.</p>
7	<p>Winnipeg has a unique cultural voice, and much to offer the global conversation. The use of arts in community building has been proven AND arts industries are incredibly profitable.</p>
8	<p>Stop funding it</p>

9	Theatre is my lively hood. It makes the city better, it creates jobs, it creates culture, it allows for expressions of feelings and the opportunity for important issues to be discussed.
10	I urge you to not cut funding for arts and culture. Theatres and the rest of the entertainment industry was one of the first to close its doors, and will be one of the the last to re-open. Millions of arts workers have been out of a job since. Please, support the arts and entertainment industry so that they can all return to their jobs when its safe. Let us all remember that when everything shut down, that we all turned to the arts to keep us entertained, and see us through the darkness. We need them.
11	The Arts & Entertainment industry is a huge piece of not only the economy in Winnipeg, but a hugely valuable piece of creating a vibrant culture here in Winnipeg. We need to be supporting venues, arts orgs and programming. It is good for the economy and good for our hearts and minds. These folks were the first to shut down and will be the last to open back up. If we want a chance at having any arts/music/culture scene in our city once the pandemic is over, we need to provide extra special support to this sector.
12	Artists can make amazing city beautification happen on a shoestring budget. Specifically outdoor interactive Public displays Of art will give our people something to enjoy and go see. Getting out of your house is what many people are craving right now and public art has the ability to make people smile and feel good.
13	Arts and culture are what makes life worth living! Opportunities for cultural engagement have been pretty much wiped out by Covid and I think this is very unfortunate. There must be some creative ways to promote these through the winter, as people will need something to boost their spirits
14	
15	My business is in the event industry and this industry will be the last to recover. Support is needed especially for major expenses like rent or many businesses will not survive.
16	I work in the arts, I see every day how the arts benefits the people of Winnipeg. It is a sector that engaging and contributes to so many aspects of society. I know that it is an easy one to cut, but it is also a service that does not take up that much of the budget and has consistently been working through the pandemic to provide safe reliable support for community.
17	more spaces should be owned by the city and available to lease for low fees to artists
18	
19	Refund the Winnipeg Arts Council. The arts are what transforms Winnipeg from a faceless group of low income housing and failing dollar stores to a beautiful cultural exciting city to live in. You get an enormous return on investment. Cutting the funding to the WAC threw that investment away.
20	The City cuts to the Arts and to Public Art have already damaged Winnipeg's cultural life. Other cities around the world have increased funding to the Arts to support sustainability during Covid. Winnipeg has only made cuts. A feature of this city that was a source of pride and exceptional accomplishment is so diminished it may never recover.
21	Cultural industries are important part of the health of city in good times and bad. They are a key social and economic driver that should not be ignored or sidelined even in these uncertain times.
22	As we have been cooped up, I have really noticed how much my family relies on books and music and drawing. We are really missing dance classes and theatre and connecting with friends at festivals. We are hoping that these come back soon. We have discovered so much wonderful public art this summer though!

23	COVID has hit the arts and culture sector disproportionately hard, and it will take investments of funding to help them survive and come through this.
24	<p>From an economic perspective, both adults in my household earn a living through the arts and culture sector and have done so while contributing to our City through volunteerism, private donations, ticket purchases and taxes.</p> <p>From a well-being perspective arts and culture including libraries and along with access to sports, parks and recreation facilities convinced us to stay in Winnipeg and raise a family of three after having lived in France, Mexico and Montreal. 20-25 years ago Winnipeg made some exceptional investments in the arts, we stayed here specifically for that reason as it allowed us to work in the sector we love. More recently progress in terms of parks, safer bike pathways, attention to pedestrians and more modern transit has continued to keep us here for now but a dismantling or loss of investment in what makes Winnipeg vibrant --arts and culture will ultimately drive us elsewhere.</p>
25	This is vital to quality of life for all people and it is clear this Council does not value it, paying lip service and then cutting funding.
26	The Arts & Culture sector is the greatest thing about the City of Winnipeg. The cutbacks City Council has made to the Winnipeg Arts Council are a disgrace and show how little regard the Mayor and Council have for both the effect on Quality of Life and Economic impact that the arts have.
27	We must support Arts & Culture in the city, as we run the risk of losing long standing organizations that make our city what it is. Festivals, music venues, theatre - without our vibrant arts sector the landscape of the city will be greatly diminished.
28	a service that is the life blood of our city
29	This service provides vibrancy to our community and builds empathy and perspective. This service also generates an huge economic impact in terms of jobs, restaurant activity etc.
30	<p>The pandemic has had a large negative impact on the performing arts, music and visual artists since it had become impossible to gather in groups. Winnipeg has in the past had a very strong arts community which has contributed to a high quality of life and considerable economic benefits to our citizens and tourism.</p> <p>The arts and cultural sector needs extra support during and after the recovery from this pandemic in order to grow back this sector.</p>
31	The arts, entertainment and culture of a city are vital to how the inhabitants of the city interact with and understand one another. The city's role should be to cultivate a dynamic arts and culture community by removing bureaucratic barriers and prioritizing cultural spaces and their audiences.
32	Art is a reason to keep going. It's the joy in life.
33	The city made cuts in the last budget. Now more than ever we need a plan to stabilize the arts, and invest in the arts. It's a social good. It is one that defines the city of Winnipeg. But it will not if we do not invest in this social profit sector. The pandemic has put many of our valued art assets at risk.
34	The economic contribution from Arts, Entertainment & Culture I believe, is often, under valued.
35	It is unfortunate and I believe, short sighted, that the City cut its funding to the arts (that is, to the Winnipeg Arts Council). Compared to other cities, Winnipeg per capita spends much less supporting its arts and if Winnipeg is to be a livable city investment in arts and culture is key. Further, while during this pandemic many cities have increased funding to the arts to help it through, Winnipeg has done nothing.

36	Arts, Entertainment, and Culture are important to my family for work, how we will spend our time together, and how we will choose what to explore and/or learn more about. It brings us health and multiple, unique, opportunities to connect.
37	I make my living as an entertainer. The city has cut back on arts funding, and this threatens my and my community's livelihood and, I believe, the wellbeing of the city.
38	Arts, entertainment and culture are vitally important at all times but especially during a pandemic as citizens look for ways to reduce their stress and anxiety from the day-to-day new normal. These services provide joy, laughter and comfort during a time that everyone needs it.
39	The last City budget made cuts to the Winnipeg Arts Council and our Public Art Program. This budget is already less than half the size of the cost of installing one traffic light! One of this City's strengths is its arts scene, despite the extremely poor City and Provincial funding for this sector. With COVID-19, this situation is far more critical with hundreds of artists out of work, surviving only because of CERB/CR.. With very little additional investment, Winnipeg could actually be funding these people to make a creative contribution to City life. rather than worrying about if they can afford to feed themselves.
40	Funding to the culture sector is pathetic
41	This Provincial Government has bled so many Winnipeg services dry that the City has to stand up for them against the Provincial Government. Arts and Culture are in particular in terrible shape.
42	The Winnipeg Arts Council supports arts and cultural workers and allows them to remain in the city. Most of the money distributed by the WAC is spent here in the community and comes back to the city in taxes. Much of the attraction of the city is derived from the positive qualities associated with this sector and is often cited as a major determinant of whether or not to stay in Winnipeg or keep a business here. When we think of the Winnipeg, we think of the ballet, the museums, the music organizations, and those who work in those institutions. Being isolated on the prairies, particularly during this pandemic, we are reminded of the fact that we are on our own and must create our own entertainment. Corollary expenditures at restaurants and bars provides additional work for a lot of people.
43	Helps make Winnipeg a great city to live Adds diversity to our city Improves quality of live in Wpg.
44	Please support the cultural institutions since my livelihood and enjoyment both depend on the theatre section
45	The arts and culture in Winnipeg are WHY people come here and artist live here. It provides millions of dollars in economy to Manitoba, mostly centred in Winnipeg. If it dies, the culture of our city dies.
46	The Arts are the driver of most of Winnipeg's economic strength. We have a vibrant arts community that continues to get ignored by all levels of government, and it's time to focus on local, community-driven arts programs that give the most bang for the buck.

47	Quite simply - What would our City look like without art? Winnipeg Arts Council's Public Art plays a key role in giving a visible presence to the very diverse communities in this City. PAC has produced stunning and important works throughout the City; emptyfull, DIY Field, Écobuage, Monument, Bloody Saturday... to name a few. These striking and profound works attract the attention of visitors to our City. They are a testimonial of our daily life , our history and our relationships new and old within the groups of people that call Winnipeg their home. In addition, the Public Art Program organizes many projects that encourage respect and awareness; for example - With Art and Youth With Art are two such programs that reach out to a variety of groups such as New Immigrants, Youth in troubled areas or Young people dealing with questions around gendre , Homeless, etc. Public Art should be generously funded by the City,
48	Supporting this sector is vital to overall community well-being (for residents), but also to maintain a post-covid vision, where tourism and local cultural consumption is not only a HUGE economic driver for the City but an unmatched force for community pride and Winnipeg's ability to target national and international audiences/visitors/business/conferences... to come and spend their money here.
49	I think the pandemic should have shown everyone exactly how important arts, entertainment, and culture is to us. What got us through the lockdown? Music, TV, and movies. What are people desperately missing? Music festivals, going out to the movies, experiencing art together. Winnipeg in particular is such a culturally rich Canadian city, we should absolutely take pride in that and support the unique people who make it so. Life will get a little bit worse with every artist and entertainer that is forced out of the industry.
50	These services are often overlooked in the big picture. Roads and infrastructure, policig and fire often take front stage in people's minds because those are the physical things that people see and use daily. However with COVID, the mental health of our citizens if very important. Arts Enertainment and Culture, including museums, can partially provide that social connection, learning experiences and improve mental health.
51	Museums and heritage impact so many people in the city but receive so little funding. Every cut to them is a major loss but has almost no impact on the overall city budget
52	We are a NFP arts organization, and rely on grants and funding from the Winnipeg Arts Council and other funding sources. We also rely on having good arts venues and other technical and artistic supports .
53	I work in a museum and I feel it's important to note that we are the public pillars of local culture. We are a place of learning and connection with ourselves, each other and our collective local past. In times like these, it is important to be grounded in our values and have faith in our communities. Looking to the past can give us an idea of what we would like to see happen in our future.
54	One of the things that makes living in Winnipeg fun is the opportunity to attend events like the ballet, theatre and Museums. I was planning on subscribing to the ballet this year and will not be able to do that. I am worried that these important events and organizations will not be able to survive the pandemic without public support.
55	As an arts worker and arts enthusiast, supports need to be in place to ensure this sector returns after the COVID-19 pandemic.
56	Funding for the arts is crucial. Arts spaces will be essential as an escape during our long winters especially when movie theatres and sports will be non existent. I have been watching artist talks and performances online which also require funding and staff to support.
57	Provides me employment, promotes the history of the city.

58	I find that the Arts and Culture in this city are great but need more support. I've seen that it has been getting more cutbacks in financial support in the last decade and they have had to cut back. I rely on going to art galleries, museums, shows and plays at the many venues to lift my spirits and ground me, as well as to make me understand more of my surroundings and big ideas. I'm afraid with this Covid virus shutting many down, they will not be able to survive. I'm thinking of the big organizations (Wpg Symphony Orchestra, MB Opera, RWB, RMTC, Cercle Molière, and the others) and well as the smaller artist run centres like Martha Street Studio, Ace Art, Artspace, Cinematheque, Urban Shaman, Graffiti gallery and more. I frequent all the these mentioned and more on a regular basis, along with my wife and a few of my friends. I know money in the city coffers are getting short, but why is it that the Arts always get cut back first. It's been studied numerous times around the world and always shows that it generates more money than gets invested in, through the trickle down effect. Look at the study done for London's (UK). It did really well and created more jobs and wealth during the 2008 recession, while many other sectors dropped. I would gladly pay a bit more taxes for more support for the Arts & culture sector in this city.
59	This allows people to enrichen their lives and distract from the monotony of the day to day. Especially with the pandemic going on, it's important to have a distraction from the stress of life
60	Arts and culture are very important to one's well being, mental health, especially during a pandemic.
61	Culture is what makes Winnipeg unique and special. It should be maintained, even in difficult times.
62	This is vitally important to our city as it is the heart of our city.
63	Enriches life very important to development of children young adults
64	The Arts and Culture sector in Winnipeg is suffering more than most others, as it relies on audiences who are not permitted to gather currently. Musicians are unable to perform in public (especially singing and performing wind instruments) due to social distancing regulations. This is a livelihood for many artists in the city, whether gig-workers or performers regularly engaged in other ways. It is absolutely essential the City continue and increase funding to the Arts and Culture sector to ensure its survival.
65	More investment in culture and the arts, please.
66	This is a major economic driver of this city. Much bigger than "golf services." The lack of cultural events due to COVID has shown how important they are to making this city livable. Please invest in the arts - it makes sense economically.
67	I am really concerned that these gems of the city will close permanently if they do not get enough support.
68	These things are part of my life in normal times--I would be going to a concert, play, the ballet, or a gallery nearly every week. This weird time will not last but these organizations might not be there when covid is over for people to enjoy if they don't get city support. They are also finding creative ways to lift human spirits in this time so they are needed.
69	We are very much into arts & entertainment. Our involvement with sports is to watch the grey cup, although we also enjoy watching curling. I am treasurer of an arts organization, we attend RMTC, PTE, sometimes Symphony, MCO, Winnipeg Singers, Camerata Nova, RWB, and Others I can't think of right now.

70	Not to dismiss the importance of basic needs like health, food and shelter, I think we've learned during the pandemic that there's more to life than just survival. Ideally, we'd be living in a society that is enriched with arts and entertainment. We often tout the benefit of the arts to the city so I think it's time to back that up financially.
71	I work in the arts and culture sector and we have been severely underfunded for far too long. The sector is large and employs thousands of people providing return on investment in a variety of ways. Arts and culture needs to be better funded period!
72	The arts is an extremely valuable part of life. These need to be understood and included more as a means of problem solving, mental health, creative engagement with social issues, connecting communities, and finding ways to think about problems in new ways. Want to deal with diversity and inclusion - the arts - that's the way to have kids work with playwrights to write works about what this means and delve into the issue, want to have people connect with parks - initiate creative interactive series where walking through a park becomes a multilayered sound piece about habitats as different spaces are encountered, need to get kids outside - initiate a snow sculpture initiative via every community centre where artists lead the process to help people think about their materials. At every level there is opportunity for cultural broadening by including multicultural perspectives especially indigenous ones. The arts are like a secret weapon. They are rarely brought up to their full potential of importance by cities, but when they are brought forward, funded well, and given a larger purpose within the community, they bring huge economic and community wealth. As an example of a small city that has done this very successfully, look at Providence Road Island. They re-exposed their bricked over canal, worked with groups and state to clean up the sewage and pollution, made it a pedestrian thoroughfare, and then had a call for repeatable public art engagement - Waterfire has become one of the most amazing and successful city resuscitation projects I have ever seen. It is now sponsored by banks and other businesses and brings thousands of people to the canal at every showing. While this is not a covid friendly project, there are many many ways that the arts can be included in helping the citizens deal with covid. We all need things to do - the arts are part of fundamental human experience - we need them now more than ever.
73	Arts and culture are the backbone of every urban setting. They provide opportunities for community support, enhance liveability, create opportunities for industry and commerce and document our lives. Without them we would simply be a shopping mall.
74	A healthy city requires a vibrant arts and culture segment, otherwise we're all sitting inside watching the Avengers on TV. This means ensuring our theatre groups, museums, galleries, dance, music and visual arts folks can continue to flourish. Through the arts, we discover ourselves and our city; we connect with others in a way that is impossible otherwise.
75	Provides important leisure activities for me ...but also supports music and arts participants.
76	Arts & culture are a key part of what makes a city a place that people want to live. Having beautiful spaces with public art and thriving arts organizations that (in a non-pandemic year) animate neighbourhoods and bring joy to people's lives while giving them a sense of civic pride. Cutting back on this area is a disservice to the city and its citizens as it takes away the character and uniqueness of a city and turns it into a utilitarian place of concrete. We might land up with better roads but with nothing to do or no creativity to engage with, it's a sad existence.
77	The COVID pandemic has impacted the arts community and it is already fragile in regards to funding. I would love to see the city try to save as many arts services as they can.
78	Please bring back the public art program and greatly increase the per capita spending on arts and culture.
79	Very important to a community

80	Adds enormous meaning and value to citizens of Winnipeg. Arts and culture makes for a rich learning experience that contributes to the vibrancy of our urban culture.
81	These are the soul and spirit of the city, they foster community and equality of opportunity. They open peoples minds and allow under represented groups to be seen and heard. Beauty, music, festivals are essential to the growth of the city and its population.
82	The city should allocate funds to keep city venues afloat while they are unable to host crowds for events.
83	This is the only thing i actually like about this city, we have a great art culture, even though there is no monetary gain from most art industries in this city
84	so important! especially as we confront a pandemic which limits our ability to come together, finding ways to connect people through arts and culture is incredibly important.
85	
86	Let's go Jets baby, love da Jets
87	Arts are what gives our society a purpose. For what do we work for, if not to enjoy creativity, beauty, and art. I have personally seen several incredibly talented people pack up and leave Winnipeg for several years now because of the completely abysmal state of arts funding in this city. Winnipeg has so much talent, so much creativity that gets buried because people can't afford to follow it. We're failing our artists.
88	If any group, facility or organization cannot cope and financially survive without support from the City, the City should not be supporting these groups
89	Arts and culture are essential to everyone. We have turned to entertainment during this pandemic to get is through it. This highlights the importance. Winnipeg can become a cultural centre if we make it one.
90	There must be a greater support for the arts industries, including the support of creative spaces and more financial support.
91	A lot of people who work in the arts and entertainment industry have been completely out of work since COVID hit. We need to make sure that this industry is funded and secure, so that once it's safe to do so, that these industries will be able to survive.
92	Add more funding to the Arts. PERIOD!
93	We are in danger of losing what makes our city great. I stayed here after university because of the incredible arts community. Performing arts have especially been threatened during the course of the pandemic. Performing artists need to be supported during this time or we may lose that industry entirely.
94	We need to fund these services during these tough times, they will be more important than ever after this pandemic
95	Since Covid, artists of all disciplines have been out of work. Completely. Please help them so, when Covid ends, we have a quality art scene to go back to.
96	So important to our city always need funding They need us and we need them.
97	Na
98	Summers in Winnipeg are great because of the arts.
99	We have cut back far too heavily on arts funding in the city. I don't think we have a real city without art.

100	We need a clear picture of how events can happen again safely and it needs to be fair between event venues versus restaurants as event venues are way larger than restaurants and therefore can host events safer than restaurants can yet, venues continue to be put under extreme restrictions while other 'similar' businesses can remain open with less restrictions. Makes zero sense and businesses are suffering
101	I work in the non-profit arts sector - and am disappointed to see little to no municipal money given to the arts community or to non-profit community services while for-profit entertainment companies such as True North continue to get millions in tax breaks while they gentrify our Downtown and drive low-income folks out of their neighbourhood.
102	Please invest in this! Especially the arts. Sport will recover but the arts are generally underpaid.
103	Since there aren't many opportunities for performance right now, most people in this industry are out of work. If we don't support arts and culture, we won't have these programs when we start being able to attend shows/festivals/theatre again.
104	There have been many poor decisions about what to fund when there are more important needs. Pro sports in particular.
105	This is vital to a vibrant city and to providing opportunities for people to participate in community activity and creative opportunities. These creative industries are vital to healthy communities and the opportunity to participate in creative activities is one of the ways to provide support to people living in poverty, particularly youth. When considering cities that are the most visited and celebrated in the world (Paris, New York, London, Tokyo etc) it is their massive arts, entertainment & culture industries that stand out. These creative industries are great for the economy! Spend a night at Nuit Blanche to see the ripples to support restaurants et all.
106	As above - arts groups and festivals are an essential part of Winnipeg's Quality of Life. Restore and increase funding to The Winnipeg Arts Council.
107	Improves livability and mental health.
108	See #7
109	City needs to provide more support and not less. The cuts the city made to the Winnipeg Arts Council especially to the public art WithArt program where community organizations worked closely with artists to engage city youth were short sighted. When the pandemic is no longer dominating life it will continue to be important to support artists, the arts and engage youth in the city through the arts.
110	Arts, Entertainment & Culture is the service that, in my experience, makes this city "liveable." The world-class dance, theatre, and concert series; the increasing array of public art installations; the diverse array of arts-based classes offered for children and adults by many of the same organizations that offer the preceding two items in this list; the fun ways that Arts and parks services (I think?) come together around the River Walk: these are the things that make living in this cold prairie city fun, interesting, and workable. I cannot even begin to explain how much more important these services are to me than something like parking.
111	Arts, Entertainment and Culture is very important to city life. The covid-19 pandemic has had an outsized impact on this sector and it should be supported.
112	We need to support our arts and culture sector or they won't survive.
113	Critical for our current situation and our recovery after the pandemic. We will need to attract visitors and encourage citizens to reengage with their city.
114	this is more important than ever before to create a quality of life and positivity - we have lost so much of arts and culture in the pandemic, and we need to support them so they can continue to provide culture, and so they will still be here after the pandemic.
115	

116	The arts community is one of the things that makes Winnipeg a wonderful city to live in; however, smaller organizations are constantly struggling to find enough funds to do their work. I would love to see the city provide regular, sustained funding to these organizations, especially for the cost of day to day operations (rent, administrative staff, etc.), so that the artists can focus on their craft rather than fundraising.
117	More investment is needed.
118	The arts are incredibly important. They provide valuable cultural preservation and celebration. They allow people to come together, providing spaces for expression and communication. They are being hit the hardest by the pandemic, and aren't being supported nearly enough.
119	Investing in arts and culture is away to set our city apart from other cities in Canada. It enriches the lives of the citizens adding to quality of life and makes the city an attractive place for businesses to set up. This is also a tourism driver which helps a vast array of businesses.
120	Places like the museums, art galleries, live performance spaces (theatres, live music venues) make Winnipeg the amazing city it is, while also creating jobs for those who work there and in particular around the Exchange for restaurants and cafes. These organizations in particular need support to ensure that they survive the challenges of the pandemic.
121	The Arts and Cultural Industry in Winnipeg is criminally underfunded. Compared to other cities in Canada and across the globe we spend very little on supporting artists and this industry. It is surprising that we have such a flourishing arts community in this city despite the very little financial support it receives from the City of Winnipeg. Defunding the police would be a great way to free up some funds for artists and cultural workers. They are the lifeline of the city.
122	I would like to preface this with the note that I am not in the arts, but I do think the arts are essential to community spirit in dark dark times. I also think the arts are particularly vulnerable to things like the employment uncertainty that accompanies COVID-19. Winnipeg has thus far done a pretty decent job at supporting arts and culture, and they should continue to do so. It's one of the few things I deeply love about this city. I guess I would just ask you to avoid cuts as much as possible... and listen to those who work in the arts, hear what they need. They are our soul right now..
123	The electronics are sucking away the kids' souls. And during Covid it's become a more prevalent activity for kids. I know we can't physically participate in leisure guide activities. And private extracurriculars are expensive for three children so I feel a longing for a Mr. Dress-up type. YOU know. A beacon of well-being, creativity and inspiration. But familiar and local. A character to boost morale like a leisure guide class would, but on a screen.... Just an idea idk.
124	The arts are struggling and need our support so that we have those things when the pandemic is over. They provide depth and character to our identity as a city and make Winnipeg a desirable place to live.
125	Ce service est incroyable! Il donne quelque chose de plus à ma vie. Souvent je suis prise dans des routines plates, mais l'art, le divertissement et la culture nourrissent mon âme. Alors, je suis beaucoup plus heureuse! English: This service is incredible! It makes my life better. I often get caught up in my mundane routine, but, the arts, entertainment and culture nourish my soul. I am much happier with them as part of my life!
126	There somehow needs to be more indigenous culture in Winnipeg. The forks would be a great place to focus on, as it is a historical place for indigenous peoples.
127	Incredibly important, brings life to the city
128	Part of what makes current life in the 21st century great is the ability to invest in the arts and entertainment. It is an absolute waste if we do not continue to do so.

129	Invest in young creators, ESPECIALLY indigenous
130	If the city pumps money into arts, it should be to make them accessible to those who could not afford to attend. Also, invest in arts ed programs for children at risk. We should not be subsidizing arts programs for the elite. They can pay the full ticket. I speak as an artist.
131	
132	Given covid, arts groups need more support
133	Art is vital, and as the pandemic has shown they are among the hardest hit. Performing arts workers were the first to lose their jobs and will be the last to get their jobs back. Winnipeg should take a lead from other cities, which provided emergency support to artists - instead of cutting them, which was a backwards move even before the pandemic.
134	Cut this spending area. This is not essential funding.
135	I love how vibrant the music festivals are all summer in winnipeg. Please continue this great investment and support the music scene post covid. Those are huge values for me to keep living in wpg into my 30s.
136	Mental, emotional, socially healthy.
137	The arts have been the only thing to make the pandemic survivable. We need creative expression to be human. A thriving arts culture is a key part of Winnipeg's legacy, and especially now, that needs to be fostered.
138	
139	Lack of Funding
140	Arts etc... keep cities alive. The city should be investing far more than they do
141	This drives so many of the other attributes. Beautification, livability, tourism, engagement etc
142	Please support our arts during this difficult time
143	COVID has impacted the arts and culture industry. While in-person events and performances are postponed, we need to make sure our artists and creators are supported, we rely on art for entertainment, wellbeing, expression, and community.
144	Everyone things we don't need this, but when times are rough everyone takes entertainment and the arts for granted
145	Absolutely not important in a pandemic. Fund first responders.
146	More investment, please.
147	This sector is so vital to the vibrancy of Winnipeg and is in dire straights due to Covid 19. WAC funding is important to ensure that artists have a lifeline to creating during this time when they can't perform and exhibit.
148	We need live entertainment like bands or comedy stand up. As a teenager, this city had one of the best metal, punk/hardcore scenes in Canada and letting the zoo, the Albert was the final nail in our music scene coffin. We have so much talented musicians that have no place to express themselves and it's a shame, because we could eventually get more tourists from the deep music scene that is lurking beneath the shadows of our beautiful city.
149	My entire work is in the arts. In addition to that, I love how art helps people connect with feelings and emotions. Culture connects people with their heritage and with one another. Entertainment is so necessary, especially in these times. It's important to me to see these continue in some way despite these times, and I'm happy to see that has been the case.
150	I assume Rainbow stage comes under this service. If so, this outdoor venue is one of the last outdoor stages in NA. It should be kept as a top Winnipeg Tourist attraction.
151	Winnipeg needs to invest in its arts and entertainment scene now as much as ever. It will require creativity but the Van Gogh exhibit at WAG was a good implementation with social distancing done well.

152	Wpg has a vibrant arts scene despite the abysmal amount we spend supporting the arts. Imagine what we could do if we funded them properly? We would be a cultural powerhouse instead of being middle of the road.
153	Particularly now (although we are probably now in a state that will persist for some time) with people confined to homes or outdoors it will be very important to support this service to evolve to a more sustainable and resilient model. We need this connection so don't let it wither!

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Assessment and Taxation

Total respondents who selected this service: 44

Note: blank cells represent respondents who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	<p>Stop taking so much of our money.</p>
3	<p>Last year my taxes were reassessed 3 times and each time they increased. I have received no further or more frequent services . I appreciate the costs to run a city but with the exponential growth in this area of the city, I do not appreciate the increases. For example, I live on a street that is one of the last to be cleaned when it snows. I had to send numerous emails this summer to counsellor Janice Lukes, regarding the fountains that were shut off in our neighbourhood, which created unpleasant conditions. It was only in the last few weeks that the damaged trees from last year's snowfall were actually trimmed on my street, and there are still trees that need to be taken care of. Some of the streets in this area are in horrible condition considering the age of the community and I highly doubt there are even on a list to be repaired.</p>
4	<p>tax assessments are too high for the quality or level of service received.</p>

5	Stop handing out tax breaks to already wealthy businesses. They can afford to fund their own projects without relying on taxpayers!
6	I'd like to see property taxes increase to pay for more (and better) community services. Property taxes are so low compared to the rest of the country it's only a matter of time before this becomes unsustainable. We haven't kept up, so what happens if the City is ever in drastic need of funds? It'd be a lot easier to phase in property tax increases now than hit everyone with a massive bill suddenly down the road.
7	We need our homes. We pay for them dearly. But the amount we pay is ridiculous and over and above what is required for the city to provide sewage, garbage, etc services. People should be encouraged to renovate and finish basements, add decks and patios, beautify their homes without additional financial reprimands.
8	The city is constantly looking at way to increase its revenues, but much of that money is being squandered on hare brain projects.
9	your running the city off the backs of its citizens, and taxing the [removed expletive] out of us, why are the people who don' t have children paying school tax and why are we be charged full bore when the schools were closed early this year.
10	I feel that our property taxes are way too high compared to other cities/provinces
11	decisions by the appeal boards are unprofessional. Complainers get reductions just for showing up.
12	more future planning
13	Why as a business do we pay high taxes and receive no services from the city?
14	assessment on houses high
15	For the \$12,000 per year in property taxes in south Winnipeg, I feel I don't receive this back from city services in general that a person gets paying \$2000 in the core area. They have the same roads, lights, water & sewer that I have.
16	You guys need to stop giving tax breaks to big corporations. You let rich people off the hook but then come after the little guys. Also, come on. You need to find a way to get tax money out of the people who live in the suburb settlements just outside of Winnipeg. Annex these areas. East St Paul, etc. They don't pay into city services, yet they use them every single day. They pay nothing into the roads they use. Annex these municipalities.
17	Funding services through property taxes makes zero sense. Taxes are far too high for the low level of return we get as citizens. Stop raiding the water utility and spending on useless pet projects like rapid transit,
18	Taxes are too low. We'll have a lot of empty property that's going to be cheaper, soon. No need to keep offering tax breaks to every business. Raise taxes. offer more/better services. Austerity doesn't
19	Taxes go up but our community is getting more violent.
20	The city should be taxing homeowners on an equitable basis. The higher the home value, the higher the taxes paid. A rebate system should be implemented as well. The city should also charge and employment tax for people who work in the city but live outside the perimeter. This is how the city pays for the services it renders so revenues need to be increased.
21	I'd general would like to know how this works.

22	<p>We are seeing historical amounts of direct investment from external private equity firms into our city. Many of these firms seek tax abatements in exchange for investing in local real estate projects. Yet, it seems that the city neither has the resources nor personnel to carry out proper cost-benefit analyses as to what size of subsidy is appropriate given the nature of a development project. There are numerous studies that suggest tax abatements do not yield a net benefit for municipalities' stakeholders and in many cases incur more costs due to the increased services required for the development. By providing a tax abatement to the developer, the city is effectively transferring building costs from the developer to pre-existing businesses in the area, as the gap in revenue is offset by raised property taxes. Further, citizens, renters, and business owners see their rents and leases increase as property values rise, which prices out the very people that made the area a viable place to live in the first place.</p>
23	
24	<p>I feel I am taxed to death and all see very little for the amount I pay in taxes. The roads are garbage, crime is up. I want to see my money better spent.</p>
25	<p>Please increase property taxes over all. We are so mad that the City has to pay back impact fees. It feels like Winnipeg is living in the dark ages.</p>
26	<p>Les impôts sont directement liés à l'investissement dans les quartiers et dans l'urbanisme. L'élimination de services – tels les centres récréatifs – les restrictions touchant au développement résidentiel/commercial, la construction de routes destinées aux voitures sont trois exemples d'actions qui viennent écraser nos communautés. Un investissement plus sage permettra à nos quartiers de fleurir, à augmenter de manière organique les impôts et à assurer un avenir prospère pour la ville et ses citoyens.</p> <p>English: Taxes are directly linked to investment in neighborhoods and urban planning. The elimination of services - such as recreation centers - restrictions on residential/commercial development, road construction for cars are three examples of actions that are crushing our communities. A wiser investment will allow our neighborhoods to flourish, it will organically raise taxes and ensure a prosperous future for the city and its citizens.</p>
27	<p>Winnipeg has a lot of hidden wealth that Mayor Bowman is refusing to redistribute to the public. His commitment to maintaining or lowering property and business taxes is draining our city of resources and moving public money into private pockets through austerity. We need a total revamp of our tax system that comes down hard on those who can afford to pay more.</p>
28	<p>Why are we taking away the school taxes? Just another way for this awful government to defund education. Crock of [removed expletive]!!</p>
29	<p>The city prioritizes taking taxes, and provides no service to the residents that pay the taxes. There is no point of paying taxes to the city if they're not going to provide the services they take the money for.</p>
30	<p>Revise property tax calculation for corner lots to reflect only the frontage of the address and stop double dipping</p>
31	<p>Need more shopping, restaurants etc in the garden city and north end. Stop putting everything in the south</p>
32	<p>I think they make things up. Lots of renovations going on in 2020 and I don't think there is a consistent way that they re-evaluate home values for taxation.</p>
33	<p>We get absolutely terrible return for our taxes. I personally live in an older house but pay higher taxes than others in the neighborhood for some reason. We had our street plowed twice last winter, and that just sucks. I pay way too much for what we get in return.</p>

34	The city should radically change the taxation and assessment of our city. New suburbs should have a higher taxation than older neighbourhoods. City center should have the least taxes and suburban neighborhoods should pay higher taxes because of the infrastructure needed to get to them.
35	Biassed.
36	As we know the city runs on taxes as a base to fund all our services. A fair system making it equitable for all.
37	Raise taxes
38	Time to introduce a marginal property tax. If your property is worth more you may a higher percentage of tax. Also, if Pallister is giving you problems with funding, raise property taxes on Wellington Crescent. I'm sure his neighbours will tell him it's time to start working together in good faith.
39	Taxation cannot be tied only to roads, the concept is ridiculous. If taxes have to be increased to cover the wider needs of citizens, then increase taxes. Roads are at the bottom of the list.
40	Happy to pay taxes, but as a central-neighborhood resident who chooses not to drive, I am more than tired of subsidizing roads for car users. I would love to see some sort of user fee (tolls, municipal gas tax, maybe) to get the chronic drivers in this city to pay for their own road use. Also, there was a proposal by Cindy Gilroy earlier this year to get noise cameras on Portage Ave., which has been dropped (according to 311). This would be a great revenue stream to essentially tax those who are abusing the use of our roads and lowering house value (and, therefore, property taxes) of homes within a few km of these "cruising" routes. This should definitely be revisited.
41	Taxes must be increased to provide funding for multi million infrastructure projects.
42	
43	Keep the taxes low. Stop wasting money on wants and spend money on needs
44	Paying for mail delivery in my taxes but got to go to community bin stupid

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Assiniboine Park Conservancy

Total respondents who selected this service: 22

Note: blank cells represent respondents who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	This park is the heart of our community
3	
4	Although this park is important to the City, why is it receiving so much capital and operating funding while other City regional parks are getting next to nothing for upgrades. Too much going to APC!
5	Unnecessary large structure in Assiniboine park
6	There's a big taboo out there on zoos because 30 years ago they weren't all that great. Now a days, accredited zoo's (like APZ) is doing incredible work for education and conservation across the world.
7	Why are they seperate from Winnipeg parks? All parks should be under the same organization in Winnipeg

8	I can't wait for the new construction to be finished. What an awesome building! I like the improvements that have happened in the park since the city gave up management of the park.
9	Although important, it seems as though commitments are exceedingly high; when a LOT of smaller local parks would benefit from renewals, investments, care... increase accessibility to outdoor recreation and contact with nature WHERE people live.
10	It would be great if Assiniboine Park could be equipped for fire pits and accessible washrooms throughout the winter months.
11	I grew up in Charleswood, this place was always what I remembered first when traveling on long trips. No complaints here, what a great place. Thanks for continuing to invest in it.
12	Assiniboine Park has improved because it is now run by a private committee rather than the city.
13	I would hope that the new conservatory going up in Assiniboine park, would make every effort to encourage cyclists, pedestrians, and people using public transit. I think parks are made more beautiful and user-friendly, especially for people with children, if they are not bisected by roadways and parking lots.
14	Fantastic work by the entire staff! Very well run zoo (staff, volunteers). Keep up the good work!
15	I feel like since the Zoo became a private enterprise it is now unaffordable for many people to attend, especially those with families. I worry that the new conservatory they are building will also be a money maker versus a pleasant place where most people can afford to go to get away from our dreadful winters. The park itself is beautiful and enjoyable, but the restaurant by the pond has very short hours and is usually booked for weddings and inaccessible most of the time we are there, which is at least once a month.
16	The proposed additions to the Park will add great value to our community - opportunities to engage with the natural world.
17	Like being able to go to the park and have green space to take kids to.
18	Quite wasting money on it
19	It's great that the South end gets upgraded, what about the other parts of the city? What about Kildonan Park?
20	I am excited for Canada's Diversity Gardens and am hoping that this remains free in the same spirit as the attraction it is replacing.
21	Assiniboine Park is one of the most important areas of Winnipeg and I hope we can continue to make areas like it.
22	There should be some free stuff especially on weekends for families and those with lower incomes

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Cemetaries

Total respondents who selected this service: 5

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	<p>This isn't a service that should be handled by the city. It's a waste of space in the city sometimes taking up valueble land that could be used for a wide variety of other activities.</p>
3	<p>The City run cemeteries are starting to look very run down. I have seen lots of weeds and broken head stones especially at St.Vital cemetery because that is the one I mostly go to but I have also been at Brookside, Chaplawn and Elmwood. None of them are look all that great.</p>

4	<p>We had a member of our family pass. We wanted a weekend burial . COW staff only work week-days 8:30 to 16:30. If we wanted to have a weekend opening/ closing we would have to pay extra. Lets review here : Every city department has had an over view of their services done many times in the last 25 years. Many departments had to change their hours of work to find efficiencies. Due to co-vid, many people are scrambling to work "whatever" shifts they can which means that many workers only have say a Saturday or Sunday off . But our workers in the cemeteries are working " banker's hours" with weekends off.....the same shifts the cemeteries have been using since the 1970's. It is time to review and change this policy to reflect the needs of grieving people, so that weekends can be utilized without extra cost to the families.</p>
5	<p>Does the city need to be in this business?</p>

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

City Beautification

Total respondents who selected this service: 45

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	<p>We should be implementing nature into urban areas, the implementation, maintenance and upkeep could create/keep jobs</p>
3	<p>We need more trees and cleaner streets. Our downtown needs more trees and to look better.</p>
4	<p>This service is not important to me. It never has been, but especially in these times money could definitely be spent better elsewhere.</p>
5	<p>having it continue as it is an important part of our pride in the city that we live in.</p>
6	<p>Make the roads better and plant the trees</p>
7	<p>Keeping streets, parks, public venues clean of debris and garbage reflects the perspective of our city to guests or those considering relocating to our city.</p>

8	Needs to be better. Garbage clean up, street clean up, graffiti clean up, cutting the grass and ditches in this city. We r one of the dirtiest cities in Canada. If u travel u know that. It is embarrassing when other visitors bring this up. Start cleaning up more. There are plenty of people who need jobs and would be willing to do this work. This needs to be a daily occurrence. Visual image is everyrhing.
9	Incredibly important that the city's canopy is preserved as we face devastation from ash beetles in the near future.
10	Please look into introducing more diversity in trees and plants around the city. Monoculture is dangerous in the context of disease and pests.
11	I believe there are way to make city beautiful all year round. Even by spending less money if we can use public spaces and get some artists to team up with city. Or even adding some bright colors to boring colored public spaces will make if look good.
12	Less planters on medians. Less annuals used, move towards more perennials.
13	We cannot disregard the importance of maintaining a beautiful city and the impact it has on the community. As I drive around the City I am often surprised at how little attention and effort is made to make our roadways and shared space appealing to look at. While driving down Grant you see a long line of dead boulevard trees with big red dots on them marking them for removal. These trees are not large and should be addressed swiftly once tagged for removal. Parks, green spaces, boulevards, general landscaping and upkeep need to be a focus going forward. This seasonal maintenance work could be great tasks for summer students.
14	I think we should let the natural flora and fauna grow in ditches and remove fines for "unkept" lawns. We don't need to dump money into flower beds.
15	I drive through the city each day and see so many boulevards uncared for and do realize there is a cost to do this but when you see dead trees year after year not removed or branches, city would look so much nicer properly landscaped and cared for.
16	Brian Pallister needs to stop hyping up Winnipeg as a tourism spot DURING THE PANDEMIC OF A HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS, LETHAL VIRUS. Why would any money and effort be going to city beautification or tourism right now
17	studies show that the beauty of the city they live in to be a really big factor in their mental health
18	Stop watering plants during rush hour. Can be done during midnight hours
19	There is so much you could do to make downtown more liveable, figure it out
20	The downtown is filthy. The sidewalks are filthy. There should not be any tents or tarps visible. Help the people find shelter but the visual of their camps is unacceptable.
21	The city needs to invest more in fall and spring sweeping, it becomes all too apparent in the fall that not enough sweeping is being performed and drainage systems are being backed up, most apparent is in residential areas.
22	My street is filthy year round
23	Street cleaning and beautifying streets may not seem important during a pandemic but I think we are spending more time outside and should keep the city looking good. There is often broken glass, rubbish, left on boulevards and it needs to be removed.
24	I love that our city looks beautiful in the summer, but maybe right now that is not as important as other things. This summer we saw many community organizations taking up growing gardens in planters, or open spaces, allowing citizens to access this food. I wondering I the city might look at doing that next summer to provide for those who need. But also maybe we do not need Christmas lights this year, or could re-think how spending on beautification work just for one year.

25	<p>There is a painful lack of city planning and beautification in favour of nonsensical business land deals. The best example being the fire station on the clover leaf at Portage Ave and Queen st. This is quite possibly the most outrageously short-sighted and silly thing the city has ever done as it pertains to terrible road planning-except maybe the jut-out concrete obstructions and 'traffic circles' in residential neighbourhoods. How does this relate to beautification? The fire station was built onto a mini park that had been maintained on the clover leaf for some time. Each traffic circle requires around 14 seperate signs and by the time clueless drivers, buses that are too big to get around them and snow plows have knocked them around, every few blocks there is a mangled mess of metal. These are not traffic circles. They are far too small to function as such. It feels as though everyone involved in this project had never once been to any other city in North America before. If they had, they would have realized it was not only stupid from a traffic flow point of view but also contributed to the further degradation of the city's beauty. To be sure the city has beautiful parts to it, like the Exchange District and Assiniboine Park, for example. But the former mayor had plans to 'develop' the park with condos.</p> <p>There should be contingency plans in place to make sure that hideous cheap grey Winnipeg-style condo buldings are NEVER built in that gem of a park. And efforts could be made to develop the Exchange District into a 'hot spot' of entertainment and attractions-a night-life place. It is wonderful we have saved the heritage buildings and we should sell that as an attraction to people when they come here. But tgere also needs to be something to do once you're there. There is a general denial on the part if the citizens when it comes to how ugly Winnipeg is. A notable celebrity once told me that he had no idea there were nice looking neighbourhoods in Winnipeg like the one we happened to be in when I was spending the day with him. He just said the first time he ever came here he remembered how ugly the city was based on his ride from the airport. So fixing the imagery of the drive from the airport and that hideous chainlink fence on Century Blvd would help the city's image and it wouldn't take much. Just stop planting hideous trees and plant ones native to the region. And then try not to salt them to death that winter and try contributing some saved funds from the aforementioned reduced police budget to pay city workers to care and maintain those plants.</p>
26	<p>People have to take better care or their properties - cutting lawns, cleaning junk out of their yards, leaving their garbage and recycling containers on the street for the whole week.</p>
27	<p>The city needs to plant more trees, the waiting list is too long.</p>
28	<p>We need to plant new trees as the Elms and Ash trees are removed</p>
29	<p>Especially in places like osbourne, there should be a limit on building heights for new buildings or condos going up so that we are able to protect the skyline. Too many historic buildings or façades are being replaced with buildings that only detract from the beauty of the area or just sit on top without adding anything. Some cafe-type spaces on the ground level with living quarters above maybe 2 floors up would be perfect for the area.</p>
30	<p>I'm worried about our tree canopy. Especially after last year's storm that caused so much damage. I would like to see a REAL PLAN to ensure Winnipeg doesn't lose its green.</p>
31	<p>Making the city beautiful is just nice to have.</p>
32	<p>Many trees have been removed from Westend, they need to be replaced.</p>
33	<p>Beautification should be done to give us something to look at during lockdown car rides.</p>
34	<p>Invest in better green areas, have more cleaning done throughout the city</p>
35	

36	We need to invest more in our urban tree canopy; architectural design in public space; we should fold the Kildonan Golf Course into Kildonan Park so it becomes Winnipeg's Central Park serving a very broad area of recreational interests. There are plenty of golf courses serving those needs.
37	Please consider planting fruits and vegetables instead of decorative flowers. Other cities do this and donate the produce to food banks. People who need can help themselves.
38	Start planting more trees and fast. Period.
39	If we stopped spreading ourselves so thin, we could actually invest in benches, lighting, trees, parks, sidewalk landscaping, stronger architectural standards ... lets make the pedestrian experience more vibrant. Winnipeg has felt like walking through a bomb site for a little too long. Maybe that's hyperbole - but this isn't: at the sidewalk level, it feels like no one cares. Surely we can turn this around.
40	No one really actually cares about this, we don't need nice potted plants on every boulevard, we don't need Christmas decorations on the lamp posts, what we do need is better recycling/composting services/programs (that actually recycles everything) and teaches people what can be recycled or composted so we have less waste. Also the city doesn't need to be breaking into peoples yards to mow their lawn and then sending them a bill, like it's not that big of a deal if someone doesn't mow their lawn, maybe they like long grass, maybe it's just a giant garden, if they wanted it cut they would do it. Also sending them a bill after is just ridiculous, they didn't ask for you to do that, they didn't hire you so why should they have to pay.
41	Investing in beautification helps surrounding businesses and drives up tourism. Win-win. I want to live in an attractive city. Winnipeg doesn't have mountains or valleys, but if we invested in public art and beautification, we could become a real gem of a city!
42	I can't think of anyone who travels to Paris, Rome, Amsterdam or Barcelona to see their well-paved roads. People go to a city because it's beautiful, lively and welcoming. Residents stay in a city for the same reasons. No one wants to live in a parking lot or on a freeway, yet those are the things that stand out in Winnipeg. It's a city of asphalt and cars. Can we please invest in public art, trees, parks, flowers, fountains -all the things that we think of when we think of those European cities. Please reduce spending on roads. Please reduce expansion of suburbs.
43	To me beautification is green. I'm from the North Side. Let's be real. This city looks beat on this side of the tracks. I gave feedback on Parks services to invest in my local park/playground, because it's forgotten. Not inviting. Not even welcoming once I'm there since there's not a bench, a light or a tree to shade or accommodate me. To me beautification is one with well-being. I think your physical space can inspire you. So in terms of beautifying my neighbourhood I'll take the planters that line Main St in front of City Hall, the airport, or other tourist spots, you know. PLanters not only to welcome visitors to our city, but planters that comfort neighbourhoods and the people in them. Give us flowers. Green spaces. To me that's beautiful <33
44	There doesn't seem to be much pride in our public spaces, in our public realm. From parks, to pathways, to sidewalks.. the public realm is just falling apart. Think of the broken window theory, and think how that applies to sidewalks. Think how that translates into the larger picture of economic development, business attraction, community engagement, community vibrancy. The lack of pride demonstrated in the public realm impacts all of the above.
45	Spend money on art, open streets, trees, and things that make people want to linger. A great city isn't a place rushed through, but a place that makes you want to stop and linger. Plant trees that flower. Build streets that slow people down and make them want to rest to watch the world go by. This gets people into small businesses. This gets people to fall madly in love with their walk home from work. It makes kids dream about a future here - instead of a future somewhere else.

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

City Planning

Total respondents who selected this service: 113

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing</p>
2	<p>It order to progress this city to improve capacities as the city grows, council will have to re-address transportation, re-draw city boundaries, and build an efficient in-city expressway.</p>
3	<p>Proper city planning based on evidence is important for all other services!</p>
4	<p>Development must include interconnected pathways, sidewalks, and green spaces with provisions for water conservation, prairie habitat plantings, and naturalized nodal areas; no exclusively single family dwelling zones; more provisions for mixed use; more provisions for home based business - less restrictions; focus on adherence to highest or most restrictive standards (and appropriately reducing those standards)</p>
5	<p>Na</p>

6	Poor planning has hampered Winnipeg in the past. Planning for the future must be long term and not short sited. It's so important and worth the resources to get it right and not just take the easy way or least expensive route. It impacts everyone in the city for years and years to come.
7	I just don't know where to begin. Roads and sidewalks are being redone without factoring in bike lanes, more lights and reduced speed zones are being added to the perimeter (when the goal should be to entirely prevent cars from stopping, it should be treated like a freeway), neighborhoods are expanding near the dump and being considered near the airport. It doesn't feel like there's intelligent city planning happening at all quite frankly.
8	We need long term planning. Not 4 year election cycle planning.
9	There is too much disconnect between the departments, they appear to have different agendas and that results in dysfunctional planning and application of standards. Council members need to set policies and stay out of day to day decisions, as long as those decisions follow policies
10	I just don't believe there is a long term plan for the city.
11	
12	More infrastructure planning
13	To see what direction the city is taking on major issues such as rapid transit, traffic contolled intersections, safety first being the priority in school zones with flashing lights alerting drivers when the speed zones are in effect, emergency management with climate changes.
14	I would rather tell you how important it is to have a plan but currently we have no cohesive plan to grow or improve our city. It's important economically for business and attractive to emigration.
15	You need to make traffic surveys public and show us a plan for the future (where is the city going to grow in the next 50 years), etc. Right now it feels like real estate developers plan our city for their own profit. We are an embarrassment in this regard.

16	<p>We keep building suburbs on greenfields and expanding roads and sewers and schools, when there is more than enough room to add another 100,000+ residents to Winnipeg's core.</p> <p>Stop being pushed around by NIMBY's and start seriously addressing Winnipeg's longest standing problems: sprawl spreads city resources thin (this budget is proof of that). Sprawl creates disconnections between citizens and their broader community, which allows for "othering" and stereotyping people and neighbourhoods. Sprawl means money gets funneled out of our community as people shop more at suburban chain stores than small, local, independent retail. Sprawl means more people drive, and our emissions increase, as well as all the very expensive supports for car culture (roads, maintenance, enforcement, etc).</p> <p>Dense cities walk more, bike more, take transit more. Dense cities engage with their immediate communities more because they spend less time in their car. They connect better to high street retail, keeping more money locally in local businesses. Dense cities are more efficient. Dense cities are more vibrant, and that vibrancy attracts investment, culture, people, growth. Dense cities see more active nightlife districts and do a better job attracting youth.</p> <p>What are the stats of young people staying in Winnipeg? It's not looking good, folks.</p> <p>By continuing to prioritize roads and police in our budgets, instead of building the urban assets which attract and foster community and investment, we will continue to be lapped by the cities that figured this out years ago</p>
17	City planning needs better support, and more power with decision-making regarding new neighborhoods.
18	I live and work downtown. Walkability is brutal. Sidewalks are narrow. Not enough crosswalks. Not enough multi use paths. You guys need to stop building infrastructure
19	As mentioned in a previous comment, we need to prioritize transit and active transportation. Also, the city should change requirements for new and renovated buildings to provide such a high number of parking spaces, especially in the core.
20	We need more roundabouts and viaducts like they have in Europe and the US The perimeter highway, with all of its stop signs at high speeds particularly in winter. Is treacherous! Confusion corner was a complete mismanagement. Should have been a big roundabout.
21	There needs to be higher priority for accessing all necessities for life in one's neighbourhood - this is a zoning problem. Issues around traffic and roads and transit will be alleviated once people can live more locally.
22	Want to see more bike lanes and infrastructure. Want to see residential speed limits reduced.
23	I would like to see more implementation of the great sustainability plans and goals that already exist. Example: There is a goal to reduce the climate impact of older buildings needing retrofits but no plan in place how to accomplish that.
24	There needs to be a long term plan for the city of Winnipeg both in growth and development.

25	We need to make Winnipeg more friendly to people and less friendly to cars (active transport! connected protected bike routes)
26	Wpg grossly understaffs and under values city planners. Holistic planning that prioritizes active and public transit, reasonable density and infill is sorely needed - the city can't afford its current car-dependent sprawl let alone add more. Also someone needs to explain induced demand to council!
27	Engaging in a 4 year budget plan is ludicrous. 2 year is plenty as COVID has certainly taught us.
28	The planning department should be funded appropriately and (ward) councillors should let the planners do their jobs.
29	It affects all other areas, if one fails they all loose in the end. Public perception is at a all time low
30	Thinking about planning for the future across the entire city, through a COVID-19 recovery will be of utmost important over the next year. Our Winnipeg and the tools of planning set the framework for how to recover, while considering various elements including public health, public space, climate change and economic recovery.
31	<p>This affects all areas of life because it includes planning for new developments (what Winnipeg does, clearly doesn't work for the city's long-term sustainability). I dislike that developers seem to be given so much power regarding lot sizes, and that there is *very little* consideration given to walkability and amenities - residents are expected to drive everywhere. This does not help us make our way to a cleaner environment. And suburbia is such a drain.</p> <p>I'd like to see positive action on infill initiatives to revitalize older neighborhoods.</p> <p>I'd like to see a truly functional active transportation plan that allows people on wheels and on foot (cycling, wheelchairs, strollers) access to main roads and commuter routes as opposed to simply being designed for leisure and recreation. All this via PROTECTED cycling infrastructure. (Reduce space for cars, increase space for people.)</p> <p>I'd like to see transit service enhanced - rapid transit seems to have some positive developments - KUDOS! Now get that peggo system working, please! ;)</p> <p>I'd like to see an end to the widening of roads. Science shows this doesn't work to reduce congestion. (Availability of alternative methods of transportation will reduce congestion tho!)</p> <p>I'm tired of all the half-assed approaches to climate-friendly initiatives. I wish Winnipeg could adopt a LEADERSHIP stance on some of these things.</p> <p>I'd like to DE-prioritize automobiles - and prioritize PEOPLE. Moving humans from place to place ought not *require* that one purchase a vehicle.</p> <p>Scooter rentals?</p> <p>Rooftop gardens? (Some cities *require* this for structures of a certain height.)</p>

32	We need planning that is for a sustainable future. Plan so that the city will be viable for my kids and grandkids. There is an extreme lack of vision in the planning department, at city council, and within the entire planning process. It is severely underfunded to accomplish what it needs to do.
33	you need more planners. low planners per capita so it looks like everything is a reaction (airport zone) in stead of being proactive with area plans to address infill or new communities
34	I don't think the City does a very good job at planning. They are penny wise but pound foolish. The impact fee on new developments is an example.
35	I think this entire department needs an overhaul. The street planning is the worst, looking at the Bishop Grandin/Kenaston overpass is embarrassing. They only think about the new developments, they are completely messing up or neglecting old established neighbourhoods.
36	Need more planners not only focussed on economic development. Should be connecting to Neighbourhood Renewal corporations and community based planning. Need housing department focussed on facilitating affordable housing.
37	I like that the City is pursuing Infill Guidelines and other initiatives which will make our City a better place.
38	More environmentally friendly / pedestrian friendly options - open portage and main
39	<p>Too much spending on bike lanes, intentionally creating obstacles and reducing roadways for cars in some delusion that cars are bad, bikes are good and everyone should sell their car and get on a bike and the only way to help them is to make driving and parking as inconvenient as possible.</p> <p>This is the exact opposite of what the city's job is. City planners are supposed to ease traffic congestions by synchronizing traffic lights, get bicycles to use paths that are not within the main road system (backlanes, boulevards, side roads, parks) eliminate sidewalk bump-outs and all other obstacles created for the sole purpose of slowing down traffic. These car hating city planners, such as Brent Bellamy and others should be fired as they work only to create traffic congestion on purpose, essentially sabotaging a traffic plan that should take into consideration future traffic needs, expanding roads and parking spaces.</p> <p>Their ideology has no place in the government. It only creates problems, the same problems that governments are supposed to solve and greatly reduces business revenues due to lack of parking that only results in business closures, therefore lower business taxes paid to the government and loss of jobs and economic prosperity, which only increases crime. This strategy only increases city spending.</p> <p>With the increase in bicycle use, the city should start generating revenue instead by requiring rules of the road classes, licensing of bicycles, enforcing bylaws that allow only narrow 2 wheel bicycles on a road, not wide cargo bikes, bike child trailers etc and prohibiting bikes on sidewalks where they endanger pedestrians exiting buildings. There are many cases of people being knocked to the ground in Osborne village and downtown by a bike or skateboard flying down the sidewalk.</p>

40	I want more efficient bike routes. A lot of them don't connect and it makes for very inefficient commute. Or the routes are just not logical on a bike. More bike routes in general please. And re-education on bike/car interaction. The public needs a refresher.
41	Enough with the outward growth of new developments. It is a strain on our resources and just continues to push people further away from downtown. A larger focus on downtown living should be the top priority. Creating a safe and livable downtown.
42	Seems like planning isn't done properly. One year we build something to just tear it down and redo it the next. There seems too little reason for some projects that is started. Infrastructure is not always taken into account when decisions are made.
43	Spending isn't adequate on construction of citywide active transportation networks and revitalizing Winnipeg Transit. Infill guidelines are overly restrictive.
44	I appreciate the bike paths that have popped up over the last few years and would love to see more in coming years
45	
46	Need to focus on more infill for fiscal sustainability. Important to remember that density without walkability is a recipe for disaster... not enough space for all the added cars. That means mix of uses in close proximity, and small lot widths... makes an area more walkable. 15 minute neighbourhoods!
47	Please hire somebody who has designed bike routes in other cities. Our bike routes are embarrassing. Rapid transit is all well and good, lord knows we have to connect the suburbs somehow, but the inner city planning is abysmal for pedestrians and cyclists alike. You want a booming inner city? You want a design quarter? Make it accessible. Accessible doesn't always mean concrete slab, also, this fits into city beautification and urban forestry. Downtown could be so beautiful, it just needs a little help.
48	I don't know if housing fits into this section but that is my concern. We need more affordable housing. This may be rental or purchase. I would love it if the city would allow more smaller houses (1-2 bedrooms) to be built since I don't know anyone who can afford to purchase the mansions that keep being built...
49	Ways to make this city more environmentally sustainable should be of importance
50	OurWinnipeg 2045 and Complete Communities 2.0 each contain laudable policy and goals but only if they are funded. In the past we have had a serious disconnect between policy and practice. As the saying goes, if you want to know a city's true priorities, look at the budget not the vision statement. And clearly our priorities are building more roads that we can't afford even though most or all of the policies and goals talk about environmental and financial sustainability.
51	City should encourage more development of its centre, as opposed to suburban development. Spreading the city out endlessly is not sustainable.
52	Our city planners don't seem to look long term when property is sold to businesses. The big box stores on Empress were built and opened before they upgraded Empress. It was a nightmare for a few years before they got the traffic issues figured out

53	<p>Our city needs to be denser, and we need to allow people to not rely on cars. More bike paths. 30km/h for all residential roads, and anything faster should have (good, cleared) bike lanes.</p> <p>Downtown should be walkable and bikeable. Let people park in parkades on the outskirts, and provide a free trolley/shuttle and/or multi-use paths to get to the center. Have large walking/biking spaces. Do not prioritize traffic, as it will fill the space you give it. Focus on public transportation and you'll get more people moving where they need to every day.</p>
54	<p>there are so many projects that could have been tweaked slightly to improve transit or bicycle routes but just for some reason nothing was done. the Roblin roadwork project for example, could have vastly improved biking as it is a major cycling route but the entire road has been dug up, re-paved and not a single improvement made. Waste of money.</p>
55	<p>stop building new suburban! work with metropolitan region to limit sprawl and preserve natural areas (including farms)</p>
56	<p>Perimeter should have no lights, period. The city is expanding so much and it's not an efficient roadway. Don't take 3 years to complete, build it right the first time (like a proper US freeway).</p>
57	<p>Winnipeg needs immediate action on the Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment so that measures are in place to encourage and facilitate housing development that aligns with local need. It is heartbreaking to see hundreds of Winnipeggers experiencing homelessness while single family homes and luxury condos lie empty. We can do better.</p>
58	<p>I think the city should have more roundabouts on main routes in lieu of traffic lights. For example of why, Bishop Granding frequently has traffic backed up at red lights. Roundabouts can help eliminate unnecessary stopping.</p>
59	<p>Community equity based consultation needs to be at the forefront of city planning efforts.</p>
60	<p>The city of Winnipeg is facing a serious housing crisis, and is virtually alone in large Canadian cities for having no housing administration division at the city level. I feel it is time for the city to take some measures to address the seriousness of this problem, rather than deferring to the province.</p>
61	<p>The bicycle lanes on my street (Bannatyne) are rarely used, take up parking and driving space and can only be used for a few months out of the year. I thought that when they were putting those in that at least the barriers would be removed so that we could use the full street in the winter months.</p>
62	<p>This city is so reactionary and doesn't care enough about downtown.</p>
63	<p>I live in downtown Winnipeg. I am glad for the efforts being made to make the streets more bike-friendly but more can be done. Bicycles and motor vehicle traffic should not be forced to share the road. Also, I hope the city finds a way of making good use of The Bay historical building. Please do not destroy this landmark!</p>
64	<p>Make sure city is delvelping in proper way with all roads and street that are designed by thinking into 50 years upcoming years.</p>

65	We do not have a sense of a modern approach to City Planning that truly recognizes and embraces neighbourhood involvement and concerns to preserve the "architectural "nature/ atmosphere/integrity" of neighbours as they evolve -- we are a sky city with lots of infill space available --why are we obscuring the view with huge towers along rivers? multiple family dwellings are welcome when they harmonize with existing architecture. Ensuring more mixed neighbourhoods with safe accessible sustainable mobility (cycling and walking to destinations ie work, school, stores). Invest in local arts and culture to stimulate neighbourhood activity and "beautify" activate the City.
66	The city can't keep spreading out like an old egg. It's unsustainable.
67	The City has since its inception used City Planning only as a method of helping developers develop their land. It is a misuse of specialists who could be helping to plan a city based on environmental concerns and livability.
68	I'd like to see more community led city planning and development. It should not be about providing tax cuts and subsidies to private corporations like True North.
69	Given what is happening - one would question if it is money well spent. One could use a dart board of ideas and probably do just as well a job
70	Even in this time of financial strain, I believe it's important to consider the future of our city. We should be considering ways to improve the efficiency of our roads by continuing to build high speed areas, like was done at the end of Inkster at the perimeter. It is also important to me that we as a city promote the infill process of older homes. Sometimes entire streets of homes are in complete disrepair, and bowing to the demands of groups that new homes have to look like the other 70 year old homes in the area to fit an "aesthetic" does not benefit the future of our city. The creation of these newer higher value homes would also allow for more taxes to be collected.
71	The expanding suburbs and large infrastructure they require negatively impact the city. Traffic ect they should have to contribute to inner city
72	the city doesn't ever seem to think very far into the future. They only see tax revenue when developing properties not the long-term impact on infrastructure. Kenaston is a great example. The 80 kph speed limit is a joke because traffic is so choked off due to the increase in retail business. The road is no longer able to handle the traffic flow. It would have been easier to build at least a three ofr four lane roadway when nothing was out there then tryin to expand it now.
73	Thank you for your continued efforts to build walkways and bike paths. I think our city's citizens will benefit greatly in the long run!
74	I think more thought needs to be given to revising city planning. There is a tremendous amount of urban sprawl happening and the cost to expand essential services to these new developments is enormous. Our downtown, our core and other neighborhoods could benefit from revitalization before we continue to expand further and further afield. Cities all over the world have demonstrated the negative effects of too much urban sprawl and its time that we reconsider plans that were developed more than 30 years ago which may not take into account today's realities.

75	<p>I would very very much like to see a great many aspects of city planning become the full realm of the planning dept and not council. Planning consults with residents and stakeholders through public engagement, and that is an appropriate means of satisfying their democratic obligation. Council would do much better to deal with broad aspects of city management and by-law, and leave the details of how intersections should be designed and what a transit route looks like to the professionals in those fields. That is why they are there!</p> <p>Zoning variance signage is designed in a seemingly intentionally hostile way to prevent public engagement. It is full of legalese and unnecessarily wordy. As an educated person with english as my first language, and an interest in city planning and politics, I find them practically indecipherable. It is incumbent on the City to make these public engagement tools literate to as many Winnipeggers as possible, by making them simple, including images, and posting them in as many languages as possible, perhaps taking into consideration the demographics of the neighbourhood. Winnipeg is NOT a bilingual city. It is multilingual, and many residents are much more fluent in Tagalog, Punjabi, Chinese, and Arabic than english or french.</p>
76	<p>The City needs to plan with the entire Winnipeg Metropolitan Region (WMR) for the betterment of all. The entire region needs to be the economic driver for the province and one planning area. The City needs to solve the issue of no being able to sell water to surrounding communities or the Province needs to support annexation. It's crazy that West St. Paul has water through CentrePort and has thousands of residential lots fully serviced. I'm sure all these people use City services in one way or another, planning needs to address issues like this and others including solid waste, emergency services - fire/paramedic/police, recreation etc.</p>
77	<p>Look at Edmonton and some of the great things they are doing. Not too long ago, we were so similar to Edmonton, now look at how backward we are and how much they have progressed. This has so much to do with creative, progressive and active city planning. City planning is not just about paving the way for big developers.</p>

78	<p>Please move forward on constructing additional BRT lines (with active transportation routes as well). There will be opportunities to use Federal money for this. The pandemic work-from-home trend will not be enough to quell the need for a better transportation system in Winnipeg.</p> <p>Winnipeg is now the only city in Canada with a population over +700K without a LRT, Subway, or Skytrain Transportation System.</p> <p>Winnipeg, the 7th largest city on the list, does not have a LRT, subway, or Skytrain transport system. Why do the 8th, 9th, and 10th largest city on the list either already have one or in the process of construction?</p> <p>Please continue constructing the BRT lines with the possibility of upgrade to LRT. BRT is a good stop-gap measure while we build out the network, then convert to LRT in the future.</p> <p>Please continue building out the network of bike lanes!</p> <p>Over the past number of years the new active transportation trails that were added have been great. It's a noticeable difference when biking on the new trails, e.g. Southwest Transitway, rebuilt bike lanes on Maryland, downtown etc.</p>
79	<p>Again, planning has to take the *long* view, not the short economically motivated view. We need to look to the future and what kind of planet we want future generations to inhabit. This means decreasing sprawl, decreasing our emissions and planning cities that people will get around without fossil fuels. Subsize electric bikes! Build bike paths. More active transportation will also pay off in health benefits.</p>
80	<p>The permit department is so unbelievably incompetent - that needs to be blown up. Why does it take almost a year to get a permit approved? They don't know what is a residential vs commercial permit... lead you down one path only to change the rules mid-way. There is so much incompetence at the City, it's staggering.</p>
81	<p>City planners need to focus more on creating livable communities in our urban area. Stop allowing suburban green-field developments that are unsustainable for any means of transportation besides driving, and are a huge drain on our ability to provide adequate services throughout the city at a reasonable cost</p>
82	<p>No more new suburbs. Infill please</p>
83	<p>I applaud the effort to rationalize our Indio strategy, but much more resources for engagement and planning will be necessary for the scale and speed of change needed to meet our climate goals.</p>
84	<p>Please make traffic flow. Four-way stops should be replaced by roundabouts and yields. Fix lights to remove huge idle zone.</p>
85	<p>Please hire Black city planners and people of colour as planners. Please see the inherent colonialism and racism in tradition city planning. Also sign merges as zipper merges rather than yields for [removed expletive].</p>

86	I want to see a more accessible Winnipeg. Urban sprawl disproportionately benefits the upper-middle class. I want a city that works for all. This would mean increasing urban density in the downtown, increasing walkability scores across the city, increased access to public transit and active transport routes. I want a city where you don't need a car to get around.
87	Less focus needs to be placed onto cars, and more focus on walking, and supporting local businesses
88	I don't know if this is the right heading under which to voice my concern but here it goes. The recent debate on whether to except that gentleman's offer to put flashing lights up near school zones, absolutely appalled me. What is better than being offered a service for absolutely no cost. I am not so naïve as to think that there won't be some cost to the city but let's face it, there was no cost to the equipment and it's installation. It is beyond me to understand the thought process behind the mayor and EPC not excepting his generous offer. Unless there was some obvious illegal Concern to him doing that for the city, that should've been dealt with for years ago. Again there are more serious matters to be dealt with so get the easy ones off your plate.
89	We should not have held a referendum on opening portage and main. It should be open and made accessible. We also need to be investing in the downtown core and current infrastructure instead of creating new community centres and libraries in Waverley. More people out there have vehicles and access to transit. The down town core needs walkable/accessible community services and centres.
90	Would like to see more bike lanes implemented and less urban sprawl. We have so many empty houses and buildings, i dont understand why people need to live further away from downtown. The impact of driving all the time is bad for the environment
91	Hey, can the city please pick a bike path style, and stick with it? Some are protected, some aren't, some inexplicably go up onto the sidewalk, some have traffic cut right through them. Most of them suddenly end without warning when you come to a bridge or an underpass. Can somebody please figure out how to connect them all and make them safe for cyclists and motorists??!
92	City planning process should be streamlined to become more outcomes than process driven.
93	Process needs streamlining.
94	The transportation standards need to be updated. We design our roads to promote higher speeds, especially residential collector streets. There needs to be a comprehensive and independent review of the design standards so that residential streets can be safer for for all users. In conjunction with that there needs to be better connections between neighborhoods, more arterials serving all areas of the city, and these arterials need to allow uninterrupted flow, an investment in grade separations on critical roads should be a priority.
95	We need to review the City's urban planning and learn from best practices from other countries (not just Canada). Winnipeg is fortunate to have lots of immigrants and they are a great source of knowledge for global best practices that can be adapted here.

96	Why are you building out more when we can't maintain what's at our core? If we can't afford that, maybe we shouldn't be building more?
97	Super excited to see an actual grocery store pop up in downtown Winnipeg. More of this please!
98	City Planning needs more resources dedicated to infill. We need a planning department that comes up with a BOLD infill strategy that allows multi-family homes across Winnipeg and gets rid of single-family-only, exclusionary zoning. We also need construction site inspection to ease potential conflict and ensure accessible sidewalks or sidewalk substitutes are maintained.
99	Take Osborne Village, for example. If we were to close Osborne between River and Stradbrook, we could promote walking and cycling, along with tourism. People like walkable cities.
100	We will never resolve all the other issues in this city with our current model of city planning, which makes it easier and more appealing for developers to choose to build on green field sites at the far edge of the city instead of densifying and improving housing stock in mature neighbourhoods. The footprint we have to serve with infrastructure and services is growing rapidly and is creating a massive deficit in our future ability to maintain city services.
101	The City should be actively finding ways to address the challenges of COVID with smart strategic planning for a different future. One that isn't run by our obsession with road maintenance.
102	Winnipeg needs to take a more active role in providing affordable housing and maintaining tenancies, especially in light of the Covid pandemic. Increased staff at city hall to support housing development and to access federal housing dollars would go a long way to efficiently addressing the housing needs of our residents of our city.
103	Replace 20% of all roads with cycleways immediately. Infill (see Auckland for how) for central density, and tell the NIMBYs their backwards attitudes don't drive policy.
104	Without good city planning our great city will never reach its potential. Our city needs a group of intelligent committed city planning experts to head up and create a long term plan for our city with feedback from Winnipeg residents. Our great city Winnipeg will not attain its true potential without a comprehensive city plan.
105	The council and mayor need to stop interfering with city planning and allowing terrible developments and surface parking lots.
106	This is a contentious issue, but one that needs to remain top of mind and top of investment if we are to experience sustainable growth long-term.
107	We as a city actually need to be planning for a sustainable future, not just planning for how to appease the wealthiest among us. This city has essentially squandered its planning for the future
108	Why can't the city make new developments look more like the older styled neighbourhoods, grid lined streets, with residential and commercial closer by or even mixed. Studies show people are safer, happier and able to run errands, go to restaurants and use transit better by walking instead of using cars. It's a model being used now in many progressive cities, yet here we still make those segregated neighbourhoods with curvy streets and malls. Please do better.

109	This is important to me because I feel through planning that we will be able to move through this pandemic more effectively and efficiently.
110	<p>Infill needs to be embraced and encouraged.</p> <p>Portage and Main Street should be opened up to pedestrian traffic as this was a campaign promise. The Mayor recently announced that he will not be continuing in his role past his current term and did not want to become a "career politician", however he has missed some opportunities to make controversial decisions that he believed in that would have had a positive impact on the City. The failed attempt at following through with the promise to open portage and main is a potentially a negative lasting impression which could have been a huge success had it been properly researched and the facts presented to the public.</p>
111	The global climate crisis is reaching a catastrophic state. We should be working towards a car free city and green energy as fast as possible and pulling out any investments in harmful environmental extraction processes in order to save the planet.
112	I believe that city planning needs to focus on creating more efficient roadways (less lights, more lanes where congestion exists, better overall flow of traffic). The city should be taking into account the needs of the motorist when planning. The vast majority of Winnipeggers are motorists, planning should reflect the needs of the majority.
113	tell me more

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Community Livability

Total respondents who selected this service: 70

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	<p>pedestrian and active transit accessibility and city disability services are vitally important components of community livability. Other services for Winnipeggers with disabilities should also be a priority for the city budget.</p>
3	
4	
5	<p>i believe our success as a city can be measured by our health. healthy communities are designed for active living (a network of safe active transportation routes, parks and recreation opportunities), local living (quality groceries available in every neighbourhood, community gardens) and sustainability (social programming, education/training opportunities).</p>

6	My community being livable means it's livable for the adults in my house and for my 2 year old daughter. It means safe, clean playgrounds, community centers that offer programming for the whole family, family friendly community events, libraries and resources where families can have access to free early childhood education from programs provided by Healthy Child Manitoba, through community centers and libraries. Just having a toddler reading program and playtime at a library, or a playgroup that does crafts or songs and games at a Community Centre. I'm so dedicated to providing a livable community for kids nb-5years that I've tried to start a playgroup at my Local CC, before code orange and ended up just starting one at a local playground because the CC was uncooperative. I'm all set to volunteer as the event coordinator for Park City West CC so I can make fun events for kids in my neighborhood and hopefully do more than that.
7	safety in winnipeg - particularly osborne and downtown (where i live and work)
8	More services are needed for our marginalized population. Help for drug addiction. Shelter for the homeless. More supervision on social services.
9	Winnipeg is my home. I want it to be a place where I feel safe, where infrastructure supports active living and where urban sprawl is contained.
10	We live in Wolseley and I believe Wolseley avenue NEEDS speed bumps. There are three elementary schools, multiple parks and a community centre access along the avenue. Cars drive too fast and run stop signs. There are many young families that use Wolseley as a transportation leisure road, especially during the pandemic. I have felt very unsafe at times. Also - I believe speed bumps are required for the Wolseley neighborhood roads that run north south that have a light at portage avenue. Cars, delivery trucks, and utility trucks speed down these roads. A serious accident is waiting to happen. I believe we're all just waiting for a child to be killed before we force speed control in Wolseley.
11	I really appreciated having more road closures during spring and summer to allow pedestrians and cycles more spaces to walk, run, and ride. I would love to see more of that in the future again. Access to safe, open space for exercise and active transit is crucial in a stressful time.
12	I don't know exactly what this service does, but in reading its title, it seems connected to many of the city services I would like to see sustained or built upon in the coming year. These are services such as parks & recreation spaces, Arts and entertainment, and transit, and my reasons for this are discussed in the comments section of the previous page of this survey.
13	
14	Would like to see more money and services going in to programs for underprivileged communities.
15	People will drive regardless of condition of roads (important to maintain but too much road constraiction)
16	I'd like to see more funding allocated to neighbourhoods that need it the most. Downtown.
17	Cllr Santos proposed a pop-up connected walking and biking network in June 2020. This MUST be implemented this spring so more citizens have choices on how to access their city. Unless you have a personal vehicle for everyone in your household, this city does not work for you. Travelling by bus, bike and on foot can be dangerous and incredibly uncomfortable. This cannot continue.
18	The world is changing quickly right now, so supporting each other is my top priority. Shut-ins, kids living with safety concerns, families without vehicles, and other at risk populations should get support

19	Bike lanes help us get to work more easily, get exercise, get to places where we support local businesses (restaurants, arts organizations, coffee shops) while not driving. The streets that were opened to pedestrians over the summer allowed us and many of our neighbours to get out, get exercise, find community (many conversations with people while out walking), and created good community space generally.
20	Too many illegal rental homes. They do not look after their property, leave out trash bins, park autos on their lawns, leave outside old furniture, bed mattresses, etc. Evidence of illegal home businesses (example, auto repair from home garages). We need more and better enforcement and stop relying on neighbourhood residents to notify 311 of these issues.
21	Don't close lyndale drive to vehicles. There are two levels of paths in some spots and one level all through the park. No need to close it.
22	A liveable community supports my physical and mental well being and encourages me to remain in Winnipeg.
23	It's not exactly a "service" but creating truly liveable spaces means centering active transportation and not cars. We need to start looking to the future and that is not fuel-driven cars! We need to make public spaces that feed people's souls by serving multiple functions with attention to beauty also, not to mention transportation that is affordable, some say free, like medicare. If we don't win on facing the climate crisis, nothing else will matter.
24	Osborne village smells like [removed expletive] at night. Most of the city does, I don't know where this smell is coming from but it's awful. It's always there at night.
25	It should be common sense at this point that community liveability is a top priority for all people who live in Winnipeg.
26	Provide more Covid-19 relief funds, keep lockdown in place and provide shelter for the homeless
27	Rent is out of control. Minimum wage is a joke. It is not very affordable to live in Winnipeg, which, is kind of the only thing it had going for it.
28	There is absolutely no reason for there to be homeless people in Winnipeg when there are plenty of empty livable spaces in the city. Invest in those in poverty and tax the rich. No evictions during a global pandemic
29	No neighbourhood should be able to reliably expect multiple blackouts lasting over 3 hours a year. Once if we have a huge storm, sure; or a couple times when the power goes out and comes back within an hour is expected. However, if the city can't provide reliable service (aka more than 3 times every year the power goes out and can't be restored for over 3 hours - often 8+ hours), then they should be reducing property taxes on that neighbourhood. Residents shouldn't pay for services they aren't receiving.
30	This ties into planning. We must ensure older and newer communities have the services and infrastructure needed to thrive. Every community deserves attention, not just the new suburbs.
31	Police service!!!!!! They are so extremely busy with criminals in this city they have no time for anything else and they want to take them out of schools !!! WPS has a very challenging job trying to deal with drug addicts, stabbings and murders, and trying to keep themselves safe and then out screwed up Justice system slaps their hands and there back on the streets and repeating exactly the same thing, over and over and over!!! Justice needs to change and soon!! Streets are unsafe and NOT ENOUGH POLICE ON STREETS!!!!
32	Whole community planning should encompass planning for roads, pathways, bike paths, transit, greenspace and funding for maintenance of these assets until end of life

33	<p>There are a lot of people seriously struggling to get by in the city who need support. Groups like Mutual Aid Society and many others have been stepping up where the city has failed communities. A few things that could seriously improve the lives of many people would be to put rent controls in place and working to decommodify housing so that people aren't forced out of their homes in a pandemic.</p> <p>There should be more funding to harm-reduction groups who are literally saving lives out there. Programs to support houseless people and better mental health supports would be such a good thing. Mental health supports in this city need to be soooo much better. Owen Toes has given a really good overview of what kind of programs would make this city more livable for people at the end of his book <i>Stolen City: Racial Capitalism and the Making of Winnipeg</i>.</p>
34	<p>My neighborhood has been becoming less livable due to the increasing cut through traffic. The vehicles are getting bigger, louder, and more powerful every year. The drivers are getting more aggressive and the city is promoting it by subscribing to WAZE.</p> <p>Time to start thinking about the people that live in these neighborhoods and not those that drive through.</p>
35	<p>Our growing city has to plan for the future and create a sense of ownership within our communities so all residents feel they are important and have a say in how their city is operated</p>
36	<p>The city needs to worry less about how many cars are parked in a driveway or if grass is a little long or houses need painting.</p>
37	<p>I'm not totally sure what's encompassed here, but I think about things like the streets closed to pedestrians, or things like dog parks in neighbourhoods and I think creating more public spaces that have a community feel made such a difference during this pandemic. I love how some community groups really took ownership of the closed streets providing planters, or mini golf holes, things that gave walking there a community feel.</p>
38	<p>Denser neighbourhoods and particular multi-unit living is taxed the same as suburban / developing communities with less services. I live in a building that has 15 units meaning there are 15 homes, all evaluated at the same price as my parents bungalow, paying taxes on the same property footprint. Yet we receive less services: no street maintenance, we pay for garbage pick up, loss of trees, etc. etc. I feel we need to invest in neighbourhoods that favour density, as a dollar invested in that community goes further (reaching more people) than it does in new large lot developments.</p>
39	<p>As a side-effect of COVID-19, I have been spending even more time close to home. As my home has also become my place of work, my neighborhood has become the place I spend breaks or get out for exercise. I have always felt that community liveability is important, but especially so during the pandemic.</p>
40	<p>Winnipeg residents need more investment into active transportation, among this - bike lanes, trails, etc. Right now, Winnipeg is very car-centric.</p>
41	<p>We need to have more community supports in place to help people overcome issues of homelessness, poverty, poor mental and physical health. This means taking money away from the police services and giving it to local programs that are shown to be effective.</p>
42	<p>I find it small minded and short term thinking when the city shuts down arenas and pools and parks. Many families rely on them (especially this past summer) and we want to get kids to go out to exercise. Shutting these down doesn't help.</p>
43	<p>Let's make Winnipeg a safe and healthy city for everyone.</p>
44	<p>When the area is groomed to provide services there is less crime incentive</p>

45	I presume this is where urban trees are categorized and after the year we've had and the prevalence of Dutch elm, the city needs to actually start fulfilling its promise to protect and revive our tree lines
46	Winnipeg is a slave to excessive expansion and outer development that leaves communities and neighbourhoods effectively stranded when private equity and business culture decides to pack up shop and move to the new developments. Several communities within Winnipeg are without access to fresh food and produce, easy access to medical and pharmaceutical services, and similar needs, and these issues exponentialize when there is no access to a personal vehicle and transit also fails to provide easy access to food and other services required for life.
47	You must provide more affordable and community housing. Not townhouses tucked out of sight, real houses and real neighbourhoods for people who need it, close to services that can provide for them. MARKETLANDS is a blank slate? Great, make it something that can provide for the low income and largely indigenous neighbourhood it occupies. Don't make it another brutalist True North Square, maybe make it an actual market, something like Old Market Square used to be like, or what The Forks used to be like, before everything had to be a tourist trap for visiting suburbanites. Please make it something interesting. Side suggestion, with the impending vacancy of the Nygard store on Broadway, I've always seen it as a great location for a semi-enclosed market. Either that or, again, affordable housing rather than more blocky condos.
48	We have made such great strides in our cycling network the past 10 years but the pace is much too slow. This was particularly brought home with the pandemic. The Open Streets were fantastic to help people get some fresh air and physical activity, but they were not chosen with transportation connections in mind (nor were they set in low income neighbourhoods). With more people avoiding transit and carpooling because of pandemic fears, this is leading to more people driving alone if they don't feel cycling is a convenient and safe option.
49	Our communities need an overall budget increase to not only maintain but reinvigorate our city. Primarily Indigenous communities do not see the level of care and support from the city that upper middle class neighbourhoods do- this perpetuates and encourages cycles of poverty and trauma.
50	As it becomes increasingly clear that our premier does not care about the health and safety of Winnipeggers, the City needs to step up and support those in Winnipeg. I'm not sure if livability is necessarily the right section for this, but we need council to start providing the support and the lockdown measures the province works. Please do something, because how you act now will absolutely impact your reelection chances.
51	As people lose jobs, or hours are cut because businesses are to bringing in as much money we need to seriously be fighting for people to be able to keep their homes. The city needs to get involved in caps on rent, ensuring there are no rent increases or evictions through the remainder of the pandemic. We are in a place where this is the the type of support that is most needed.
52	Reducing poverty reduces crime and the strain on other services such as healthcare. Instead of over-policing it would be interesting to try something new when it comes to the problem of house-lessness. Perhaps building dwellings on all the land wasted by golf courses could be a possibility. Or the Bay downtown- the building is already there so the cost of construction is significantly less. These are just ideas. We should take initiative on this issue since it is such a major one in our city. If we were to come up with a progressive idea that worked or achieved some success it could be used as an inspiration for the rest of the nation.
53	We need to financially support programs like bear clan, Main Street project, and npd women's centre. They are doing it right. We also need UBI stat.

54	Having lived in two neighborhoods of VERY different walkability and safety (near the HSC vs Crescentwood), I've realized how important it is to be able to get outside and enjoy the summer months safely. Encouraging walkability is also very important in light of climate change, as our over-reliance on cars is becoming more and more apparent
55	
56	Winnipeg has thousands of homeless community members and despite the growing numbers of people living on the streets we are seeing affordable housing being torn down and sold off to condos opposed to fixed up to make safe living spaces for those who need.
57	Winnipeg has many lovely neighborhoods and parks which is great. But for many, particularly in underprivileged areas, parks have used and dirty needles and are not safe for children to play in Downtown feels dangerous due to the meth crisis and random unprovoked attacks occurring regular For the first time in my 20 years here I no longer want to go downtown, even though so much work has been done to make it better, sad
58	A focus needs to be made on making sure our neighborhoods are friendly to the people who live in them.
59	The open streets were really appreciated. Do more of this please.
60	Want the city to install more speed cameras and use revenue to make streets safer, close more streets to local traffic, more traffic calming measures
61	I'm not sure what falls under this category, but safe housing and communities are important. Yards, play spaces, community centres are all important. Government help is sometimes necessary to help home owners keep their homes and properties in good condition.
62	Something has to be done about the homeless camps. We have panhandlers on every street corner. We have seen a rise in crime in the exchange area. We are afraid to walk in the neighbourhood at night or in the early morning. Besides being an eyesore and a health hazard the fact that these are even allowed to continue boggles my mind. It seems that the one on Disraeli is on private property. The idea that we would allow this to remain especially right across from a school is astonishing to me.
63	I've been following the news about evolving plans for Transit and infill development. I hope that the City invests in effective planning for our future, so that we have liveable neighbourhoods.
64	The infill policy is ruining the liveability of areas of the city, destroying trees and green space and creating eyesores in the community. The design of these infills is horrible and high priced for those areas. Where is the analysis that tells us these houses sell for what they are listed for, how long do people live in them, and what is their resell value? Those factors will help determine if the infill policy actually is workable. What people want are communities that are so good that people stay within them for long periods of time.
65	I have lived downtown Winnipeg since 2003. I have been disheartened over the years at the disappearance of decent grocery stores within easy walking distance. I used to frequently go to the store in the basement of The Bay but then Target moved in to town and forced it to close (before Target turned on it's heels and moving out again... seriously! What happened there!?).
66	Again, what does this mean?
67	Extremely important

68	<p>Needless to say, these times are hard for everyone. And we are all navigating the same sea, but we are all in different boats--some are in yachts, some are in warships, some are in tiny little lifeboats. The point is that everyone gets tired of navigating everyday society and it's much harder for some people than others. It is important to keep people happy. Clean, safe and accessible (especially for low SES individuals) housing is super important as a baseline for the overall health of individuals. Our city is flat, I think if possible we should build up and make apartment blocks or little condos (I don't know where, I guess that probably the problem) to help with the housing issues.</p>
69	<p>Stop building new developments outside the city and start repairing and investing in current infrastructure (north end)</p>
70	<p>We need walkable communities, safe crosswalks, better street design, slower traffic, AT networks, preserve our urban greenspaces and forests. Slow development on periphery of city. Can we not use land we have and stop extending our UG servicing? we need better development guidelines that hold developers accountable. It feels like developers run the city. depressing. PLUS how many of these developers even live in the City of Wpg??? How many care about the City of Wpg???</p>

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Council Services

Total respondents who selected this service: 10

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	<p>I don't know what it means. I can't indicate my preferences for several items that don't explain themselves.</p>
3	<p>House people!!!</p>
4	<p>we need more for people struggling with mental health especially because of the pandemic</p>
5	<p>Far too many councillors - I belong to my community FB page and am shocked by the comments from neighbouring community about their useless city councillor who never answers or responds to calls emails etc</p>
6	<p>The current strong mayor/EPC model is a failure to many in this city. It is not collaborative or inclusive and is certainly not democratic.</p>

7	The executive policy committee needs to be dissolved and all elected council member should be involved with the day to day management of the City. A diverse range of opinions, perspectives, and thoughts should be embraced by the Mayor rather than stifled by limiting those who can influence important City initiatives. Also, the Mayor's office needs to find a way to work constructively with the Premier.
8	Salaries and expenses should be reduced by a minimum of 15%, EPC must and should be abolished, to eliminate what we effectively have now, a two tier city council.
9	City Clerks Department is a valuable and essential service. They need adequate funding and resources to ensure high quality services and elections are held to meet the public's needs.
10	Cut the staff in councilor offices and their budgets. That should be the first target for any budget slashing. When I see on social media a member of councils staff moaning that their 50+ grand salary is far too low it tells me that they have lost touch with reality of the working people of this city and should be working in the private sector.

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Economic Development

Total respondents who selected this service: 26

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	<p>The history of Winnipeg is one of strong grassroots led community economic development - Covid, like the financial crash of 2008 shows how strong this city and province is when we diversify our investment and localized them. I didn't rank it as a high priority because more focus/tax breaks to attract high end real estate and capital investments is not helping us become a self-sufficient and resilient community. However, greater investment in community led social enterprises, co-ops, and other small businesses has a great impact on our ability to prosper and weather storms together.</p>
3	<p>Having a vibrant business community is important for the city's growth moving forward.</p>
4	<p>To increase services we need to increase economic development and grow the tax base</p>

5	<p>To much of what the city/province buys comes from private American interests. We have more than enough of everything here, and if it costs more than a local big fishes drinking buddy in Arizona can offer it.....Need I fxxking say more.</p> <p>OVERSIGHT!!!! I have watched literally HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS being wasted/stolen by your trusted private partners. I was destroyed for saying so after failing to shut my mouth and take my 25 an hour with benefits. OVERSIGHT.</p> <p>So far, my experience says that the city and province have been complicit in misappropriation of taxpayers money through imprudent practices, lack of general, AUTHENTIC, 3rd party oversight of publicly funded endeavours.</p>
6	<p>This is important as private employment will drive all aspects of a strong city. Its a foundational requirement for the City.</p>
7	<p>Spend money where it will assist the greatest number of individuals</p>
8	<p>Healthy economies have a happy, healthy, inspired community base. We need to find ways to re-invigorate our community through access to affordable activities (recreational, arts, culture) that allow social interaction in a safe and controlled manner and re-stimulate of the economy.</p>
9	<p>Zoning laws and restrictions surrounding residential development (and infill) are overbearing and scare off a lot of potential development. The only people who can make sense of the 88-page document on draft infill guidelines are commercial real estate developers who will get in, build their cookie cutter building, and get out with no desire to contribute to the community beyond lining their own pockets. If you make it easier for the average resident to maintain and develop their own properties, maybe even upgrade to a duplex or triplex, then you will contribute to higher density while keeping the money in the community.</p>
10	<p>Exactly why are wealthy companies like True North, getting tax breaks etc from the City. BEFORE you give these people money.. or tax breaks like TIFS - which is all the same - not having to pay something is the same as giving someone money btw... can't understand why that isn't a simple equation... what do their books say? If they are profitable, they don't need money from the taxpayer. As a LEADER in business.... they should be prepared to pay their fair share.. which actually... should be MORE if they are profitable. Why are they always trying to dodge taxes and this is considered acceptable and normal behavior?</p> <p>so with that context.. why economic development is important, - it affects everyone's life and how business and development is supported in the city. But who gets what is important, and how you discriminate and make judgements about that is important. Already profitable companies and professional sports - don't need taxpayer support. Homelessness needs taxpayer support. If million dollar hockey players can't manage their money, that's their problem. if a FAS young adult is living under a bridge, that affects everyone... community safety - the individual's safety, potentially needs for medical care, how safe the community feels (whether you like that or not), etc. This situation NEEDS taxpayer's dollars for resolution, and btw... there are few to take care of this OTHER than the taxpayer. Professional sports teams like TRUE NORTH and Chipman can afford to look after themselves... stop being played by the wealthy like Sam Katz... how did we get stuck with the stupid ballpark? and now he holds us hostage b/c if the team leaves, we are stuck with a white elephant? City staff and the elected officials need to figure out a way to STOP GETTING PLAYED... (notice I include elected officials in that). the ENVIRONMENT NEEDS A CHAMPION. Like the homeless, it also doesn't have anyone championing it's interests... and unfortunately, these interest AFFECT EVERYONE. The priorities I see here are backwards...</p>
11	

12	Work with universities and industry leaders to focus Winnipeg on information technology as this is the way of the future.
13	I am living cheque to cheque. I'm on welfare, I spend \$50 every 2 weeks for food and barely survive. Yet, I am making as much as if I were to work 4 days a week at minimum wage. Its just not right. Minimum wage needs to be up around \$15 an hour, and welfare should be bumped up by \$50 at least. Every company raises and raises their prices for no reason.
14	Focus on support for small business; how can the city support small businesses better ; possibly through reforms to the existing taxation structures
15	Our city needs affordable housing and supports for homelessness and for the most vulnerable!
16	Local retail and restaurants have always had a hard time surviving in this City. With COVID-19, they are down on their knees and many will not survive. Forget about development. Look at how the City can help to preserve the great funky local food service businesses it has and the lively neighbourhoods they help to create in the Exchange District, downtown, Osborne Village, Corydon, etc.
17	Economic development helps sustain a tax base to maintain important services to and for our citizens
18	
19	be aggressive and imaginative about how you mend this - lots of it won't be in your control but keep trying
20	A vibrant downtown is important.
21	The city must make it easier for developers to work WITH the city. The constant court challenges that they lose are an embarrassment to everyone.
22	During the pandemic recovery the City needs to focus budget on areas that have proven return in investment and result in immediate economic stimulus, such as construction which creates jobs and stimulates household spending in other sectors.
23	I have been very fortunate in that my work was not affected by the pandemic. I know many people who work in the hospitality industry or own their own business who have been. I feel that bringing opportunities back to these sectors quickly will be extremely important in helping Winnipeg recover as quickly as possible.
24	cut the red tape! really! let's make it easier to do business in this city!
25	The WMR needs some "teeth" to enable economic development in the entire capital region. The City needs to get on board to make this happen and the Province needs to move it forward.
26	Focus on the most vulnerable.

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Fire Service

Total respondents who selected this service: 20

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	<p>The Fire Service budget increases yearly beyond inflation . Fire call volume continues to decline. Wages are too high while overall utilization is very low. Better utilization of Fire Fighters as Public Protection officers needs to be considered. Police and Ambulance are overwhelmed while Fire Fighters sleep.</p>
3	<p>Too many fire fighters not many fires.</p> <p>Too many medical calls not enough paramedics.</p> <p>We need more ambulances and they need more paramedics.</p>

4	<p>If not for ambulance calls, the fire service vehicles would sit idle a majority of the time. This over staffed, over financed department needs to see dollars redirected from fire equipment to paramedics. Citizens of Winnipeg are paying for BBQs, big screen TVs, & other luxury items bought through “station budgets”. Glamours response vehicles i.e. speed boats, overland fire trucks, & ATVs are purchased & rarely used (if at all other than training). We need to keep Paramedics in house - a simple review of the provincial</p> <p>Ambulance system will find little to no advanced care & when it is delivered, done through transfer of function & not by advanced trained, licensed, & accredited Advance Care Paramedics. To sure about you, but if I am having a heart attack, I would much prefer an advanced care paramedic with 3 years of didactic & practical training vs a basic care paramedic providing care based on a weekend course & following a treatment protocol algorithm. Make the hard decisions, fire is sexy & has a vocal union but, enough is enough... find the service that needs it. Make our paramedic service great again.</p>
5	Overpaid. Massive demand for jobs and they all moon light and have side jobs.
6	Having a combined fire and ems service is extremely wasteful and ineffective
7	they're doing great , thank u for ur service firemen and women.
8	I want more of my money going to this service
9	First responders of all types need to know they have best support from city. We need to acknowledge that
10	Vital city service that is there to protect people and property when needed. Peace of mind knowing they are there. Separate fire from ambulance service (and fund Ambulance Service better) to reduce first responder duplication.
11	We always need fire service. You never know what happens
12	So much wasted money for a service that isn't utilized properly.
13	
14	Very critical roll in Winnipeg
15	I am concerned with the increasing costs that come from the integrated Fire/Paramedic service model. I think we have too many firefighters and not enough paramedics. The City must come to a better funding agreement with the WRHA for paramedic services too, ensuring that the province meets its responsibility.
16	Need more focus on prevention, and fewer resources spent on fire response. Bloated.
17	Why are there so many fire stations and why do they get paid to sleep? What a waste of money. I would love to go to work and get paid to sleep. If they don't have enough to do that they can sleep then we don't need that many of them.
18	The fire service should be separated from the city's paramedic service. If someone calls for an ambulance, a fire truck does not need to attend the scene. Instead of wasting public money on sending out excessive emergency response crews, invest in more paramedic services (both ambulances and paramedics). Then separate both emergency services and save money by reclassifying the employees
19	Salary costs are way too high!

20	<p>Un énorme camion ne pouvant facilement accéder aux ruelles des vieux quartiers est une méthode inefficace et met des vies en danger. Si on insiste que ce soit les pompiers qui jouent le rôle de premiers intervenants dans le cas d'une urgence, il est important de revoir la taille des camions. Sur les plans écologiques, financiers et de services aux citoyens, la ville bénéficierait d'une analyse et ultimement d'une nouvelle approche.</p> <p>English: A huge vehicle that cannot easily access back alleys in older neighborhoods is ineffective and places lives in danger. If we insist that firefighters be the first responders in the case of an emergency, it is important to review the size of the vehicles they use. The City would benefit in reviewing their ecological, financial and client-focused services plan and develop a new approach.</p>
----	---

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Golf Services

Total respondents who selected this service: 56

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	<p>Waste of space. Waste of water. Waste of land. Waste of chemicals to upkeep grass. Turn the golf courses into community parks, gardens and indigenous land.</p>
3	<p>Excessive cost and claim of real estate for the benefit of very few.</p>
4	<p>WHY DOES THE CITY OWN GOLF COURSES? DO THEY MAKE MONEY OFF OF THEM? IF NOT, THEN WHY?</p>
5	<p>Keep the golf courses. Healthy greenspace.</p>
6	<p>“Golf services” should not be included in the city’s budget. It is a recreational “sport” that is only available in the suburbs of Winnipeg in the more well off community’s. They are expensive so not very accessible to everyone, they are representing classism, predominantly white (in white neighborhoods) and if the city has golf services as a budget priority then where are the other more popular sports budgets?</p>

7	get rid of it, no city money should be used to support the entertainment of wealthy people. Invest in public sport programs in the north end.
8	An all you can play membership for a reasonable fee, with specific times (open till 11am) as member only would be a great addition and get more users out on off peak times
9	Eliminate it completely, turn the space into parks.
10	I know this isn't actually what your question was asking, but I am genuinely curious why the city is spending any money on golf at all. It's a sport skewed to the wealthy, they can pay for it themselves. The city constantly cuts services for everything, how has this survived? Please worry about more useful public services instead. I guess, if this was to be formed into an idea, please cut this before even thinking about cutting anything else... if there are people who this means a lot to, I am quite sure they have the means to support it on their own.
11	People need recreational services incl golf for quality of life, but the current set of city golf courses does not fulfill that need as well as it should, as it has not adapted to changing needs. A true reimaging of Golf Services is needed on the same level as the Transit Master Plan to optimize our golf assets. This does not preclude the development of some courses.
12	Using huge amounts of green space while subjecting our homeless populations to traumatic experiences on the street feels dystopian, for lack of a better word.
13	We don't need golf right now, focus funding on education
14	The golf courses provide green space. They could be used for many more activities
15	Sell them
16	Golf? Seriously? What is it, 1982? Close city courses and give the land back to all.
17	if this weren't a white man's sport, it wouldn't be considered essential.
18	bulldoze the golf courses and build shelters and low income housing. what a horrifying allocation of public resources
19	It doesn't make sense for taxpayers to be subsidizing this service.
20	Golf services is a waste of city revenue. Unless it is profitable, City golf courses should be sold off, as there is plenty of private courses should people wish to golf.
21	Golf is not important. Normal folk can't afford this. It's for the rich folk and I don't really care about it.
22	I have a hard time understanding why the city is in the golf course business. I am a golfer but this seems like a product that private sector should provide.
23	do not need Kildonan golf course - make a rink or recreational facility for all people in the north end (north of Inkster) to use
24	Why is this even a thing? Public money should not be spent on golf services. I strongly object.
25	The City should not own / care for golf courses, and I am a golfer.
26	Should be fully privatized
27	Why are we providing this as a city service? We need to focus on services that benefit a larger segment of the population. Even leisure service resources are better focused on other, more useful things, such as community centres, swimming pools, etc., that benefit youth, particularly in the inner city.
28	Get out of the damn golf business already. Don't use one pandemic-fueled year of increased revenue to justify hanging on to these courses.
29	While recreation is important for the population, this is single stream service and could be scaled back. Multi-use recreation funding is more important than a single stream.
30	What a tremendous waste of space that could be used for something that benefits more than a handful of people with means. The amount land and resources required by a gold course is disproportionate to the number of people who can and do access it.

31	Extremely unimportant especially during a pandemic
32	Golf is a waster of good land. I don't understand why the city has so many golf courses
33	Why on earth is the city involved in maintaining golf courses? Significant environmental impact, inaccessible to many, and costly. Why oh why? We need to get out of supporting golf.
34	Let's get out of the golf business. It uses up a lot of land and water for limited benefits.
35	This is a waste of space and resources is in not something that should be subsidized from the public purse. Privatise all golf services.
36	close golf courses and build accessible and affordable public housing on them
37	Too much green space is given to golf courses and contributes to climate change. It displaces native wildlife, uses a lot of water and contributes to the extinction of native species.
38	The city should get of providing golf courses. It's elitist, expensive and terrible for the environment. Plus, the sale of the courses could generate a bit of money.
39	Literally who cares about golf.
40	
41	I want zero public dollars invested in golf.
42	Why does the city even have a golf services department?
43	Since golf is an activity that first promoted during this time of COVID-19, more investment in the daily upkeep of the City owner courses. This will attract new and keep the regulars players coming back.
44	city should convert more of its golf courses to parks
45	The city should not be in the golf business. Sell the courses or turn them into parks.
46	why is the city even involved with golf?? golf courses take up land that could be used for public spaces, housing, and it's in prime areas that could be redeveloped - instead of creating more urban sprawl
47	A small population of Winnipeg plays golf. I am unsure why it is even a city service.
48	I have enjoyed some of the courses this summer. I hope they will continue.
49	Why does the city need to own and run golf courses? Nobody else can do this? Focus!
50	Sell all the golf courses
51	Sell the properties if not profitable.
52	I found golfing to be even more important this year with Covid. That was our main source of activity. I hate to see the City reduced these golf courses.
53	I used to live close to Windsor Golf Course, I never golfed on it, but used it regularly for CC skiing and I love it. I still drive across town to use it. It would be great to see this available at other city Golf courses.
54	Do not sell off our golf courses. Have never played the game, but there is a need for recreation within the COW.
55	Please consider converting some of the golf courses to park land.
56	it's not. unless this is an "all - in" profitable venture for the city - get rid of them. Golfers can afford to pay their costs to enjoy a sport, like the rest of participants usually do.

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Insect Control

Total respondents who selected this service: 11

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	We need to save the ash trees
3	Having spending more time outside this year, I really appreciated having a relatively mosquito free summer and when they did fogging when the numbers went up, the fogged. It worked!
4	Do it more please.
5	Let insects live
6	I dont know if this is true, but I heard the city did not spray insecticide this past spring on to stagnant water for mosquitos due to covid. If that is true, they should be sure to do that each year.
7	Fog more often. Mosquitoes were horrible this year. Lower the trap threshold or use trap counts from different areas of the city.

8	Why does a taxpayer who wants a buffer zone have more rights than one who doesn't? If I'm not going to be provided the insect control service by the city I should be reimbursed for the cost of doing it myself.
9	Grasshoppers are the next plaque
10	Insect control should avoid any spraying at all costs; instead promote indigenous predator habitat for nuisance insects
11	I'd like more of it especially now that we can't go anywhere

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Libraries

Total respondents who selected this service: 72

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	<p>Libraries are vital to thriving communities. Education and knowledge NEED to be accessible and free for ALL.</p>
3	<p>Fantastic customer service. Best value for property taxes in the city. Source of information to answer my questions. Furthers my education with online sources. Source of entertainment through reading material. Saves me money! Provided valuable quality of life service and continuing education resources that makes the whole city better.</p>
4	<p>Please open libraries on the weekends in the Summer. Especially with the pandemic as many people can not travel in the summer the libraries are so desperately needed. Generally the library has been a wonderful place for my family to go and their services were very much appreciated over these last few months (digital subscriptions for education and entertainment, books)</p>
5	<p>This should be a private run business</p>

6	Important because it provides an accessible space for everyone in any demographic to access free information, community workshops, internet access, etc. Really unimpressed by the proposals to shorten hours or close branches, and quite disappointed by the new screening happening at Millenium - I do hope when the pandemic is over, we will reconsider if this is necessary to community safety, or if it negatively affects community safety.
7	Very important for folks during pandemic to have free access to media, books, and educational materials.
8	The libraries are essential in times of crisis.
9	Libraries are vital to our community. We go all the time and the proximity of a library impacted the purchase of our current home. They MUST be properly funded and maintained.
10	Libraries are so important to me, especially during this time of pandemic when there are fewer activities that are safe to do. Being able to access so many books and other forms of entertainment has been so important. I've really appreciated the fines being waved and borrowing periods extended during this time when it can be more challenging to physically get to the library. I have also enjoyed libraries as places to bring my toddler for entertainment and to expand the books we can read at home and I look forward to doing that again soon. I think libraries are also so vital to support lower income families who don't have as many resources at home.
11	Stop cutting library funds. An educated population with access to a safe place with learning materials is key to a thriving population.
12	I use the library regularly and even more than usual during COVID. Having access to good books and other media is essential to staying busy and happy during this unusual time. I've also discovered new features of the library, such as the "recommend 5 books" service, that are enhancing my enjoyment of the library. I would also really like to see the Cornish branch reopen, as it is in my neighbourhood, and I miss being able to walk to the library from my home.
13	This service is literally a lifeline for many people especially those who are economically challenged. Books, magazines, movies, internet and groups are incredibly important to having a prosperous community. We need libraries to be fully equipped and engaged in the local community.
14	This is an equalizer to the marginalized communities. Closing libraries (and other community centres) for months on end negatively impacted the marginalized community in ways that privileged elected officials don't even understand.
15	The library not only provides a borrowing service but it has also become an educational centre and meeting place.
16	My neighbourhood library is hugely important to me. My family visits it weekly to take out books. We borrow both physical and ebooks. I also use the library occasionally as a workplace.
17	So important to us. We've used the library a lot during Covid.
18	I use library services whenever I can. The electronic resources are especially useful these days. Thank you!
19	I use the library at least once a week. It's very important to me to have the space to work and study, and also have access to so many different materials and resources. I'm also glad to see those resources used by others. I hope that the staff have adequate support to keep themselves healthy and safe during the pandemic, I'm very grateful for the work they do.

20	Libraries are a lifeline for people who are of low income but need access to resources like the internet, or general information about any number of topics. Please keep that in mind the next time cutting the budget or hours is proposed. Most of this city's problems are directly related to wealth inequality, and such cuts exacerbate the problem.
21	I love the library. I constantly use the service, even throughout the pandemic I have used the library to borrow books, video games, and even piano books. It provides people from all walks of life an opportunity to read and learn, and when it's not a pandemic, use the computers. Please properly fund libraries.
22	Their importance can not be overstated.
23	Libraries are important gathering places for our communities and should be accessible to all members of the public. I was happy to see/hear that the Millenium Library removed the physical barriers.
24	Libraries are extremely important for communities in Winnipeg. Facilities like this are detrimental to the development of under-valued communities who may not have the resources needed to succeed in academics. They provide safe space for learning, as well as an opportunity for skill development.
25	Investment in libraries is essential! No security gates please.
26	Stop closing libraries. My god why does this even need to be said.
27	Libraries are essential. Likely, our city counsellors haven't used a library since they were children but many people of all ages rely on them. They are a way we can share and resource our entire community, which is an example of banding together which we need more than ever during the covid era.
28	Everything libraries do, only lead to better outcomes. Increase funding!
29	My child loves visiting the library and really felt a strong loss with libraries being closed
30	Libraries are important. They always have been. The positive role they play in the community is irrefutable. Defunding libraries is incredibly irresponsible
31	They are important to allow people to access things who may not have constant access to the internet and books that can be found there. Not to mention a quiet place to read, do school work, and get away from the house for a bit.
32	we love our neighbourhood library but their hours are less and less and programming keeps getting cut. please invest in libraries
33	I feel that during this time of covid 19, libraries could use increased funding in order to continue to adapt their services to provide important programs and services to communities that have had to adjust to covid-19/
34	Great service.
35	Libraries are an absolute staple of a community's life. They provide resources to everyone and promote literacy, education, and allow access to resources that can be challenging for some people to find elsewhere.
36	I very much appreciate having access to the library system even in a limited capacity during the pandemic. I look forward to their services resuming again so my children can continue to benefit from story time and literacy development.
37	Really missed having the library to go to whenever we wished. Hope our community library will open again soon - Cornish.
38	Libraries are critical community hubs and must be supported through COVID times as a safe place for people to gather and learn.
39	A larger selection of ebooks would have been great, possibly with kindle support

40	I was so angry when council talked about closing libraries. We need more library services not less!
41	I have noticed that the library has very little online outreach for families. Programs like baby rhyme time and family reading events were valuable for young and low income families. I would like to see these services go virtual
42	This is an extremely valuable resource in our community, and making information less accessible and more difficult for folks living within Winnipeg will not make the world better. Also, the fact that people have been accessing Winnipeg's libraries to do basic human activities like hygiene shouldn't mean that we make it harder, it should show us that we need more places to perform human hygiene in Winnipeg for those without adequate housing.
43	Libraries are my life line and one of the hardest things during covid was when they were closed. I am picking up or dropping off books 3x a week. I also don't mind paying fees for the DVDs. I think the smart locker is under utilized though.
44	Our libraries are so underfunded and understaffed. They need a huge increase in funding support and a more expansive mandate so they can be the community hubs they need to be.
45	This allows people to enrichen their lives and distract from the monotony of the day to day. Especially with the pandemic going on, it's important to have a distraction from the stress of life
46	Libraries are important to maintain.
47	Libraries must be protected. The recent suggestion that the budget would close and diminish services to libraries was appalling and infuriating. What city thinks so little of its citizens that it would remove these kindest and least expensive gestures of civility. A city that defunds libraries does not deserve to even exist. This is the most egregious and disgusting action the city proposed last year and it honestly made me want to move away. To deprive citizens of library services is the ultimate step in choosing the rich over the poor, in eroding communities, and in denying the purpose of the city as a service. The city is NOT here to make money - it is here to serve the citizens. As it is the libraries do not have enough hours or funding. It is very weird that the summer and winter hours are not the same - this is a calculated effort to reduce use of the library. If you never knew when and if a store would be open - would you go? There is NOTHING sensible about reducing library programming and/or hours. The use of private security and searching of citizens at millennium is disgusting. Alternate methods of dealing with the issue - (what is the issue? book theft, drugs, weapons?) must be sought. I have never felt unsafe in the library until I was asked to be searched. Doing this in the intercity in particular targets the indigenous and lower income communities that need this service most and makes them feel completely unwelcome and criminalised.
48	Libraries provide services that are much needed - computer access being a big one. Supports to community groups, daycares and stay at home moms, affordable meeting rooms, are others. And best of all books, CDs, movies, magazines available to every member of our city.
49	Libraries are an essential service, providing information and resource both in-person and digitally. They also provide community level access to knowledge free of charge for the city's most vulnerable population. FUND THEM!
50	Libraries are important for lifelong education and community building. we should be building more and investing in the ones we do have.

51	The libraries provide valuable service to the community. The City needs to increase the library budget significantly. No new Library Branches (new facilities have been built, but the number of Branches has remained the same) have been added to the system for over 30 years. The City always tries to find ways to cut back library service, but never tries to find ways to increase it. The recent proposals to cut library Branches, and the recent cuts to Library Branch hours are an example. There is never any talk of adding a new Branch or increasing hours or number of staff or materials budgets.
52	I love our libraries. Ebooks were a lifeline in early quarantine. Staff were extremely kind and professional when I called to ask questions and when I went to renew my card this fall. I would love to see libraries get more support for the wonderful work they're already doing. Our libraries are very sparsely-staffed compared to other Canadian cities, and our branches have pretty limited hours. They could do even more good with more staff and higher budgets.
53	Libraries are one of the few public spaces that one can enjoy and utilize for free. This free access to knowledge and education is an invaluable resource, but it seems that the city is intent on reducing people's access to it. The discussion of closing the Fort Garry library and the ridiculous airport-style security that was used at the Millenium Library were awful policy decisions.
54	Essential service
55	Libraries are essential to a city. Especially for people who need a computer to print our resumes for example, or getting children to read, or giving people quiet areas to study. Although we seem to assume everything is moving towards a more technologically centered society the truth is nothing can replace librariesz
56	Need to get rid of draconian security theatres.
57	Libraries are so important. They provide a large variety of services and resources, and we would be much worse off without them. I very much appreciate our libraries.
58	Libraries should be invested in, not cut.
59	The one service doing a great job and inspiring my children
60	Libraries are great. The staff at my local library will bend over backwards to do anything for you that they can, even with the pandemic restrictions.
61	Service is great with everything getting expensive it is great to be able to still get books, use computers, wifi, enjoy a great variety of programming for free. The online collection was very useful during the lockdown.
62	Obviously these should be open longer, possibly 24/7. Connect a skywalk/tunnel system to the Millennium Library. Portage Place to the Millennium Library to Winnipeg Square to the Forks. Other than that, just make sure you never bring back those ridiculous metal detectors and get the police out of the library.
63	Library spaces need more funding, less policing, and more awareness of services, workshops, and community engagement.
64	Libraries need to be well funded and accessible to all as part of a healthy community.
65	This service is one of the services that I refer to, when I use words like "life-sustaining". The fact that the library listened to community and removed the security barrier was a very important moment in Winnipeg. Centering the needs of the BIPOC community and those most vulnerable, due to systemic oppression are how we are going to move towards a much more equitable city. Also, DO NOT invest in Starlight. That company is TERRIBLY unethical.
66	Libraries are essential and a life-saving space for many people. Their funding and hours of operation should reflect this.

67	I love the library & use it to get books all the time. I notice kids getting books & this is important too.
68	Please invest in this publicly accessible service, it is important for many people in the community and provides access to education, information, and services that improve the quality of life.
69	Libraries are essential services, providing knowledge and social support. More money for libraries and librarians!
70	why in this day and age are we still building libraries
71	We go weekly and love having access to books.
72	They are amazing and happy to see screening is gone at the Mill.

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Medical Response

Total respondents who selected this service: 34

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	<p>As someone with high risk parents and family members, after seeing them interact with our current medical system after the changes implemented on the provincial level, I feel like the medical system does very little to effectively help those who need it.</p>
3	
4	<p>As our city's citizens become older (like myself) we need a quick and efficient response system (police, fire and emergency system)</p>
5	<p>Waiting time for a family doctor is longer now. I still cannot take a full health check, had been waiting for 1.5 months, and 1 week still ahead. I can't imagine if I would accidentally need a specialist, so my health is definitely endangered because of a long waiting list.</p>
6	<p>More ambulances. Sending firefighters to medical incidents is a waste of tax payer money.</p>
7	<p>Separate the paramedics and firefighters. Let the province take over ambulance service.</p>
8	

9	Proper medical response can save lives. In a pandemic 🤖 it is vital!!
10	It is important to properly fund (ex: not cutting ICU beds, closing ERs, paying healthcare workers fairly) so that our healthcare can safely and quickly care for our population, not just in a pandemic.
11	I would like to be more confident that if I call for medical attention for someone experiencing a drug reaction or a mental health emergency, they will be attended to by paramedics/EMTs/crisis response workers with deescalation training, NOT police.
12	Cutting funding to our hospitals and closing our ER's was an awful mistake - there are certainly other service that are being vastly overfunded (police) and provide a "service" that is nowhere near the level of importance or necessity that our medical centers provide.
13	We are not investing enough money into our medical response services. Especially during a time when these services are essential and play a large factor in how our city/province deals with Covid 19.
14	More ambulances and paramedics. Less firefighters. Stop sending firefighters to medical calls where they're not required.
15	I think this one is obvious.
16	I have family and friends who work in this field. I'm hearing (first hand) how the pandemic is destroying their mental health and wellbeing. They are short staffed and stressed (more than ever). I fear that we will lose more medical professionals due to the work environment, and allure/pay of work outside of the province.
17	Our mental health system is broken. We need to fund more clinics and organizations like the CMHA.
18	most people don't ponder or think about these needs until they themselves use it. so some body of the city's services such as doing a self evaluation with some 'citizen's at large seating on that board
19	Timely access to medical staff is important, especially in an emergency situation. Unfortunately people are falling ill and some are contracting covid, and sometimes these symptoms can worsen quickly without warning. Having adequate and helpful professionals encourages people to opt to make better judgements on situations that may be life threatening (and saves lives)
20	EMS services are essential, and it is important to ensure technicians are well equipped to do their job.
21	Winnipeg fails to have a medical response to those dealing with a mental health crisis. All mental health Services should be under medical jurisdiction however we currently have police handling these situations which leads to high criminalization rates and overwhelming the crisis centers.
22	Manitoba's health care is in need of some help. This is important to me because I want my friends, family and myself to feel safe where we live.
23	Please ensure that all these vital service employees have anti racism training. I was so disappointed to read an article on the FPress that an incident had occurred - with fire paramedics refusing to help an stabbed indigenous person.
24	I have nothing but respect and appreciation for the ambulance services/people, and the paramedics. I think they are doing a great job, and are very sensitive and caring, and supportive of patients and family.
25	EMS in this city is poorly managed and fire should not be responding to medical calls. It is expensive and offers no benefit.
26	The city needs more ambulances.
27	We need more doctors and nurses available during weekends and nights.
28	Safe-consumption sites of drugs are proven to be vital in the prevention of overdose deaths and should be introduced in the City of Winnipeg.

29	The pandemic and problems with policing has shown that we need to invest in medical care as well as a medical response to mental health crises.
30	When someone has a mental health crisis it should be responded to by a medical response team, a psychologist or therapist, not a police officer who has no knowledge of mental illness, deescalation or staying calm in a high emotion situation. Maybe a team of an officer and a psychologist? The officer keeps the psychologist safe, while the psychologist deals with the person in crisis?
31	This is a vital service that is there to help people when needed. Peace of mind knowing they are there. Separate ambulance service from fire fire (and fund Ambulance Service better) to reduce first responder duplication.
32	we too often read after the fact of the slow response that had happened. we know we can't have a perfect system but an evaluation board should be set up that meets once a month who review last activities to see if a chnage is required that might improve the system.
33	Council needs to stop taking direction that is obviously provided to them by labour groups. A provincial ambulance system will not dedicate more ambulances to the City of Winnipeg. In fact, it could be entirely possible that City ambulances would be diverted to do rural calls & transfers from rural hospitals into the City. Also standbys or Code 8s are a possibility... a provincial City ambulance dispatched outside city limits to cover a rural area while that dedicated rural ambulance is responding to another call. How is that better service for the City of Winnipeg? Keep our paramedics in house!
34	Covid19

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Organizational Support Services

Total respondents who selected this service: 16

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	<p>Mental health is very important, and should be at the forefront regardless of covid. People need help from supports be in CMHA or other.</p>
3	<p>Please delay boutique issues (trees, bike lanes, keeping things pretty) and focus on supporting those most in need, specifically seniors and people with disabilities</p>

4	I have made complaints about activities of my neighbours which are violations of bylaws, and nothing gets resolved. Example...one neighbour raised his yard and all snow melt, etc pooled in my yard, 3x more coverage than before. Not even one puddle in his yard. First report in April. Finally got answer in Sept with water and waste saying the owner could do it and presented photos taken in April of neighbour's yard (huh? Not even a peek at mine? THAT was the issue!) Regardless of my pointing out numerous times the bylaw that said a property owner could NOT raise their land and have negative impact on properties next door, NOTHING was done! So I deal with flooding of my yard each spring. BTW that property owner does not live there. And this is just one of my issues of neighbours. On the other side is a guy with an illegal commercial parking lot and a side yard next to mine filled with construction material!
5	This service is the core to running any business and core functions should be valued like any other public facing services. Invest in the assets tax payer paid for, invest in core processes and technologies that support core services. Bring in an independent reviewer to do an assessment and will quickly see the poor choices made by senior position “yes-men”, and how some areas are under resourced to support the city of this size. Top down changes need to be made.
6	Community Centers need more, They play a big role in the Community, We need to build more space for families and children's, We need a safe hub for kids
7	I strongly believe support services are important for Winnipeg. They provide information and education for Winnipeggers that may not be regularly available to them.
8	There are many organizations in Winnipeg that are working to provide comprehensive and holistic community safety through harm reduction, mental health, youth programming, and social services. These organizations do an admirable job of stretching small budgets to do wonderful things in the communities they serve, and with more funding they could extend their programming in amazing ways. I would like to see my taxes go towards supporting organizations and services serving these needs.
9	What does Organizational support Services really do. I assume as the name implies - it is a branch of the government that provides its citizens with access to services that they required. Otherwise I do not really know what this department does and therefore I would have to change my answer to not important at all.
10	The City of Winnipeg, in all it's glory cannot possibly handle everything on their own. Community partner organizations are so very important to the growth of the City. Community members deserve to have local spots to be able to meet up, socialize, learn of new opportunities, learn a new skill and be connected to appropriate resources that the City may not be able to provide for them at a reasonable cost. I have been able to connect youth to many different opportunities for growth through connecting with local non profit community centres. This is so important for the economy as a whole. The more skills and opportunities out there, the more youth will be inspired to want to do more/learn more/give back to their communities.
11	🌀 Who wants free money?! Just know the right guy, build a gimmick and BOW! Its so magical!
12	Would like to see more infrastructure to move people out of homelessness
13	
14	Support services are important in a pandemic to help citizens cope and survive during a very stressful period of time!!
15	Not even sure what this entails. Could probably be cut and no one would notice.

16	<p>This is probably the most important service. Cutting funding to resource centres is a horrible idea.</p> <p>Good thing the people of Winnipeg have been helping each other out during this thanksgiving season!</p> <p>More money needs to go to these services.</p>
----	---

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Parking

Total respondents who selected this service: 20

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	<p>From a traffic flow point of view, why do all major routes, excluding one's that are right in the core, allow parking for all but 2 hours a day. Open these lanes up to travel 24-7, busses won't have to zig zag allowing for a faster route. People turning won't stop the flow completely. Why are we paying to maintain a lane of this travel for someone to park in for the majority of the day. For businesses along major routes tell their customers to park on side streets and walk. These are roads, not parking lots.</p> <p>Allowing no parking on these routes are a easy and cheap way to keep traffic flowing in this city, and the infrastructure is already in place. All is would take are some new no parking and no stopping signs. Why this city insists on staying in the past is beyond me. We have poorly timely lights, few to nil interchanges, at least get rid of some of the unnecessary congestion.</p>

3	Large amounts of public space is being repaired and maintained for storage of personal vehicles (free residential street parking). Please collect a reasonable fee for the use of this resource.
4	I feel that the metered parking around hospitals, especially within comfortable walking distances, is a cash grab. It isn't like people can choose whether or not they wish to go to a hospital - either for themselves or to visit/assist loved ones. When you gotta go, you gotta go.
5	everyone in the city who parks their car on a residential street should have to pay a monthly fee similar to transit.
6	Provide more parking for free or low rates.
7	Why are there so many bike lanes downtown? Have you driven on these streets during rush hour? Very frustrating when streets where 2 lanes and now are 1 lane because the other lane is for bikes. Have you been on one of these streets when a fire truck is trying to get to a call? No thought put into this plan!
8	If we are truly interested in revitalizing the downtown core do something about to cost and time restrictions when parking anywhere downtown. How about a couple of designated as free parking lots.
9	Charge MORE for parking everywhere. This is increase demand for functional transit. (Look into what Calgary did)
10	Decrease parking rates downtown and help university students
11	Parking fees are outrageous. There is very little 'free' parking downtown. Attracting people to downtown means providing free or very inexpensive ways to park. Parking fees are a deterrent to going to events (like the arts) because of ridiculous extra costs. Lets support the arts, not a parking meter!
12	Paying for parking at any hospital is ludicrous. Or put in place a flat 5.00 a day rate as one never knows how long time will be needed for appointments. High consideration given to cancer care patients who in fact have no concept of how long they may be when in chemo treatment and having nurses run out to pay meters is not acceptable
13	Why are we letting Parking Services and the obsession with cars drive our city planning. Remove the parking and add bike lanes
14	Far too much space in Winnipeg is devoted to storing personal death machines. Reduce street parking and make it easier for people to get around without their cars by funding sensible AT infrastructure and public transit.
15	Reduce parking rates especially around hospitals
16	I like the price of parking. I think it is reasonable. I think Winnipeggers complain too much about our situation but Winnipeg is a star compared to any other major city in the country in terms of parking.
17	I wonder why the city allows street parking by local residents when they have double car garages, the streets are narrow and yet the residents all seem to want to park on the street.
18	I have lived in a number of large cities in and outside of Canada. I also travel to large cities internationally and nationally for work. These other cosmopolitan cities appear to invest in public
19	like the pay by parking app, better integration with private lots to reduce the amount of apps and make parking the city a bit more seamless. Also there are some areas where someone is always getting a ticket. if the goal is to ensure that curb space is used effectively, more signage should be used. If its for revenue generation than disregard.
20	If parking was free it would bring more people downtown

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Parks & Urban Forestry

Total respondents who selected this service: 102

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	horrible
3	<p>Parks have always been very important to me, and even more so during the pandemic. They provided a safe space, to relieve stress meet up with peers from a distance, exercise etc. We need to ensure parks remain accessible and free. Healthy outdoor activities should be accessible to all.</p>
4	<p>I think more investment should be made in protecting the trees we have in Addition to planting new ones. For example, city-supported tree banding would be important in protecting the trees in our older neighbourhoods.</p> <p>The city's website that gives instruction on tree-banding is out of date and suggests use of materials (Foil-lined insulation) that are very difficult for the average consumer to source as it is no longer carried by Home improvement chains like Home Depot, Lowe's or Canadian tire. Anything the city can do to make it easier for tax payers to hand their trees, the better.</p>

5	More needs to be done to save or replace the city's tree canopy. The rate at which we are losing trees to disease has been heartbreaking.
6	Availability of park spaces during the pandemic has allowed us to get out of the house and helped to maintain mental health.
7	Winnipeg needs to make a concerted effort to invest in the urban forest. The emerald ash borer will inevitably kill off all the ash trees in Winnipeg. Compounding the problem, the city has neglected it's duties to remove diseased elm trees in a timely manner which has resulted in a shocking increase in the spread of dutch elm disease in the last ~3 years. As a result of budget cuts and the administration shirking it's responsibilities, the city needs to plant far more trees than they remove to make up for lost ground.
8	We need to do a much better job at protecting our beautiful tree canopies and not wait until it is way to late to be planting more. Trees make our neighbourhood more pleasant to walk in, they provide shade, help protect our air quality and much more. For far too long, the Urban Forestry team has been underfunded and has not been able to keep up with the loss of so many of our big old trees. If we want to keep our beautiful tree canopies, we need to start planting more yesterday.
9	Combative, uncooperative approach to servicing customers and suppliers.
10	Parks is operating in a combative and uncooperative role with their customers and suppliers. Major changes in policy need to be made
11	I feel Parks is operating in a combative and uncooperative role with their customers and suppliers.
12	With the huge snowstorm and tree loss event of last year we need a better plan for replacing trees in our neighbourhoods. They provide shade, well being, habitats and increase housing prices (and therefore taxes) . our urban forest needs to be replaced with diverse species to ensure survival against species- specific insects and disease. The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago and the second best time is now.
13	More money needs to be placed into preserving our urban forest. We lose to many Mature elm trees each year.
14	As someone who moved to Winnipeg during the pandemic from out of province, I have been extremely impressed with the quality of the parks and outdoor recreation opportunities in the city! I think having safe ways for people to socialize and stay active outdoors will continue to be important throughout the winter, and I look forward to seeing what the city has to offer!

15	<p>There is no better infrastructure to invest in than the public canopy. Money spent on trees (planting and maintenance) provides a massive return; Halifax estimated a return of \$8 for every dollar.</p> <p>We are at a critical point where if we do not adequately fund the pruning cycle (the 2021 community trends report says in 2019 we were at a pruning cycle of 31 years; best practice is 7-8 years) and give more budget to disease control, we are going to lose what's left of our elm canopy.</p> <p>Now we are about to embark on this master forestry strategy, and waste more time debating priorities and values. We know Winnipeggers love and value the public trees. We know that the urban forest is a \$5 billion asset. We have some of the best technical forestry knowledge in our city; all that's missing is to fund the department properly. I can't stress this enough. We can't spare any more time - every year that goes by, we lose thousands and thousands of trees. Planting a million trees on private property and in parks and natural areas will not offset the loss to the streetscape.</p> <p>It is a #1 topic of discussion in my neighbourhood and I personally see and feel the consequences of a neglected public canopy. On a hot day, it is bearable under the shade of the elms on my street. But when you step out into the open where the trees have been lost, it's awful - and our summers are going to get hotter. I nervously watch the branches that sit on rooftops and power lines - disasters waiting to happen.</p>
16	<p>Need to make process more efficient. So much money is wasted because of redoing landscaping because of uncoordinated planning or because there was no urgent maintenance plan being strictly followed. Trees/sod planted but not inspected regularly so many just die and then instead of trying to save those that could be saved, they just get replaced.</p>
17	<p>Rather than planting annuals that require more maintenance (costs), would be great to see native species planted. As someone who commutes downtown, I'd rather enjoy medians filled with native plants than pots of annuals sitting on piles of gravel. It makes no sense to me from both a cost perspective and an environmental one.</p>
18	
19	<p>Waking around a neighborhood like Woseley inspires me and brings me peace. I get sad each day I see more trees tagged for removal due to pests and how poorly the new trees are maintained by the city. I pray I can still enjoy a thriving tree canopy in the many years to come, but fear the worst.</p>
20	<p>Maintaining our urban forest is absolutely paramount. It makes Winnipeg unique, interesting, and liveable, and would cost FAR less than just pouring money into an empty pit of road infrastructure.</p>
21	<p>I've participated in the ReLeaf program each year since moving back to Winnipeg. Many of the trees on my street have had to be removed over the past two years and I am very concerned about the impact of Winnipeg's disappearing canopy on livability, wildlife, and climate change.</p>
22	<p>Very important especially with advancing climate change, the importance of trees in providing shade, cleaning the air, wildlife habitat, soil conservation as well as aesthetically .</p>
23	<p>I'm very concerned about Winnipeg's tree canopy in light of the threat of ash borer beetles. Our canopy is one of the defining points of Winnipeg and we need to work to protect and replenish it for generations to come</p>

24	Years of budget cuts have caught up with us and maybe to the point of no return. It's a shame that our trees are disappearing so quickly.
25	Our parks and urban forests are incredibly important for people's health and mental well-being. This has been especially proven since the pandemic started. It is also crucial for climate change management.
26	Winnipeg's urban forest is dying and needs care and attention if we want to maintain it. The trees provide my house with shade in the summer keeping it cool. We need the trees.
27	The trees in our city provide important economic, environmental, social and wellbeing effects that will grow increasingly important to Winnipeg and its citizens as the effects of climate change continue to impact our city. Our city tree canopy is failing for a variety of reasons and without sufficient funding, it will soon be irrecoverable. Greater attention and funding is needed to address this important concern for our city.
28	<p>We need to ensure funding to protect our canopy is not left by the wayside during COVID. Our trees are dying and we are not able to keep up with basic removals and replanting.</p> <p>Having access to trees where I live is imperative for my mental and physical health, and that of MANY other Winnipeggers, whether they know/articulate it or not. Watching so many trees die and not be removed promptly is extremely mentally distressing.</p> <p>A health canopy is also key to many economic things such as property values, energy savings via shade, and flood mitigation, not to mention the general livability of our city, and its desirability for tourism and to attract new residents and businesses. Not to mention climate. Keeping our canopy intact is imperative on so many levels.</p>
29	The city is not providing adequate funds to preserve our urban canopy. I have not seen any plan for vaccination of elms for DED, just tree removal with some being replaced with seedlings. There is also not proper root treatment for the removed tree, leaving DED to spread through the urban forest. We need a vaccination plan months ago. The city needs to stop wasting our tax dollars on endless roads to the suburbs, and complete this relatively cheap investment in our city that has so many benefits to our communities as a whole.
30	Let's start with my feeling that city life isn't conducive to my mental health. I feel that I'd be healthier in the country. I think it's because my physical community is not connected to the natural world. My own property is a green space, but my community feels like a desert, socially and physically. I think communities need to be centered around green spaces. I think the community park needs to call people together. Our community park is forgotten. It's not an inviting space. Not a single tree or bench. It's so rare to meet other families at our park, because families don't frequent it's skeletal remains. I think a healthy community is one that is connected. Please invest in my park at Dobrinsky and Mapleglen. I'll take two benches, lighting and landscaping. - thanks. And please remove the penises. That was missed when the boys came around for maintenance. I appreciate you all. And the green spaces <3
31	Keeps me in the city
32	Trees are disappearing due to the different diseases etc. It is important to plant a variety of different types of trees besides elm and ash so that the tree canopy is more disease resistant
33	In COVID there is an extra need for recreation and open space areas. Investing more into our current parks and building new ones should be a top priority.
34	Very necessary during COVID for people without the luxury of owning private back-yards. Our urban forests make this City worth being in.

35	Out trees are important for climate change, personal wellbeing and city beautification. We need to plant more trees on boulevards and take better care of the trees we have (disease prevention and pruning so do not obstruct sidewalks). Expanding tree planting and care will create jobs that add value to our community.
36	Keep it safe
37	The Million Tree project is a great project. Please don't forget about Winnipeg's other natural habitats: especially tall-grass prairie. More areas should also be converted to no-mow, tall-grass prairie habitat.
38	Greenspaces and trees are the most important factor in community liveability, in my opinion (this could be my privilege showing, being working middle class in a comfortable financial state). Now that people are not travelling and are trying to avoid indoor meeting spaces, there is greater pressure on the parks systems to provide spaces for the city's population. To enhance these spaces and the colloquially termed "COVID walks", relieving people stuck at home, more trees should be planted to enhance the boulevards and parks in this City.
39	We are losing more trees than ever at a time when we need to spend our leisure time in nature close to home.
40	Parks and forestry (including Assiniboine Park) are vital during COVID for a safe place to walk and enjoy.
41	Plus d'arbres et plus de protection des arbres actuels. Esthétique, pratique, économique et écologique. La hauteur de l'investissement est insignifiante en comparaison à ses bienfaits. English: Additional trees and more protection for existing trees. Aesthetic, practical, economical and ecological. The fallout of the investment is insignificant compared to its benefits.
42	Ce service est trop souvent négligé dans vos budgets. Notre canopée d'arbres est un de nos plus grands atouts comme Ville, parce qu'elle est écologique et belle. Nous avons besoin de remplacer les arbres aussi vite qu'ils sont coupés, sinon nous perdrons notre canopée d'arbres. English: This service is too often neglected in your budgets. The overhang of an abundance of branches is one of our greatest assets as a city, because it is ecological and beautiful. We need to replace trees as quickly as they are cut down, otherwise we will lose their benefits.
43	There seems to be plenty spent cutting down every tree on my street and none left over for planting new ones. I want my children to have the same canopy we enjoy, with all its benefits and beauty, but the city refuses to invest in that future
44	There should be more greenery everywhere in Winnipeg. It would easily clean up the streets and provide beautification at the same time.
45	When purchasing a house back in 2018, my wife and I noticed stark differences in blocks on the west end that still had their urban canopy and those that did not. It's no secret that the urban canopy has been decimated in recent years, no more so than during the major snow storm last fall. I would love to see the city invest in replacing the urban canopy where it has been destroyed. This would add further beauty to our city, but also would help the city further reduce our carbon footprint.
46	Requires additional funding to ensure we have a healthy tree canopy both on boulevards and in city parks. This would include timelier tree trimming and removal, new plantings and taking better care of mature trees during construction.
47	We need more parks and trails.
48	We cannot afford to let our inventory of trees far further - pruning is important as is replanting/planting

49	As covid has decreased the number of activities people can engage in (ex team sports, arts and cultural outings), greenspace and outdoor recreation have become even more important. The city should be putting a large focus on keeping our urban environment as green as possible - especially replacing and increasing our urban forest. This is also an important piece of addressing climate change
50	Is there a reason that big parks all go to the "have" neighbourhoods?
51	Protect our elms and plant more trees
52	Winnipeg has one of the best canopys and investing in our trees and parks is very important to me
53	Protect the ash trees!
54	We need to save the urban canopy. It is literally priceless.
55	We have been spending so much time biking and walking on trails and in parks. It's great to see our neighbours out and about. Winnipeg has so many great places to go. Thank you!
56	No healthy mature trees should be allowed to be cut down. I am against infill policy due to this fact, and I am still furious about the Parker Forest and Wetlands being destroyed when the developer did not follow protocol and the city did not act when informed that the rest of the forest was being removed. As expected, that land is a wasteland now.....a critical urban forest was destroyed for no good reason! And thank god the city refused to approve of the 1900+ dwelling units in that tiny Parker area! Have you ever really looked at Hurst Way....a road that could never handle the traffic for 1900 units plus the 900 that already exist in that WEst Ft Garry area.
57	Need to increase the green budget and start replacing more of the trees we have already lost.
58	This is the single biggest thing I hear about when speaking to people from outside of Winnipeg. It is the most beautiful thing about our city and should be invested in.
59	After the treepocalypse last year I went for a walk and cried because so many beautiful trees had collapsed. I've also seen many trees in my neighborhood succumb to DED. My neighborhood is much hotter to walk around now, and less beautiful. We really need to increase the rate at which damaged trees are replanted. They improve mental health of residents, help wildlife and reduce the heat island affect. I would like to see more urban orchards, like the one at the Forks, planted in public parks.
60	We need greater investment to preserve and expand the city's canopy. Studies show that trees drive up popery values and improve quality of life. Hlgher property values mean higher municiple taxes, which is why trees are a good investment for the city.
61	More upkeep in parks (both playground equipment and turf/shrubs/trees). Improve recreation options in smaller parks that have the additional green space. I see a lot of green space that is under utilized.
62	Parks are also a key part of what makes a city special and liveable. Green space has a positive impact on mental health and civic pride and ensures people have a positive interaction with nature, which is key to an active lifestyle, general wellbeing and better, stronger communities.
63	I realized this year with working so much less and spending less time with people how incredibly important nature is to my personal health and wellbeing. I am deeply appreciative of the parks close to my house - there three small parks within a 20-min walk of my apartment - and it is a pleasure to wander through them and see other people taking advantage of the green space as well. I strongly believe these spaces are essential to our overall health and really appreciate all the work that goes into them.

64	Instead of just marking the treeing the trees that need to be cut down, cut them down within 3 months.
65	There should be a better plan for tree maintenance especially those along the river
66	very depressing seeing red dots on all these trees, doesn't seem like they're being replaced nearly as fast, and I'm concerned the million tree challenge is just for show and doesn't address the loss of our canopy.
67	I feel that more needs to be done to protect our urban forests. I was very saddened by the loss of the mature urban forests on the Parker lands. I would love to see our existing urban forests protected in a similar way to how we protect heritage buildings.
68	Planting tree And protecting our forest is important for our future.
69	budget for maintaining the elm canopy should be doubled
70	Parks are heavily under funded both for maintenance and capital improvements. Please pay more attention to this.
71	What? WHERE IS YOUR OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY? are you living in a hole? I don't know if I have to elaborate the apparently non-existent Office of the ENVIRONMENT and SUSTAINABILITY, but for those who don't know... the environment is how we get our AIR TO BREATHE and WATER TO DRINK. THESE ARE LIFE SUSTAINING REQUIREMENTS WITHOUT WHICH, LIVING BEINGS WILL DIE - USUALLY IN ABOUT 3 MINS WITHOUT AIR, AND DAYS WITHOUT WATER. Would protecting these NECESSITIES and contributing to the global movement to reduce our carbon footprint, reduce CO2 production and be carbon neutral... like.. yesterday, not be a higher priority than anything else? My ideas are ... your priorities are stupid (defn:1.having or showing a great lack of intelligence or common sense) and ignorant - again... missing the forest for the trees. Sorry... that definition meant "stupid" is the best word that fits. and it doesn't matter if you have to spend time convincing the ill-informed and selfish. That's what LEADERSHIP IS. You are privy to more information, thus you take RESPONSIBILITY for your knowledge and privilege and vision and help guide direction and action to the things you SHOULD KNOW need to be done - unless you don't know that all of this is important and urgent, in which case, we are worse off than we know.
72	Proper resources need to be applied to the replacement of diseased trees and additional plantings.
73	Parks are incredibly important and underfunded in Winnipeg
74	The urban canopy and all our parks are crucial to the liveability and character of the city. Without them we would be a barren wasteland of parking lots and buildings. Especially since COVID. Citizens need outdoor space and safe recreation spaces especially now.
75	More funding required in this area to preserve and transform Winnipeg's urban forest and to meet climate goals.
76	I'm horrified by the amount of trees I'm losing in my neighbourhood. So many have the orange dot of death. I don't see any attempt to replace these. Rebuilding the urban canopy should be a priority.
77	Love the million tree initiative, we use city parks a lot for our walks
78	Our parks are awesome!

79	<p>Our urban tree canopy is under multiple threats and significant funding should be allocated to ensure its survival. Our tree canopy makes Winnipeg vibrant and healthy and investment now will continue to pay off in coming years.</p> <p>Funding should be expanded for Winnipeg’s forestry department by \$7.61 million and maintained over the multi year budget to invest in a broad based city-wide plan (tree removal, tree planting, maintenance, and monitoring).</p>
80	<p>Parks are so important for our well-being. Parks should have enough resources to be kept in good shape, including fixing or replacing old play structures. Trees on city streets are also so important. Why are there so many streets without city planted trees?? It doesn't seem fair that some streets have trees on the boulevards and other, older streets, have nothing.</p>
81	<p>I like to pick up mushrooms and I discovered the Assiniboine Forest this year. I wish our city had more places like Assiniboine Forest.</p>
82	<p>More timely replacement of diseased and broken trees.</p>
83	<p>Our urban forest is under continual threat from current and emerging diseases, and despite this the city does not support the maintenance and growth of it. Trees are vital to heating in the winter (reducing wind speed) and cooling in the summer (shading houses and asphalt), and are one of the ways that we can contribute to reducing the climatic impact of our city. However, dutch elm has been destroying trees at an increasing rate because of the lack of management. Trees are not easily replaced, many of which will not reach effective heights within 20 years. This city needs to stop reactionary spending and management and begin to invest in preventative measures, and protecting this city's urban forest and its parks contributes to that. IN ADDITION Winnipeggers love the urban forest and parks, and especially now during COVID, these spaces are vital for providing places for citizens to go so they aren't stuck in their homes for months on end. This management is not equal across the city though, and the north end and "poorer" neighbourhoods require more attention for a change, not just in this, but in all avenues.</p>
84	<p>We can’t lose our tree canopy!</p>
85	<p>The trees of Winnipeg have really taken a beating in the past year... especially with last year's ice storm. I hope the City will systematically replace these beautiful trees.</p>
86	<p>There has to be some way to improve this department without breaking the bank. Pruning, dead tree removal, replanting all need to be increased.</p> <p>Urban forestry is a part of city planning. WHY oh WHY are city jewels such as Parker Wetlands destroyed? Reduction of GHG emissions, mental health benefits, forward thinking for community use of naturalized areas, cultural possibilities...all lost. 😞</p>
87	<p>As the parent of a toddler parks have taken on so much more importance to me now, we need lots of activities to do outside of the house and during the pandemic parks are one of the few things that feel safe. Having parks with good shade, and equipment for a variety of ages is important. I would also love to see a dog park in Wolseley, there are so many dogs here and there is a really underutilized park on Wolseley between Telfer and Clifton that would make a great dog park</p>
88	<p>Winnipeg is blessed with lots of green spaces and a beautiful urban forest better City planning will ensure this continues even as the city population density increases --including downtown. Winnipeg can be something different, something more inspiring and unique that a a downtown full of towers where no one live sin the stresst before q0 am nor after 6pm. Liveable downtown and animation in all neaighborhoods through foot and bike traffic would make everywhere safer.</p>

89	To not spend money on trees is willful neglect of climate change and the need for resiliency. To not spend money on parks is to fail to deliver on what makes the city amazing for all people regardless of economic status.
90	The idea of planting many 1 million trees over then next 20 years is a great one. We should be doing more to protecting the mature trees the city currently has.
91	We need a better plan than the Million Tree Challenge, which, let's be honest, is NOT a plan. We need a massive concerted effort by the city to plough money and resources into restoring the canopy NOW or our descendants will pay the price dearly. This means again, taking money from the police and putting it into (paid, unionized) city positions to plant trees, not relying on a "volunteer citizen army" of do-gooders or whatever the city is hoping for to save the day. It's not going to work. People are going to lose interest and only have so much to give. The city could actually be a job creator in this regard, and a positive, harm-free job creator at that, say by not hiring new police officers when others retire.
92	Our tree canopy is disappearing but instead of hiring people to replant, the city talks about a million trees without doing anything to make it happen. Hire people to plant trees. It's not hard
93	We should also continue to improve our parks. We are a city that is covered in parks. However we could do to have more of these parks to have more off leash dog areas. Something as simple as having a 4-5 foot fence in more areas so that people don't have to drive as far with their dogs. As it is right now, I have to drive 10 minutes to the closest dog park, however there's a large park a 2 minute walk from my residence with a large field that is not really utilized.
94	I literally physically felt, while in my house, 3 massive elm trees get cut down on my street in the spring; it was so sad and I think my no-AC house was warmer in the summer without them. They weren't the first to go on my street, either. Significant investment in the precious tree canopy is urgently needed. Lots of research supports trees' high ROI.
95	Our tree strategy is underfunded and it means we're not using the best evidence based strategy for keeping our canopy, but instead marking the trees with the orange dots and killing them. This is an economic disaster- ineffective and a total waste of a hundred-year investment. We need to be planting WAY more trees and managing the ones we have, but the city has been too cheap to do this.
96	More money should be invested in the care of our existing forest including more funding to replacing the many trees we have lost and are losing to various diseases. Not only does our urban forest beautify our neighborhoods the environmental benefits are essential in our fight against the climate crisis.
97	Trees are essential for a healthy urban center so many have died
98	I agree that we should focus on cutting down/cleaning up diseased trees before planting new ones. I realize this can go hand in hand but disease prevention has to be a priority.
99	I worry about the tree canopy in the north end, every year there are more trees marked for removal due to disease. BUT I don't see new saplings being planted - is it better to wait a year for the ground to be bug free?
100	The big thing is just parks! Parks and green space and lots of trees and paths helps a community feel healthier. More space should be developed into green spaces, especially in the inner city. Less focus on the river walk, or more focus on expanding the river walk further down the rivers! it's beautiful to walk along but a more natural river walk that continues down, maybe to the sherbrooke maryland bridge would be very nice.
101	The death of the urban canopy is very concerning. Trees that have been removed from disease are not be replaced nearly fast enough.

102	Protect our trees! Winnipeg is so lucky to have the beautiful forests and parks which we do. Especially amidst a global pandemic and an environmental crisis, encouraging people to go outside to our forests and parks is extremely beneficial for mental health and reducing our carbon footprint.
-----	--

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Police Service

Total respondents who selected this service: 360

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	<p>Winnipeg spends the most per capita of any city in Canada on policing and yet we have one of the highest crime rates. It's ludicrous that life sustaining services are consistently cut and the police are allowed a blank cheque to do whatever they want. They are not accountable to Winnipeggers and need to be defunded.</p>
3	<p>defund to abolish. Police have killed four people this year alone and shot another person just this week. At the same time, they are advocating for budget increases while education, transit, and healthcare services are being defunded. police services are actively harming our community and escalating violence, and being paid from our tax dollars to do it. I would prefer this money be spent in life-sustaining services, including affordable mental health support, harm reduction centres, healthcare, education, housing, food, and transport, and other life-sustaining services that are in no way involved with the police.</p>
4	<p>Defund the police</p>

5	I believe we should be reallocating funds from the heavily inflated police budget to more important programs.
6	Their department is grotesquely over funded, choking the life out of other city services. They are completely unaccountable to City Council, the Police Board, or the IJU. They shoot and kill with terrifying frequency. A national disgrace that we as a city should be doing everything we can to remedy.
7	Please consider redirecting the bloated budget elsewhere.
8	Spending is out of control, unsustainable and holds the city back from spending on other priorities such as climate and mode shift goals.
9	They take up way too much of the budget. Get them out of schools and slash their funding by at least 30%. It's a disgrace how much we spend on them. Let's go, wake up!
10	Defund the police. The WPS consumes nearly a third of the city budget and continues to kill Indigenous and Black people with impunity.
11	The WPS has been responsible for way too many violent and fatal incidents this year. Their budget is out of control (spending over a quarter of the city budget on police is ridiculous), and I believe that those funds would be much more helpful in reducing crime if they were put into public services such as safe injection sites, medical facilities, harm reduction, mental health services, and non-violent, community patrols like the Bear Clan. I'm tired of hearing about kids dying at the hands of police, and of hearing stories from indigenous and other racialized peoples of WPS profiling and harassing them.
12	this service should be defunded. we need more funds allocated to low cost housing, transit services, and community services. there is no need for them to have a budget of 300 million dollars, also the police museum project should be scrapped.
13	We should defund the police and filter those funds to more community oriented services, CERB, and opening up more places to get medical care. Especially during a pandemic.
14	Needs to be completely reformed and reimagined. Invest in more social workers and mental health experts to arrive at health check and domestic disturbances to help de-escalate and do more racial bias training with officers.
15	I have never felt safer because of police presence. It's frustrating to see the most vulnerable communities punished, largely because they don't have sufficient community services and resources, when a large portion of the police budget could be used to give citizens the things that make communities safer.
16	Cut the police budget, we can spend that money so much better elsewhere.
17	More money for transit and making the city more liveable would be better.
18	The police shot and killed Eisha Hudson earlier this year. They are murderous thugs who are unaccountable and face no real repercussions for their crimes. Their budget takes up way too much
19	Please stop flying a helicopter over the city for no reason. It's very loud and costs taxpayer dollars to run. The Winnipeg police are overfunded and the city needs to put that money towards more social services.
20	The police should not be receiving 26% of the city budget. They continuously fly their helicopter over the downtown area almost every night, keeping citizens awake. The lack of accountability is inexcusable. The police murdered a 16-year-old girl this year and received no repercussions. Police should not just shoot and kill whomever they want; justice demands a due process. Defunding the police would allow more funds for social services that would help many homeless and low income individuals, and make people less reliant on committing crimes to get by.

21	Police are a waste of money and lives. If the city put the money and effort from the police into the community (free housing, free food, free mental health aid, etc) "crime" wouldn't be an issue. Millions every year are spent prosecuting people in need of the resources you waste.
22	The whole area of policing in this city needs a complete overhaul. Dismantle the police union, funding community services and supports, giving police oversight boards real teeth and selling the military hardware is a good small first step.
23	Policing is very important however it takes up way too much of the budget. Cops in schools is completely unnecessary. Salaries are out of control. IIU has too little oversight powers.
24	I saw the total budget and was astounded by how much this represents. Whenever I've called the police, the service I received was terrible. If this is a value-for-money situation, it's clear that there could be cutbacks here that could go towards more effective areas.
25	The budget for the police is overblown when funds can be better allocated in the midst of a pandemic.
26	Police budget has grown too large, and there is finally mainstream acceptance about the option of decreasing police funding. A municipal government that constantly talks about its funding issues should be pushing this issue hard. Why no discussion about it?
27	This service is completely over funded. They are not trained well enough and absolutely do not need as much money as they receive. They incite fear, they do not reduce crime.
28	Full of racism. I know multiple people who were physically beat by officers as teenagers, then the officers bought them McDonald's to shut them up. Horrible people.
29	What you should understand is way too much money is being invested in a service that only controls crime after it has happened and does little to prevent it before it does. It also has a historically racist past that has contributed and still contributes to racial inequity when it comes to city services.
30	The police service refuses to even consider the increasing calls for more oversight and consequences for their shortcomings, and continues to treat citizens as if they were not their equals. they should have a drastic reduction in budget and way more accountability for their actions, at the very least.
31	We spend far too much of our city budget on police, much more than other cities across western Canada.
32	It doesn't impact my life positively. It only instills fear and power of authoritative figures. Doesn't make me feel safe.
33	This service eats up a way too significant chunk of our budget, as we watch public education and transit to continually get defunded
34	They get too much of the cities budget, they only stop 7% of crime and that number hasn't gone up with their ever increasing budget, they are functionally useless and aren't being trained for deescalation like social worker are, we need to defund them and put the money into community programs to help our homeless citizens and our vulnerable citizens
35	They get too much of the budget every year. They should sell the tank and the helicopter.
36	The police budget is outrageous and not for the benefit of people who live here. Defund and reallocate the money- ESPECIALLY toward homelessness, addictions, and making mental health support programs more accessible. Also nobody can afford to pay photo radar tickets right now. People are jobless and depressed and at risk of dying or killing others every day. Relax with the speeding tickets. The Winnipeg police talking about how great they are on social media is extremely idiotic and insensitive.

37	Police services spend far too much on the unnecessary and noisy helicopter and take time harassing my friends and neighbours, but are worse than useless in addressing property crimes. Plus I don't think I should be paying so much for a force that murders children for shoplifting or moving violations.
38	Defund them and reinvest dollars in the community and for mental health services.
39	Rather than defunding our education property tax, I believe we need to defund our police budget. Far too much money is going towards law enforcement; money that would be better used to support our community services and fund services that are facing severe cuts.
40	This service is very over funded and does not solve the issue of crime in this city. Funds would be better used (FAR better used) in direct service provision to vulnerable citizens in the form of emergency housing, food and more accessible medical care.
41	There are countless stories and studies proving that police forces, in the iteration that we have in our city, cause more harm to our community than good. I would much rather our city take an evidenced based harm reduction approach and put that money into services that prevent crime rather than just react to it
42	The inflated police budget is disgusting. I find it offensive to propose cutting transit due to budget shortfalls while a police helicopter circles above me for hours every night as I try to sleep. I find it offensive that addictions resources constantly take a backseat in favour of arrests and placing more people in an already overburdened justice system. I find it offensive that SROs exist at all. It's time to slash the WPS budget and redistribute that money to more effective community resources.
43	I don't want the police to receive 25+% of my taxes. Every dollar I pay in taxes goes to police? NO. They aren't helping, they are murdering citizens, they don't investigate or police themselves, and they don't make me feel safe. Spend my tax money on transit, libraries, job programs, better walkable streets, slower speed limits, trees, but not the police.
44	This service needs to be completely re-evaluated and defunded - they consistently cause more harm than good, and there are much better ways to serve our communities.
45	These police departments are receiving far too much funding, for what is in return, very little, and poor service to the community. They need to receive less funding, and be trained more effectively so that they can properly serve and protect ALL people.
46	please get rid of the million dollar copter, the tank. Please stop paying officers \$100+ per year to profile Indigenous and black youth.
47	We spend entirely too much on the police. We need a drastic reduction in funding for the police. That money could be better used to provide services that people actually need.
48	The amount of money poured into the police can be better used elsewhere. Defund the police and fund services that will better serve the public.
49	I very strongly believe that we invest far too much in police enforcement and not enough in community supports that would help reduce our reliance on police in the first place. We should be diverting money from the police to community programs and supports.
50	It'd be cool if my tax dollars weren't funding death squads
51	We give the police 1/4 of our budget annually, and all they can do is kill people without question, and waste money riding around on transit during the middle of a pandemic, when ridership was at a low. We need to defund the police, and reallocate their funding to other critical services.
52	this service is not important and the budget should be cut. it's ridiculously high and that money could go towards other things that actually benefit at risk people. the police are a threat to low income neighbourhoods and people of colour.
53	DEFUND WPS

54	it's not important and should work on reallocating funds to other areas
55	The Winnipeg police are wildly over-funded, and lack meaningful public oversight. Slash their budget by 2/3rds and give it to every other city service.
56	The Winnipeg police service should not be receiving 1/3rd of the City budget. We need at least some of that funding redirected towards community support systems and not going to a service that kills indigenous children on a regular basis.
57	The Winnipeg Police Service is a source of continual fear and oppression all over the city, and does not serve the purpose people like to think they do. Lives of several at risk people have been extinguished with no oversight thanks to the WPS, and the consolidation and partisanization of the service has become publicly apparent. They don't respect the wishes of the public, they resist accountability at every turn, and they harm lives and destroy families as their budget inflates year after year.
58	Over funded, lack of training and education a waste of money when community. Programmes and social programmes can prevent and change the city unlike the police who just murder its citizens.
59	The allocation of resources to police is too high for a service that gets to choose who oversees them and does have the public trust. I would like to see about 1/5th of their current budget reassigned to things like transit and community services
60	This service does nothing for Winnipeggers except cause harm.
61	Police do not need funding. Fund libraries, parks.
62	Police reform is a necessary next step in the evolution of a just society. If all crimes were actions taken by completely free agents unaffected by the society of which they are immersed, then policing is a logical solution. But there is an overwhelming amount of research and data pointing to the exact opposite and that ones socioeconomic standing has quite a lot to do with how likely they are to commit a crime. A perfectly rational and economic case can be made that shifting priorities to lessening inequality will actually save more money then purely punishing those that commit crimes.
63	There is absolutely no reason for 26% of our provincial budget should be going to police, especially during the pandemic where they have done little to none in terms of serving the public and their current budget needs to be shifted towards rescuing more children and helping out the homeless/road fixtures.
64	Defund the police. We spend too much money on them and not enough on education.
65	I would like to know when you plan to appropriately use funds to help people. Instead of paying officers to shot and issue fines to keep us scared and poor, perhaps you can hire teachers and mental health experts to actually help people feel like a community.
66	This service is important because it protects our city. I feel safe and secure around police and believe the funding for them is appropriately used. Defunding the police means our city will suffer tremendously.
67	Do not defund police services, but remove their pensionable overtime.

68	No, I think it's absolutely ridiculous that people are saying to defund the police. Police make this city safe. Residents keep saying about how many people the police have shot to date but there's never any mention about how these people were criminals and how they hurt innocent people. If people out there think that police should be defunded let them do the job for a day and see what interactions and scum they have to deal with on a daily basis. Reality is people need to think about this .. when there getting brutally attacked in a home invasion or raped or beaten and robbed who will they call ? The police or a social group they just cut police funding for. In my opinion I don't think the police are paid enough I also don't think they should be parking in a lot without security.
69	They do not need 0.26\$ of every dollar we pay taxes on, they do not protect, they respond to crimes already happened, multiple killings if indigenous people that they sweep under the rug.
70	This must be defunded- the whole squad are a gang of killers and racists who generate extra tax from white people and kill the vulnerable
71	Police consume an exorbitant amount of resources from my tax dollars for no pay off. Cops exploit overtime to pad their own wallets, while providing absolutely no benefit to the communities they claim to service. Reallocate these funds to every other service and stop existing at the whims of the police board. Why is a helicopter deployed for wellness checks? Why are cops allowed to commit murder for whatever reason they see fit and face no repercussions? Why is money that could be spent on education being stolen by the police in schools program?
72	Far too much is being spent on police services, these funds should be spent on the community and focusing on alternative services to reduce police activity.
73	They have too much power, they kill too many people, they don't make me feel safe, and they don't need that tank. I have been bullied and harassed by Winnipeg police on numerous occasions. They are not an efficient organization. Abolish WPS and replace them with community-informed safety and harm reduction services. I would have liked to say I get decent value for my tax dollars because some stuff about this city is great, but considering how much of the budget goes to WPS, I have to give the lowest score.
74	Cut the funding now!!!
75	Defund WPS and remove police from schools. Police don't improve safety. Having our basic needs met improves safety. Instead, fund counseling and mental health services and a guaranteed livable basic income.
76	I think this service is grossly over funded at a detriment to our city and programs for our most marginalized.
77	The wps are massively over funded. They demonstrate consistent disregard for the wellbeing of winnipeggers (ie killing them). Even if the police weren't a fundamentally problematic solution to the city's troubles, they'd still be far overpaid. Salaries are absolutely out of control and the police union is holding the city hostage. At an absolute minimum, city hall must immediately freeze any budget increases, and begin reducing the wps budget every year.
78	this service is overfunded, more money should be spent on actually preventing crime and be given to community services and education. i feel less and less safe around police trying to meet quotas
79	Defund the police.
80	The Winnipeg Police budget should be cut in order to make up for losses in other areas, such as Transit Services. I do not feel the Winnipeg Police require the large budget they have, nor do they need objects like the armoured vehicle. The money could go into harm reduction such as safe injection sites or accessible and affordable housing for our vulnerable populations.

81	The WPS harms Winnipeg citizens. Their budget has increased disproportionately in comparison to every other service in the city and is virtually untouchable. There is no correlation between the budget and crime rates. WPS kill Winnipeg people (mostly Indigenous peoples) unjustly. Listen to the protests, petitions, and most importantly BIPOC voices. Shame on the city of Winnipeg for favouring white supremacist police officers over the people.
82	Grossly over funded. Why the double your transit presence and quintuple your downtown presence when ridership is down, and no events are held due to a pandemic. Every other area of the budget has to do more with less and the police costs a ballooning, yet crime rates don't improve. Put the money where it can make a difference.
83	Far too great a percentage of my tax dollars are going to this bloated and inefficient department while other services (eg transit) get cut. The WPS deserves to be defunded.
84	I don't want as much of my money going to this service
85	defund, move funding to education and community services.
86	Please defund this department. They are reckless and unsafe for a large number of winnipeggers. They make me feel scared and unsafe.
87	Too much of the budget goes towards policing
88	This service is not important at all. All they do is abuse their power. This system is racist and never gets held accountable for their actions. Absolutely despicable. They don't not care about the community. GET THEM OUT OF SCHOOL! they are not safe for our children. Defund the police, and use the money on services actually needed
89	They receive too large a share of the tax dollars. That money would be better spent on community services, public transportation etc. The helicopter and armoured vehicle for example are a ridiculous waste of money.
90	You should defund the police and use that money for social services. That's what's would actually prevent crime. Police don't prevent crime, if anything they further exacerbate violence. Investing in the community, especially marginalized communities with prevent crime. Defund, and then abolish the police completely. :)
91	Again, I am very concerned about policing in this city. It would be ideal if they would modify their strategies altogether but I know that is a bigger systemic issue. They NEED to repair their relationship with Winnipeg citizens and this does not mean throwing money to that department. I have no criminal history but as a community worker, I have had consistent negative interactions with police (and we're supposed to be on the same side!). Please, City of Winnipeg, fix this. I'm begging you.
92	the amount of funding that the wps get is unbelievable. if the funding was taken from the police and given to social services so that people have their needs met, we would not need this amount of policing. stop funding the police. fund education, healthcare including mental health, housing, community programs, and all social services.
93	I am a Criminology student at the University of Manitoba and I disagree with the amount of money we put into the police service. It needs to be redistributed to transit, community services and education; especially in this time of Covid-19 you would think money would be diverted from the most bloated source. I recently listened to a presentation from a WPS employee and he proposed funding the WPS similar to the way the Fire services are funded.
94	Receive far too much funding as a percentage of the city budget. More needs to be allocated to community services such as mental health and addiction

95	The police department are highly overpaid and overworked. the investment of social services (ie social workers, crisis responders, better access to EDUCATION and HEALTHCARE, safe spaces, etc) would not only lower the workload of the WPS, but create a better and more advanced community. The police have been a hostile force since the beginning, starting with indigenous peoples, and the community is now leery of them. The power goes to a lot of their heads. Why is winnipeg one of the smallest cities in canada, but spends more money on militarizing their police and in the force in general than toronto? or vancouver? People in winnipeg aren't inherently more violent, the way you have set up this city is what makes them more violent. Education is a joke, people do what they need to do to survive. If drug dealing is going to put food on their table, then so be it. Think more long term than short term
96	The spending on police dollars is not an effective use of the funds for the value they bring to society
97	The WPS costs us way too much for little in return. Most thefts and break-ins are never solved. Most homicides are never solved. The only thing they know how to do is hurt the minorities in this city. They have proven they are unable to deescalate time and time again, and have murdered many. They are the "worst gang in Winnipeg", as they say. For every dollar, the WPS gets 23 cents. That is ridiculous, and I will not stand for it.
98	The WPS takes too much of the city's budget. That money should be used for non-violent community services and resources. Defund the police.
99	Absolutely ridiculous that policing gets such a huge percentage of our city budget and only exacerbates problems when community groups are underfunded and do far more good for any amount invested.
100	Vastly overbudgeted. Need to defund to make resources for other services that actually work.
101	This service could not be lower on a list of properties, personally. WPS does minimal for our communities, are over-funded, and frankly a burden go our city. The only way this service impacts my life is mourning the loss of community members who have fallen through the bureaucratic cracks. I believe police funding needs to be shifted- if not totally halted; from unnecessary armoured cars and the like to de-escalation training and consultations with Indigenous communities and social workers regarding better practice.
102	You should know this service has negatively impacted the lives of hundreds if not more. Harming and killing indigenous youth and adults.
103	I think given that considering events and activity in the downtown drastically diminished since the start of the pandemic, yet the police doubled the number of hours of foot patrols and increased by almost 5x the number of hours spent policing transit, but arrest numbers declined, and that the police service accounts for roughly a third of the overall city budget, I recommend cutting the police service budget by at least 30% and moving the funds to programs that deal with the root causes of social problems: poverty, addiction, lack of housing, food insecurity, etc.
104	Way too much of our city's money is used on this ineffective service.
105	There is no reason that we need police in schools. The police began as a racist institution and not much has changed within the institution. I am tired of seeing blacks and indigenous people being policed and that will not change if they are put in schools. Why not find breakfast programs or counselling services? Things that are proven to help reduce crime. Not just policing crime.
106	This service terrorizes community members every day, specifically in low income neighbourhoods and among BIPOC. Cops make communities unsafe. Put the money for them towards useful, life-sustaining services.
107	Defund this service and start over

108	Too expensive and ineffective. Every other area we have made cuts and asked them to be more efficient with our dollars except police. If we took even 50% of the budget, 150 million, and put it elsewhere, we would see significantly more effective use of that money.
109	An enormous waste of money. Fund housing and transit and shelters and food and other supports that actually improve people's lives and make people safer.
110	<p>This service is required and I would say only important to a point.</p> <p>The fact we spend 1/4 or more of our budget on its services, yet see very little tangible benefit from it kinda frustrates me.</p> <p>The money could go to mental health, youth outreach, sports, community services, trees, parks, arts, etc would be far more beneficial.</p>
111	I think the police in our city is excellent and the men and women that go to work everyday to keep us safe should have our support not the constant complaining from people who feel council should defund the police. In an emergency I expect we all want a police force that we can count on to be there when we need them.
112	<p>I am extremely frustrated with how the police budget continues to balloon. The police provide safety to a select demographic in Winnipeg while causing harm to vulnerable populations. A significant portion of the police budget should be redirected to more helpful community supports that are proven to actually address the root causes of crime and poverty.</p> <p>According to a recent Angus Ried poll, 33% of Winnipeg residents support defunding the police. It is the city's responsibility to take these concerns seriously.</p>
113	When a panic arm is set off it takes up to an hour for police to respond
114	The police take up an entirely way too large amount of our budget . They use money that could be invested in way more efficient ways of dealing with the issues of helping people in a city.
115	While a necessary service, the WPS like all north american police services needs to see reform to curb the systemic racism infesting it and to address the disproportionate amount of incarceration of BIPOC.
116	I believe it is important to have a protection for Winnipeggers. Although, I do believe that the our police are overworked and stressed. There are too many unnecessary calls they are put to deal with, which can lead to wasting time. I believe there should be more filtering on those wasteful calls. If someone had called about someone walking down their street that looked "sketchy", it should not be police officers but perhaps another sector of "protection workers" that can help. I do believe there needs to reformation for the Winnipeg. There is too much work handed to the officers and I find that that is causing more issues than actually keeping Winnipeggers safe.
117	Why do we spend so much money on police while our communities are crumbling? We need to spend money on our communities, housing, and supports for the most vulnerable!
118	I would like to see specialized response teams for different situations, such as mental health professionals. I would also like to see some of this funding go to crime prevention rather than reacting to crime (which doesn't seem to help much). Consider addressing poverty, etc. as a higher priority.

119	The city spends over 300 million a year on policing. You should be defunding and reallocating those resources to transit, recreation and social programs to help the citizens of Winnipeg. The people need resources and more policing is not the answer. Listen to our Indigenous brothers and sisters plus people of colour and the experiences that they have had with the WPS. We want the WPS budget defunded and use that money to help our brothers and sisters with programs and resources.
120	Big idea here, hear me out... abolish the wps
121	Far too much of our city's budget goes to policing. Schools suffer, social services suffer, and crime still goes up - BECAUSE schools and social services are suffering. Fund education and social services over the police. Send trained social services to complaints of someone acting weird, or sleeping on a bench, or for wellness checks. When our least fortunate feel taken care of, only a small percentage may continue to commit crimes and the police can deal with them. We shouldn't need 26% of our city's budget to go to policing. That is a glaring sign we have failed our vulnerable and suffering populations.
122	Invest money from the police into Community programs and actually help the poor
123	The police service needs to be defunded. There is no reason for it to have a budget of over 200 million increasing by another million by 2023. That money can be put into useful services for the community, and actually mental health specialists. Police kill, therefore they have lost all support.
124	Safety and security of myself, family and community should be too priority during these times of uncertainty. Pandemics fuel crime because of low income or job lose.
125	This service is not needed. The amount of money that is allocated to this sector is a waste of my tax dollars and could be better spend on affordable housing, EMS and Fire services, and safe drug injection sites.
126	Defunding police would be a mistake. They cannot keep up with crime and demand as it is
127	I'd like to feel safe walking to my car.
128	The police service has statistically not prevented or lowered the crime rate. Putting more money into a service that isn't protecting but further harming its citizens isn't working. We should invest that money into back into communities and and health industry.
129	Restructure the Police department.
130	The police receive more money from the city than anywhere else in Canada. a their budget needs to be reduced and redistributed into community programs in order to actually prevent crime instead of policing homelessness and paying undertrained people to be psych nurses, social workers and mediators.
131	Not important, we need to defund and put more money into education, healthcare and mental health facilities
132	Policing has a long and racist history in Canada, and Winnipeg is no exception. The fear and punishment based system of policing does not provide comprehensive community safety. Statistics show that policing does not effectively address crime or make our communities safer, and in some instances contributes to making people feel even less safe. I would like to see far less tax money spent on the police, and see that money redirected to other community services that can better provide care and support to vulnerable populations on our community. Organizations that are providing proactive and wraparound services to enhance community safety such as Spence Neighbourhood, Sunshine House, WE24, North Point Douglas Women's Centre and more.

133	Please do not raise the police budget. Contact community outreach organizations and discuss how to HELP citizens, and prevent crime through taking care of citizens. Not reacting to crime with violence/force.
134	The city gets good value for it's money in the WPS. Despite the current political climate, community safety is important (especially downtown) and crime will remain an issue regardless of other initiatives designed to mitigate it preemptively.
135	This "service" frankly terrifies me on a daily basis. I see police abusing their badges and hear stories from friends of being harassed during basic traffic stops.
136	I believe that the Winnipeg Police Service is trying to do its best (under the circumstances), but they are bound by municipal forces, prosecutions and correction services. Policing is a reactionary service. But somehow they have been saddled with babysitting responsibilities, mental health interventions, child care and discipline duties due to a lack of other sources. I recognize that the BLM movement has shone a light on systemic problems, and (sadly) there are always a few bad apples that ruin the reputation of the whole bunch... but it feels like the WPS has been thrown to the wolves as a scapegoat for bigger issues. They can be part of the developing solution, but not when they're constantly being disrespected. All of Winnipeg has to come together to deal with social injustice - not WPS alone.
137	Do not consider defunded this vital service, all the social workers will call police to help them with situations they don't want to deal with. Winnipeg is a very violent city and it's getting worse. I don't visit my bank in the exchange, I ask for a different referral if a doctors office is downtown.
138	This is the most essential service that the City needs-we need protection as the drug problem and crime is getting at an all time high!
139	The police are important but they need to stick to criminal activity. If the city wants revenue for traffic tickets then make a new service that conducts road safety. They aren't trained to deal with Mental Health appropriately. Yes, they may need to attend to make the situation safe for Mental Health professionals to intervene, just like they do for medical calls that WFPS won't attend to because a weapon is involved. But after it's safe let another agency take over. Why are police coming to by-law issues between neighbours? Don't we have by-law officers to handle those? They get paid a lot of money to deal with important things. Let them focus on those important things.
140	I dont really understand why my taxes are paying someone who's job is less dangerous than a taxi drivers
141	The city spends around 26 cents of every tax dollar on the police. That money is desperately needed elsewhere. Do not increase the police budget, put that money towards transit, roads, addiction centres, literally anything else. Please.
142	It has become known to me that the Winnipeg police do not have their own parking downtown. This is a huge problem. Without this they are forced to 1. Pay for parking on the street and 2. Potentially be targeted while leaving the building. This is a huge problem, I know that I would not want to be scared when leaving work. But our officers worry.

<p>143</p>	<p>I think in recent times I've become even more aware of the ways in which the WPS (Winnipeg Police Service) has limited effectiveness in creating safety for our communities.</p> <p>By nature, police services are a reactive force - they have limited ability to actually prevent crimes from happening. As a result, while the WPS does take part in patrols and community outreach and other preventative measures, I believe that as a result of the systemic issues within our society at large (and within our police services) these preventative measures have limited effectiveness. 2020 has been a very bad year for police violence around the continent and in Winnipeg, and from what I've seen the level of trust from general citizens in the WPS has dropped rather significantly. As a result, any preventative work that the WPS is able to do is not as effective as it would be if general citizens had a greater level of trust in the police service. And from what I understand, the WPS is already feeling overworked and stretched thin trying to REACT to crimes, making it even harder to do that preventative work.</p> <p>Further, even if they had the staff and the time and the budget, I really don't think that the WPS is even equipped to do the sort of preventative that would actually reduce crime. And they should not be expected to shoulder that responsibility. Relying solely, or even mostly, on the WPS to create the safety that the people of this city desire is not only short sighted, but a bad investment. You cannot solve problems by clamping down on their symptoms, and I do not believe that any police service is truly equipped to address the root social issues behind crime. I want for my city a plan for community safety that considers the humanity of the people that live here. I want a safety plan that treats us as whole human beings.</p> <p>Please, for the good of this city we all call home, do NOT increase funding to the WPS, and ideally decrease it. That money would be much better invested in community services that help people, so that those who turn to violence or theft or anything out of desperation or for survival can be given the help they need to survive without those destructive actions. Invest in community care, in mental and physical health supports, in community groups and services that are invested in looking out for one</p>
<p>144</p>	<p>The question nowadays is circling on whether the police budget should be cut. This is a ridiculous thought. The City of Winnipeg is and has never been a city with a low crime rate. In today's day and age, you can throw in an increase in the drug trade, gang related events, carjackings, strong arm robberies, etc... Now where in anyone's right mind should the city even start to consider an absurd idea of this magnitude. The majority of these people asking for the budget reduction or "defunding" are criminals themselves and would love to have the opportunity to prey on the innocent citizens of Winnipeg. The other small minority are those that have never experienced a bad situation because it's been preemptively taken care of by their friendly neighborhood policeman/woman and therefore they have no clue how bad the city/world really is!!</p> <p>That being said " no I do not agree cutting the police budget is a primary worry of the city council!"</p>
<p>145</p>	<p>Police are important. They need to know citizens appreciate their work and vocation. We should provide them with best support</p>
<p>146</p>	<p>defund the police and invest in communities. funding police means funding police violence, racism, and brutality. invest in people, invest in schools, libraries, health services, make this city liveable.</p>

147	I live in an inner city neighborhood and police are important to me in order to feel safe. Social workers won't help me in the middle of the night. We need police, even if Bowman doesn't respect them.
148	Public safety is so important especially at this time. I want to feel safe in my community and I feel that with more police patrols and more supports for police they can do their job. Who's the first person people call in a emergency the police and I want a response from an officer not a social worker
149	The WPS is under appreciated and understaffed working in the most violent major city in Canada. The police require more support and manpower in order to provide a safe city for all Winnipeggers.
150	Seems this service is given new roles all the time instead of dealing with the root cause. Sending them to calls that have nothing to do with policing and expecting them to solve the social issues.
151	A helicopter is expensive, and adds to the "you are being watched" mentality for a lot of people; it's likely not worthwhile.
152	The police service is over funded and not equipped to properly deal with crisis situations which social workers and mental health professionals would be better. The police are killing people.
153	More police needed to enforce health regulation and counteract the recent explosion in drug/violent crime.
154	I am writing this survey purely because I feel as though most people responding are the type that would say we should "defund" the police. I am in strong support of the police and am grateful for the service they provide.
155	This service is very important especially right now. The city gets more unsafe every year
156	Continuing cutbacks, particularly with manpower only serve to increase costs as fewer personnel are called upon to do more at double time wages
157	More police
158	figures speak for themselves. police does not reduce nor prevent crime, they respond to incidents already occurred or respond to events that have nothing to do with what police is supposed to do. they take up so many resources and actively contribute to the starvation of community services, recreation and other important departments that impact POSITIVELY on residents' lives (trees, art, culture, transit, active transportation). the chief's response to the coalition for police accountability were unbelievably tone-deaf, and a clear proof to the points made by the coalition themselves. the chief needs to be held accountable by someone for the confrontational attitude towards those who are bravely coming forward to denounce the issues with the service. recent interactions of wps officers with members of the public as well as obstruction of media/journalists work were incredible to witness as well.
159	Our city is over-policed. Everywhere in my community I count many cop cars in the span of only minutes. Almost every night I hear the Winnipeg Police helicopter flying low over my neighbourhood, which is not only extremely loud but intimidating to my community, indicating that we are under surveillance every day. The police harm members of my community and after they commit these horrendous acts, the response from our city always seems to be to increase police measures. The reality is that the high number of police in our community does not make us feel safe - they do not keep us safe. They cause physical harm to members of our community when it is unnecessary, and cause mental and emotional distress to many more.

160	Please defund WPS. We continue to cut funding for education, healthcare, and vital social services while the police budget continued to increase. Police services are not completely necessary and should not be funded as if they are. Why are police officers called for mental health crisis situations ? When they have little to know harm reduction, crisis stabilization or mental health training ? They shouldn't be.
161	the budget is too high and those funds can be diverted to community support programs.
162	The inability of the police to attend to all they are being pressed to do provides the thieves with an unfettered opportunity to steal property. Alter the police budget to provide for other professions to take over some jobs (e.g. mental health issues) and create jobs for people with lower credentials (and therefore lower pay) to take on some jobs (e.g. investigating and responding to theft). The police are asked to do too much, and we would be better served if there were more staff that is paid appropriately for the job that is actually needed.
163	Far too much of our budget is allocated towards WPS
164	the police budget needs to be decreased and the city needs to take the lead on this. reallocate the funds to programs that will actually help people that are in distress - especially those suffering from mental illness. Havent we seen enough that the status quo isn't working? yet the police budget continues to rise - higher than other major cities. while cuts to other city services are happening left and right.
165	I was initially skeptical about police abolition but from talking with ex-officers and people formerly involved with the cadets I've truly realized that the police are just a legalized gang that our city shovels out public funds to. The police do not help society and actually make communities significantly less safe. The institution of policing is bad for police themselves as the leading cause of death for officers is suicide caused by the stress of the toxic work environment and having to commit atrocities against communities. Why is it that largely Indigenous communities in the North End and city centre are overly policed while suburbs have no police presence? Given the statistics about police violence against Indigenous people, how can the city of Winnipeg claim any sort of commitment to reconciliation without defunding the police? There are already community alternatives out there. Take funding away from police, invest in groups like Mama Bear Clan and Bear Clan and the Biz district patrol to care for communities. Provide safe-consumption sites for people struggling with drug addiction and mental health professionals/crisis responders to help people who are suffering. Invest in Thunderbird House and related organizations to support Indigenous peoples in this city. The amount of money we send to the police is an absolute shame. Why have we defunded everything good about this city while shovelling more and more money towards the police?
166	Absolutely too much of the annual budget is spent on a police force that is regularly one of the most unreliable in the country and held to absolutely zero accountability (access to information regarding police involved homicide/shootings and drunk driving for example.) The new police headquarters alone was drastically over-budget and there has been no transparency involved in that whatsoever. The secrecy allowed on the part of the police in Winnipeg needs to be addressed when it comes to the above mentioned issues and it starts with city counsellors and the mayor being in control over this public service and not the other way around. The WPS doesn't need anymore funds so it can further militarize itself. Less officers, better structural organization, more accountability and smaller budget, with the savings going towards addressing the poverty crisis in our city, which in turn would cause crime rates to drop.
167	As in other cities, I feel WPS absorbs far too much of the municipal budget and has too much political clout. Community organizations should be better-funded in order to take up much of this work. Policing in Winnipeg is problematic for marginalized communities.

168	I feel that there is too much money allocated to police services that could be redistributed to communities in need, supporting the most vulnerable (which is crime prevention in itself). I strongly believe the School Resource Officers should be removed from school so that that money can support students and educators. I feel that the money spent on the police helicopter is unnecessary and outrageous. Again, real crime prevention is reducing poverty and supporting communities.
169	Police services are of PRIMARY importance in Winnipeg. Residents need to know there are individuals/an organization in place to protect them. I am horrified at the current narrative of defunding police- this is nonsense, and we absolutely need the protection and security of law enforcement in these uncertain, trying times.
170	This is one the services we need to maintain to ensure our citizens safety and well being. Without a fully funded Police Service the City will see a decline in our safety and well-being
171	This service is currently eating up a huge chunk of the budget. However we know that the police do not prevent crime they are just a reactive force (you can find more info on this in the Winnipeg police environment report from 2018) The city needs to reduce this budget and put it back into life sustaining and crime preventing services such as housing, harm reduction, transit, etc.
172	I live in Armstrong's point and feel over policed. The WPS helicopter wakes us up regularly. We need more front line social and mental health services, including harm reduction, and less policing.
173	Why are they taking up so much of the budget?? Seems wasteful
174	This "service" disproportionately affects BIPOC individuals, the disadvantaged, and the underserved. Abolish the police and redirect the funding towards positive, community-building initiatives. Get SROs out of schools and stop the intimidation and harassment of students. Invest in mental health services, funding for at-risk youth, and the creation of safe spaces free from drunk-on-power cops.
175	What you should know, what is abundantly obvious by now is that. Policing is based based on intimidation, surveillance and the use of force. It does not keep communities safe. Communities keep communities safe. Council has recently and completely irresponsibly ignored the Police Accountability Coalition's demands. This coalition represents more than 100 organizations. The Justice for Black Lives petition list of demands including to defund and abolish (Signed by more than 1000000) has been equally been ignored. Defund and abolish the Winnipeg Police Service NOW.
176	The Winnipeg Police Service is overfunded. Why is it necessary to fly a helicopter over the city so often? Why is money being put into these services when crime is not being prevented, nor is justice being seen? If we transferred even just a fraction of the Winnipeg Police Service's budget, the City of Winnipeg would be able to use that money to provide housing and basic necessities to those in the city who desperately need them. Less Helicopters More Housing!!!! The fact that the City of Winnipeg allows so many of its citizens to experience homelessness is a disgrace. EVERY person living in Winnipeg deserves to survive and thrive while living in the capital city of Manitoba.
177	This service consumes a huge portion of our budget for an organization that refuses accountability and contains the highest paid employees in the city. They are a violent presence in our community that we are forced to pay over \$300m/yr for. Defund them and reallocate that budget to actual community services that have NO dealings with the police. No more police lead "community service programs"

178	<p>I am white so I am safer from the police. That is not the case for everyone involved. Currently the city police budget is far too large and far too detrimental to the citizens of this city. They are expected to handle far too much, and honestly I've asked, I couldn't find anyone in my life that the police in Winnipeg have helped or assisted in any positive way. They do not feel like they are part of our community and recent interactions and KILLINGS have proved that. They feel like they act without oversight from city council and dictate what their budget should be. They are far too militarized considering that crime has been going down. WHY DO THEY NEED A HELICOPTER? They don't. Often I am woken at night by it as it circles overhead for hours and hours on end.</p>
179	<p>Please spend money on social services and preventing issues that lead to police involvement rather than paying the salaries of very expensive police officers who are dealing with the very end of many failed services.</p>
180	<p>I think there are alternative services and organizations that could use more funding than policing. ie. Mental health and addictions services, shelters, community wellness organizations, etc.</p>
181	<p>As I hope that you are well aware, in April of this year, Winnipeg Police shot and killed three Indigenous people in the span of 10 days: On April 8, 2020, Eisha Hudson was shot and killed by the Police Officers of the Winnipeg Police Service. She was 16 years old; On April 9th, 2020, Jason Collins was shot and killed by the Police Officers of the Winnipeg Police Service. He was 36 years old; and On April 18, 2020, Stewart Kevin Andrews was shot and killed by Police Officers of the Winnipeg Police Service. He was 22 years old.</p> <p>Since 2001, the Winnipeg Police Service has shot and killed 19 people, 12 of whom were Indigenous and 2 of whom were Black. For reference, Indigenous people represent only 12.5% of the population in Winnipeg while Black people represent just 3.9% of the population. Clearly, these death rates don't equate with their proportion of Winnipeg's population. In 15 of those cases, the Independent Investigations Unit of Manitoba concluded the officer's actions were justified, leading to no charges. The remaining four are still under investigation. I question the efficacy of a process that always results in no blame or accountability, particularly given the lack of cooperation by officers with this process, as well as other criticisms of the IIU, which have been well documented by the Winnipeg Free Press.</p> <p>Winnipeg Police are the among the deadliest in Canada, if not the deadliest</p> <p>Though exhaustive information is hard to find as Statistics Canada only tracks fatal police shootings if an officer is criminally charged, according to this list (which does not appear to be complete and does not include other known deaths in police custody), two thirds of all Canadian police killings (four out of six) in 2020 thus far have happened right here in Winnipeg. At least three quarters of those killings involved Indigenous victims (the identity of the person killed by the Winnipeg Police Service on March 10, 2020 is not public knowledge).</p> <p>In 2019, more than half of police killings in Canada (four out of seven) happened in Winnipeg. Of those</p>
182	<p>Defund it</p>
183	<p>Absolutely unacceptable level of funding for whatever benefit to the public is offered .</p>

184	<p>This is a heavily funded city service, and I've watched them perpetrate violence and berate their critics with impunity.</p> <p>In my own past interactions with members of the WPS I've been subject to homophobic abuse, and events of this year have made clear that this is not an exceptional incident. There are no real checks or balances for the largest expense that the city undertakes. I feel trapped and nauseated downtown because of their omnipresence, and I am a law abiding citizen. The city of Winnipeg needs to think progressively and begin to divest from this service.</p>
185	<p>This service is dangerous to health and well-being of BIPOC, as well as lower class people, and people with mental health issues, and drug-users. They continue to kill and harm people with impunity, and that helicopter keeps me awake all night long, as a downtown resident.</p>
186	<p>Cut spending on police services and move that money to community services for vulnerable populations.</p>
187	<p>I'm very unhappy to see that WPS has not made any meaningful changes considering the outpouring of public protest regarding their treatment of BIPOC folks. I have worked for a community based sex workers rights organization for many years, and we have always known the police to be a hinderance to achieving justice and safety for sex workers. So many people feel that they need protection FROM the police, rather than protection BY the police. Winnipeg would be much better served by community organizations and social programs that actually help keep people safe. The exorbitant amount of money the WPS receives should be cut significantly and redistributed to these organizations.</p>
188	<p>Need more policing for violent crimes, thefts and the drug problem in the city. Move officers from traffic to better use them other than sitting for 8 hours a day monitoring people rolling through stop signs. Get them out and visible in the public eye. High visibility promotes safety.</p>
189	<p>Our police services do not have adequate oversight. The police board is toothless, the Chief will not admit when he or his officers were wrong, the union allows violent racist cops to stay on the force and their budget takes up too much of the total city expenses. City council needs to think about policing differently.</p>
190	<p>Police are very important but we need to find ways to work together with social workers, social services, etc.</p>
191	<p>We are being gouged by the police. Their budget is strangling the life out of this city by taking an unfair amount of it.</p>
192	<p>We need to continue to support and improve our police services. They need support and funding to take control back of our city. Since I have lived in St.Vital I have seen the tactical force three times within feet of my house, and a murder right behind me as well as street over. I no way feel safe downtown at night.</p>
193	<p>Cut there buget, get rid of helicopter and Tank</p>
194	<p>The City is not addressing root causes adequately nor funding preventative solutions—choosing instead the bandaid approach of increasing police budget and responsive measures. This is not proactive and ignores systemic issues of poverty and racism. The City should revisit unreasonable spending on things such as a helicopter —what on earth do we need a helicopter for?! It's nothing but a noise nuisance.</p>
195	<p>The police receive an absurd percentage of our budget (higher than any other city in Canada I am aware of), and if we cut it we would be able to pay for all the other services which do so much more good for our community.</p>

196	The police service is largely overfunded for its priorities of dealing with petty crimes and the entire budget should be used to address the conditions that lead to petty crimes (housing,poverty). The increased militarization of the police service has only lead to an increase in harm carried out by police. Decriminalization of survivability and real attempts to address poverty will do way more for the crime rate then any police service can do.
197	Many of the problems the police are enlisted to deal with are not fundamentally criminal. Things like addiction would be much better served by increasing community services rather than paying for police to just arrest people.
198	Winnipeg's property taxes are highest in Canada...Police costs are too high...driving people out of city...needs complete overhaul....
199	Public safety is necessary for the city to thrive and grow. Before the pandemic, random crime and assaults were increasing downtown which made people think twice before going downtown. Since covid-19, people are becoming accustom to staying home and will continue do so if they don't feel safe.
200	Instead of gutting important things like education, healthcare, and social services, start moving funds away from the swollen police budget. It clearly isn't working.
201	This service is over-funded. Police services take up too large a proportion of the city budget and do not adequately address Winnipeg's safety needs.
202	The police service should not be tasked with as much as it is. There needs to be a reallocation and a restructuring so that police are only called to police matters and should have to be responsive to medical experts when dealing with someone in distress rather than their current practice of stepping in and taking over. The WPS is too expensive to maintain and we would all be better off if money was spent on anti-poverty initiatives. Our violent crime rate and drug situation have got worse the more we give to the police so a reset is needed.
203	We spend way too much of the budget on policing while not supporting the communities that cause the most crime. Most should be spent on supporting disadvantaged communities and it should be coming out of the polices budget.
204	I have never broken the law. I have never had a positive encounter with police. Defund them entirely, and use the money to build proactive, crime-preventative, community-building structures. Read Dr. Angela Y. Davis. Learn from other cities.
205	I am very concerned by the increase in the police budget as a proportion of the total budget, especially relative to other departments and services. I feel that other city services are suffering as a result, and I don't see enough data showing where we are getting a return on that investment.
206	I think the police budget should be drastically reduced, instead of increasing it every year. That money should be put towards funding for poverty reduction programs, Bear Clan, and community based mental health professionals and first responders and social workers.
207	The amount of money wasted on this city's police force is appalling. This money should be used to fund community development and providing social services that are needed in our inner city neighbourhoods. The police helicopter, for example, is always over our area in the North End, shakes our windows and is super loud while we are trying to sleep. This helicopter is useless and seems to be incredibly costly and a nuisance.
208	The police helicopter and RESCUE tank are not necessary and huge wastes of money. Police costs are out of control. Our critical issues dont need police, they need community investments.
209	It is outrageous how much we spend on policing.

210	Raising crime rates and the drug and gang influence is rapidly increasing. Safety is the most important for residents especially due to the unpredictability of the people using the drugs.
211	Recent studies suggest that an ever increasing budget for policing does nothing to reduce crime, nor keep the community safe. It seems a redistribution of those funds toward community services and supports would better impact the community.
212	I believe it is important to continue supporting the police service. I believe that City council should reconsider the Body Camera program, as I believe it would save the city from lawsuits based on fictitious events. It would also help to restore trust in the police service as the video that is available often does not show the entire context of the events portrayed by police abolition groups. I also think that City Counsel should recommend to the police that they increase the number of foot patrol officers to help with the issue of trust. If communities knew the 2-4 officers that walked the beat in their area, someone that would come knock on our doors and ask about the issues facing them, I think everyone would be happier.
213	This service is recovering too much financial support, and many of the duties that they currently are providing (such as mental health crisis, and human wellness) should be provided by people who are actually trained to deal with this.
214	Police. Absolutely imperative they keep operating without a cut in their budget. Think about what they do.
215	The most expensive spending and yet nothing is done to curb their costs? Cuts I see would be one person cars, why 2 when other major cities have more cars with ONE officer in them. You could freeze hiring just with that one change. Curb the number of police at crime scenes. Unheard of having 20 cars at a scene, most on overtime and it seems normal!!!! The police association seems to tell the city what they want and it's granted each time. City employees only have increases at each bargaining time. Government employees continue to have wages frozen, cut backs, but city employees continue to see rising wages. I'm talking, Police, fire, etc. If there is a pushback from these departments fine. Go to arbitration. But I guarantee I'll never hear of these changes from media outlets ever! Such collusion exists between the police association, media, and council.
216	Our police service is unaccountable and does not create safety outcomes. This budget needs to be cut by at least 50% and have their lines reallocated toward community based safety strategies that are not proven to be racist and dangerous. Community members hate the helicopter, the harassment by cadets and cops, and the increasing surveillance. We deserve a healthy city, not one where the cops threaten communities and city councillors and run roughshod over civil and human rights.
217	
218	I feel it is very important the the budget for police services be reduced and transferred to our social services departments. The city should be providing the services needed to keep our citizens healthy and safe then we wouldn't need so much of our the budget dedicated to policing.
219	The amount of tax dollars that go to the Police service is absurd. Community services and safety are a priority right now as the gap widens during the pandemic. Investment must be made in communities and people right now and not via the Police service.
220	Response time is slow to emergencies. Often calls go ignored.

221	Cut the police budget and re-allocate that money to support the citizens of MB. Put that money into social services, arts and culture, youth support programs, and grass-roots organizations like the Bear Clan. Use the money to support those who have lost income due to the pandemic, or to provide better support to our healthcare workers. The police do not need a \$280 million dollar budget.
222	Police service model should be revised. The current model has shifted more mental health and social issues on to police. These services should be addressed by experts in these areas. Reduce police budget and invest more in social and health services to address underlying issues of crime such as addiction and poverty.
223	The Winnipeg Police need to be defunded and eradicated and replaced with a highly trained crisis response team that represents a diverse range of people and that have been trained in de-escalation, anti-racism, and community development. These highly trained professionals should only patrolling areas in which they live, so that they are familiar with the people and the area/business owners etc., so people feel more comfortable around them. The racism and brutality enacted by the Winnipeg Police has eroded any public trust in them. They need to be dismantled, they are ineffective and take up far too much of the city budget.
224	The Winnipeg Police Service has demonstrated a clear and present danger to marginalized communities, an inability to reform itself, and an ineffective use of our tax dollars. The WPS has been the beneficiary of increasingly larger year-over-year budgets at the expense of other services which have proven more effective at keeping communities healthy and safe. We need to change the scope of the WPS' mandate and fund community services that directly address the underlying causes of so-called crime. We have now tried ineffective and expensive large-scale policing - it is time for a new approach. Community-led organizations such as Mama Bear Clan, North Point Douglas Women's Centre, and IRCOM all provide much needed services that help at-risk individuals while fostering relationships with community members.
225	Police funding needs to be significantly reduced. The best way to decrease crime is to invest in social programs at the community level. Police officers do little to keep the community safe but take up most of the budget.
226	The North End station is very very old, the building is so small and inadequate for the area now. 3 or maybe 4 years ago there was a meeting about using the green space - the community said no. Still no new police station - crime increasing. Make a decision. I vote for Selkirk ave at Charles - lots of space there, yes some older housing might be lost - sorry I know plans are 5 miles but aint gonna find that in the North End.
227	Pensionable OT is killing us. The amount these guys rack up for pensions is so unfair to the taxpayers. And then we are stuck with huge fines, photo radar, mobile units, just to pay all their excessive salaries and benefits. How ever you have to get rid of it, do so. Its abused badly and very unsustainable.
228	Grossly over funded, I had a meth head on my porch who broke into a neighboring business trying to get into my house and the police never even drove by. Focus the funding on more community outreach programs and take the stress off the police so they can be more effective. There are services in the city that can help a certain problem better than the police but the funding goes to the police and they aren't able to focus all the effort on the problem where this other organization has the ability to use the same money more efficiently, potentially allowing less money to be spent while better solving the problem
229	

230	According to statistics, WPS spends the majority of it's time managing issues which could more safely be managed by harm reduction based community services. According to these same statistic, WPS has increased it's arrest rate for non-violent offenses, but it's closed case rate for violent crimes has fallen. Additionally, WPS fails to provide a sense of safety to the general public, and in fact actively displays threatening body language regardless of whether threats are present. I support defunding WPS in order to allocate more funding towards community resources and services such as subsidized housing, safe injection sites, rehabilitation services for substance use and other mental illnesses, and other services which reduce the strain on policing and hospitals.
231	For the cost and budget each year something needs to change. The salaries, pension and overtime is insane. You need a overhaul on where to better spend your money
232	Keep this service well funded, police are essential to maintaining order in the city. The city needs a police service that is effective at keeping order against emerging threats.
233	Police budget needs to be vastly reduced. They should be only a small percentage of the budget. Fire department is also overbudgeted.
234	Wonderful people who do not get enough support. You have a great group of people who are expected to put themselves in harms way for our benefit You expect them to be mental health workers. You expect them to be councillors and diffuse situations. Then they are spat on when they have to deal with meth addicted individuals who are hell bent on harming themselves and others. I have seen North End officers with stitches in their heads after these alterations. Fund them. Support them. Deal with the mental health issues in the community and stop using officers as a bandaid to cover the issue.
235	
236	need to feel safer downtown, daily meth heads everywhere, portage place is a meeting place for drug deals out back, literally do not feel safe downtown at all
237	The police have received negative blow back as a result of events outside their control and not in our community. Let's focus on what they do - if they need reform - direct those comments to the police board as they should be - NOT facebook
238	This service seems underfunded from an outside perspective.
239	This service is overfunded. It seems that the priority is to line the pockets of the police officers instead of protecting the community. And the other services are being cut to accommodate their inflated salaries and pensionable overtime.
240	Increased spending in this area has not worked to keep our communities safer. It is clear that redirecting these funds to organizations focused on proactive community initiatives would be far more beneficial.
241	The police budget prevents us from investing in areas that would actually improve our city. Not enough spent on transit, trees, bike/walking infrastructure snow clearing, social/community supports all because the police eat too much budget. They don't improve the city. They make it less equitable.
242	Too much of the city budget goes to the police and it is wasted on things like helicopters and armoured vehicles. What we need is stronger community servcies that actually take care of people and promote community inclusion.
243	I think other community services would benefit from increased funding and be a more responsible and effective use of funds for preventing crime rather than just responding to it. Increased rapid mental health supports, addictions services and housing should be prioritized.

244	I think we should 'defund the police'. Too much of the city's budget goes towards policing. I'm not saying we eliminate the police. Simply transfer valuable resources over to Community and Social Services, with public programming options.
245	Policing takes way too much of the City budget. The cost is not sustainable and must be fixed.
246	Cutting back on staffing. No need for 2 person cars, no need for multiple units to be at a scene, start controlling the police association. Freeze salaries of all city employees like every else
247	There needs to be a serious independent audit done of the police service and how efficient it is - don't believe the management there. There is a culture of entitlement, and that rules do not apply to them. I worked there a number of years ago and saw it first-hand, and have heard many stories that would make you cringe at the waste that happens there. When people know what the rules are, they can figure out the loopholes. All this waste in overtime expenses - that needs to be audited. There are deals made between shifts to maximize overtime costs, because at the end of the day police officers are people - and people get selfish. That entire headquarters fiasco - why are police officers in charge of projects? They do not know how to properly manage projects. There is a sense at WPS that police officers can do anything - why bother hiring people with actual education or skills in a specific job? Just get a desk jockey to do it. That's why Winnipeg Police waste so much money - there is so much incompetence at every level and NO accountability. Why does their budget increase year over year? because they are instilling in every recruit their culture. It's never going to end until you get some outside eyes on what actually happens inside that building.
248	The police budget is extremely bloated, and provides an even poorer value than transit. The police do not keep the community safe as they fail to reduce crime and criminalize impoverished people in the city
249	Totally unimportant because they don't actually do anything.
250	These police departments are receiving far too much funding, for what is in return, very little, and poor service to the community. They need to receive less funding, and be trained more effectively so that they can properly serve and protect ALL people.
251	The police are way too expensive for the number of jobs they are expected to do. This money could be put towards specialized services to handle mental health checks, domestic issues, the number of things that end up in the caller being harmed.
252	Defund the police, their budget continually increases, the officers are grossly overpaid. Additionally, we need to mandate some sort of university education to be able to apply for A police officer position. This will weed out a lot of bad cops. Also, stop doing high speed car chases. I'm not sure why in 2020 the police are getting in high speed chases over stolen liquor and cars. It led to a pointless killing of a teenage girl and if we just avoided car chases for pretty crimes this would not happen.
253	The WPS are receiving excessive funds for ineffective reforms while they continue to murder Winnipeggers all over the city. There is no evidence to suggest that body-cameras or other incremental reforms decrease crime or even prevent police violence. The exorbitant funding allocated to WPS acts as a barrier to other services that would a much more positive impact on our communities. Poverty reduction, housing, addictions and mental health services are all more meaningful strategies for improving community safety.

254	I would like to take this opportunity to show my support in defunding the winnipeg police services. Especially during a pandemic when most people are home and vulnerable populations in the city are at an even higher risk. The police budget takes a huge chunk of funds that should be reallocated into the community to provide housing, more services and real safety. Police do not have a role in Covid 19 safety and the health of our communities. I would like to see this reflected in the upcoming budget. Fund our community and grass root programs not the police service.
255	
256	I am extremely uncomfortable with ~25% of my tax dollars going to the WPS. I would like to see the city instead invest in research into the root causes of crime in our city (likely poverty, systemic racism, mental health issues) and then allocate resources to social services that address those issues.
257	Defund and invest in social services, mental health, and other services that provide genuine CARE
258	WPS is astronomically over funded. All of my experiences with police have been both negative and unproductive. They are a drain on our resources.
259	The police need to stop driving around in tanks and shooting people!
260	The Winnipeg Police Service is violent, corrupt, and causes far more problems than it solves. The police should be disarmed immediately to prevent more murders of civilians, and should be defunded aggressively over a period of maximum five years to increase community safety.
261	I feel unsafe with cops around. I have seen firsthand cops racially profiling people. I have seen their incompetence dealing with drug related issues. It is 25% of my tax dollars and it is useless. The police have never helped me. They need to get off of busses. Their loud disruptive expensive helicopter needs to land and stay there. Increased police spending year after year does not decrease crime rates or increase safety. We know it's not working and if we keep throwing money at the problem whether the government is liberal or conservative we see that the government is highly influenced by the police union that actively hurts the community. Cut funding from police and invest it in the community.
262	We do not need to be spending the amount of money that we are on the police service. Policing is inherently reactive and when we start to underfund/cut the preventative services (such as community supports, libraries, youth programming, safe spaces, etc) the budget will just continue to balloon. Right now internationally there is so many brilliant alternative visions of community safety being pursued that don't involve blank cheques to police, and I think we need to take note of this.
263	Too much money is spent on police by an incredible margin. The police should be defunded significantly and removed from schools, and that money invested in services that actually help, rather than harm, the community.

264	If the safety of our citizens is not at the top of council's list, I don't know what should be? In my opinion our Police Service is stretched to its limits. I am really tired of the back-and-forth that goes on between the mayor and EPC and the other few counsellors that actually support our police service. It is evident that Mayor Bowman is not a supporter of the WPS and that to me is very disturbing, as a retired individual who resides in the city. I appreciate that there is not a money tree out there that can provide on ending funds to the police. My concerns are with the mayors decision to use my taxpaying dollars to take the police to court about their contract and their pension when he should've known he would lose that fight. I have worked long and very hard to earn my money and provide for myself in my retired years, so it greatly angers me when I see the mayor use my taxpaying dollars like they are his own. Throwing money away should not be happening in this day and age. He knows as a lawyer there's a time and place for certain things to be argued and his choosing to fight that issue when he did was an act of incompetence if you ask me. Let the police do their jobs, support them and move onto the next hundred problems that the city has, that really need to be dealt with.
265	Again, police do not create a safe environment. The police have zero accountability and take away funds from important funds that rebuild the community with much less harm. No more innocent lives should be taken from irresponsible people with badges. ABOLISH THE POLICE.
266	Provide proper funding until other agencies can pick up the slack.
267	Defund and invest in the community. Other cities are doing this we can do this too!
268	The city spends too much money on the police budget. Officers should not be allowed to work extra shifts for private businesses and be permitted to receive overtime, pay via taxpayer funding, and those earnings should not be counted towards a pension payout. I support the city's efforts to modify the pension funding agreement. Also the police need better oversight including mandatory body cameras and an independent police oversight committee that has the authority to require evidence and testimony.
269	the police budget needs to be lessened. instead, please, more social, education and arts programs, more addressing the roots of crime. a lot of work the police currently get assigned could be far more efficiently (money) and better (less harm, more help) done.
270	It's absurd that they get so much funding in comparison to everything else. If you look at the compensation disclosure, mid-level police force members receive higher salaries than managers in other departments. That's strange. They also don't actually do a good job. Police should require much more training, and have much less power.
271	We put way too much funding into this service. A significant portion of it should be differed to social services. Also a pay cut across the board for police wages. People should not be choosing to be an officer because of financial incentives.
272	I urge our city to cut back on funding for police services and re-allocate funding towards community programs. Lets be honest, police don't really prevent crime, they respond after crime has already been committed. So lets focus our attention to prevention rather than reaction, and look how we can better support our communities and at risk youth.

273	The WPS is the largest budget line BY FAR. Like every other service that seems to go under the microscope with the intent of cutting back inefficiencies, we need to take a long, hard look at what value we are getting for that money. If the WPS is supposed to make our city safer, why is their crime-solve rate so low? Why do folks (especially BIPOC folks) feel unsafe with the Police, fearing violence, racial profiling and apathy for low-income communities? Why is a service that is so poor at preventing crime being funded so disproportionately to services that are proven crime reduction strategies like housing security, food security, mental health supports, job security and other community services. Our budget priorities should be guided by compassion first and foremost. But simply in an economic sense, we are getting a POOR return on investment when we invest in the police. Our city would be safer, more compassionate and served better by re-allocating WPS funds towards community organizations and social supports.
274	Overall, I think the police are doing a good job, despite the [removed language] they're hearing in the media.
275	We really need to look at the role of the police service and have a serious change in the funding model, our police service need to go back to doing what they were initially suppose to be doing...supporting and helping the community. There is absolutely no reason the Winnipeg Police Service needs a half a million dollar tank. The spending of the police service is absolutely shameful and they need to be held more accountable on their spending. They work for us, not the other way around.
276	Maybe stop paying police constables \$100k+ a year, give them the best pension plan in Canada and enough time off that half of them own contracting businesses on the side - all while working in an industry where there is zero accountability for their job performance. The last police recruiting class had 1000 applicants and 14 accepted... the basic laws of supply and demand would suggest the equilibrium is out here, and it's easy to see why.
277	Please, do not defund the police. Too many asocial people on the street in Downtown, especially in the evenings.
278	We obviously need more police in this city. Crime is getting worse every year. The way it is going my next move will be outside the city limits. This isn't how Winnipeg should be. We need to ditch photo radar and put more true traffic cops on the street. All photo radar has done is create a driving habit, not driving safety. You know where the fix locations are and you know where the vehicles typically sit, and you slow down, or not take a chance on that yellow light.
279	The police are able to get away with crimes that would not be tolerated by other citizens. They get away with drunk driving and killing teens for petty theft. Jeffrey Norman is a sergeant with the Winnipeg Police and he has been sued 8 times for breaking the law yet he is still employed.
280	the budget is out of control

281	<p>In the past 6 months we've learnt a lot about our police service. We've learnt more about their often racist practices and stereotyping. We've learnt about how ineffective their crime solving rates are. We've learnt more about how they wield power. We've learnt how long their response times are compared to other cities. And we've learnt just how much of the city budget pie they eat up. Doesn't seem like we're getting great value for our money.</p> <p>I would encourage the following improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - all new officers must have a Bachelors Degree in Conflict Resolution, Mediation or similar before admission to the academy - all new officers must take extensive racial training, not just the day or two they get right now. - University-level courses in Indigenous/Settler relations and history. - officers should walk a beat, not just drive around. Walking a neighbourhood helps connect them to community members. - increase in community support services funding (trauma recovery, after school programs, housing for homeless, education and skills development) - decrease in police funding - removal of the following tasks from police: responding to mental health crises, traffic direction, domestic violence, school security <p>Since police only show up after a crime has been committed, let's make our goal to simply have less people committing crimes. And since crime is a symptom of poverty ... well, you can connect the dots.</p>
282	<p>Too much budget and privileges are given to the Police because they are being given the responsibility to respond to non-police matters that Social workers should be handling.</p>
283	<p>So many of the things that the police do under the guise of community policing could be done more effectively and efficiently by other bodies. The police eat up the largest single chunk of the operating budget and provide little in return. If we took the money invested in them and instead put it in efforts to provide more community services and trained professionals, and stopped treating social problems as criminal problems, we'd much more effectively address the social ills of Winnipeg.</p>
284	<p>It is very important. 24/7 job even when police r off duty. Look at all the chaos in this world. We need to stop allowing a small majority to destroy this. The majority support police. Lets see the City try and convince the good taxpayers to defund and cut police. I cant believe we even need to explain this.</p>
285	<p>The police budget is much too high and we need to allocate Most of their funds to community services. It has been growing higher than any other budget for years and it's not working.</p>
286	<p>Get rid of the tank, stop flying the chopper so much, and defined this department. There is far too much money going into this department for how little it is helping Winnipeg. Spend surplus on community outreach programs so can actually help people.</p>
287	<p>The police service budget is becoming more and more bloated without oversight for efficiency. I feel like we are NOT getting our money's worth when such a huge portion is going to astronomical pensions and unnecessary overtime.</p>
288	<p>Disarm. Defund.</p>
289	<p>The Police need to quit this program they run downtown where they do a "safety" presentation to downtown office workers that consists of fearmongering about very unlikely worse case scenarios and the homeless. It's gross and lily white, middle class office workers are already fearful and uncompassionate for low income and racialized residents of the downtown area.</p>

290	Defund them.
291	Defund & put money into community
292	There needs to be a greater focus on providing Public services and housing to all people. The police service should not be burdened with dealing with all the public problems our society creates.
293	Defund the police. Stop feeding the police services money. Put that money towards transit and education. Please.
294	Defund them. They are taking 1/3 of the budget. Look at it critically. People are begging you. Defund them. They are so corrupt and incapable. PLEASE
295	Although a necessity, the excess funding of policing in Winnipeg has meant significantly less for every other aspect of City services. There has to be a rebalance in funds distribution that includes other aspects such as Community Services, the Arts/Public Art, all the services that put people first.
296	The police service needs a rethink. Money that is simply push towards the police is better spent on community based organizations that can prevent the creation of the environment where crimes thrives. Additionally many of the situations where police are dispatched are situations where they neither having the training or temperament to solve said situation without the escalation that leads to violence.
297	We support the funding of community organizations to do the work of helping community members and alleviating the need for police in times and places where they are not needed/not helpful. Less money to the police and more to community organizations.
298	The hyper-inflated police budget is continuously being used to militarize a police force with a disturbing history of harming the citizens they are supposed to serve. My ideas for this service are to defund and disarm the police service as soon as possible. The police services should then be replaced with adequate support for those in mental health crises, as well as harm reduction services for citizens who use substances and improved social services for citizens living without homes or other essential resources.
299	The WPS should be defunded and city resources redirected to community services and support.
300	Would like to see more accountability for police budget and for inappropriate actions carried out by police. Would like to see a truly independent review service for police misconduct rather than the IIU.
301	The police service is complete BS and they get way way too much money, and they don't even have proper training. They are expected to be able to go to mental health checks with no background knowledge in psychology, they are in schools which is no place for the police as a school is supposed to be a safe learning environment but having an officer in a school creates a lot of fear for a lot of kids especially the BIPOC children who are watching their mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, cousins, friends or even strangers who have the same skin colour being killed far too often for things that a white person wouldn't even have a gun pulled on them for. Police need to stop being called in for mental health crisis's and the city needs to allocate a good portion of their ridiculously high budget to hiring professional mental health/psychologists to respond to these calls so less people end up in prison or dead for something that could very easily been avoided.

302	We should massively defund the police. The amount of the civic budget that they receive (over a quarter!) is just ridiculous. And for that what do we get? An annoying helicopter flying over the inner city at 2am doing nothing, a tank for some reason, six figure salaries ... all this and they can't seem to stop shooting people they should be helping. The killing of Eishia Hudson over a couple bottles of liquor was an exceptionally low point. At a time when the world is calling for the defunding and disarmament of police to give them more money (at the expense of all other city services no less!) is ludicrous and insulting to taxpayer's intelligence.
303	Defund the police. Reroute spending to education, health services, community services, mental health, and environment.
304	It is outrageous that so high a percentage of our budget goes to the police. We need to invest MUCH more in community services instead.
305	I'm not saying defund the police, but this is a reactive solution that temporarily subdues the overt visible effects of an underlying problem--it's reactive. But honestly if we just took maybe 20% of the annual policing budget and used it for a preventative service to address the population with the lowest Socioeconomic status (like more halfway homes, education, assistance with cognitive disabilities, drug rehabilitation, etc.), I think it would make a huge difference. We could also consider something they tried in Yukon, where they have peacekeepers: individuals trained in criminology or sociology, that cannot lay charges or carry weapons, but are called solely to deescalate issues. Only in extreme situations are the actual police called. Like we already have the main street project--but we need more.
306	2020 has made it clear the police service is unable to safely provide the service they claim to offer. Defunding and shifting to a new approach is a huge priority.
307	They are grossly and unsustainably overfunded. I do not believe in their total abolition but a very significant reduction in their ops with a redirect to preventative and supportive services is needed.
308	Policing is very important and can't be defunded
309	This service is not important to the safety of Winnipeg and puts some people in Winnipeg's indirect harm as there have been multiple police shootings. This service needs much more accountability when murders occur and do not need as much funding. Allocating funding away from this service and into other services could help improve our city.
310	Overpaid. Need to have salary's indexed to the RCMP
311	Police budget and salaries are totally out of control. It will bankrupt our city at this rate. Don't give in the union fearmongering.
312	Please equip our police to effectively enforce peace bonds & restraining orders. Please re-read the #MMIWG call's for justice. Our response (https://winnipeg.ca/indigenous/MMIWG/) is disappointing. Instead of doing the bare minimum, what can be "be achieved within existing City of Winnipeg budgets" , please take this opportunity to reallocate & do something effective & helpful.
313	Police budget needs to be reduced. Invest in social programs that reduce crime. Invest in housing and neighbourhood revitalization - all within the role of municipalities.
314	Do not defund the police. Public safety is so critical. Just encourage more community policing and outreach. I should feel safe downtown; but I don't.
315	Defund the police and allocate the money to other areas.
316	Wpg spends more per capita than any other major Canadian city. We buy helicopters and tanks instead of funding services that treat the root causes of crime. We're taking pain killers hoping that will make the cancer go away.

317	Add social workers to crisis calls and well being checks. Have body cams on police officers.
318	The police should be encouraged to do their job properly, not penalized due to events in a different country. The government's job is to protect the citizens not defunding the police service in a time when crime is increasing. Doing so means betraying the voting citizen who got the government officials elected. Social media didn't elect them.
319	Never has a city mayor cut back or frozen anything to do with WPS.
320	The Winnipeg Police Cause Harm. The police should not be receiving a third of this city's budget, the WPS police chief should not be the highest-paid public servant when they actively participate in the abuse and oppression of Indigenous and Black people. The WPS should not have more tools for surveillance or murder. Instead of spending more money on the police, money should be funnelled into community services such as the Bear Clan, mental health services, addiction services, and other community-led initiatives.
321	Keep their wage increases reasonable so that we don't have to cut other city services as they are consuming too much of the budget
322	poor value for how much we spend, helicopter is a nuisance, seem to have total control over the city.
323	Over three hundred million dollars is spent for the city budget in policing and most of that money is wasted on cops who are poorly trained, dangerous, and self righteous. We don't need a police tank. We don't need police choppers prowling over certain neighborhoods. Cut the budget by AT LEAST 10% and put it somewhere useful - urban forestry, community services, medical, arts and culture - basically anything BUT policing.
324	More police officers. Should not have to wait more than a few minutes for police to arrive. Crime and poverty is out of control...require more police.
325	Still bad. Seriously - look how much money we give these idiots and look at the nonsense they do with it.
326	These police departments are receiving far too much funding, for what is in return, very little, and poor service to the community. They need to receive less funding, and be trained more effectively so that they can properly serve and protect ALL people.
327	I would rather see the police budget lowered in favour of raising public transit's budget. We keep cutting public transit when it benefits most Winnipeggers, whereas the police service's budget is excessive.
328	I'm a white male who can sometimes "pass" or hide being gay as well as having a mental disability when dealing with the WPS, and my experiences have been horrible - it's a group of largely heterosexual white armed agents of the state with alpha male junior-high locker room mentalities. They are the last people who should be doing any safety or wellness checks on vulnerable people. I imagine those who can't "pass" have it even worse.
329	Although I believe in the importance of the WPS, I think some money could be diverted towards social services.
330	Police officers shouldn't be able to work overtime just because. When their shift is done it should be done unless it's extremely important for them to be there cause someone is sick.
331	Winnipeg policing is excessive. Defund the police, put the money into community care and the world will literally change. Healthy people don't need policing. Good communities don't use police forces in place of social justice programming
332	We need to stop treating the WPS like a business. Give them the resources they need to serve the city properly. There needs to be more cars and more officers on the ground.
333	The police in this city are overworked and there aren't nearly enough of them. So many neighbourhoods that don't feel safe in broad daylight let alone after dark.

334	I want to feel safe again in this city!!! I stay home because I am scared!!! This is NOT how I want to live!! Don't even want to drive my car because there are idiots out there rear ending people and taking off!!! Police have no time to do anything about it and MPI fights tooth and nail to pay for the damage!!!!!! I HATE living this way!!!!!! I feel very bad for WPS and people say we don't have enough of them on the streets!!!! People who complain about EPS has never walked a mile in their shoes!!!!
335	an essential service with more pressures placed on it. it would be beneficial if non-police functions occurred elsewhere. Police reputation partially tarnished by becoming a revenue service - photo radar ticket revenue is clearly not about safety, the concern is revenue. Costs need to be controlled, in part because of poor past council decisions (e.g., pensions include overtime).
336	Systemic racism and insensitivity need to be dealt with. All officers should at minimum undergo extensive training in order to minimize the detrimental effects this has on our population. Police should be part of the solution, not the problem.
337	lower the budget by a large percentage
338	I am all for community watch, Bear Clan Patrol/Mama Bear Clan and I support these community initiatives. However, communities still need Police Services to work together with these communities. Of course, there can always be additional training opportunities for police services (cultural appropriateness, ect). Police are extremely important to our City.
339	I am in favour of defunding the police and eliminating School Resource Officers - they cause harm, abuse the power they have been given, and contribute to profiling racialized minorities. I demand better of my police service so that ALL people from all races can be serviced equally, and that isn't happening fairly or justly. \$304 M can be so much better spent on community services that actually help people get their basic needs better and lower crime rates as opposed to militarizing our police service with armoured vehicles & helicopters (that are also unnecessary & wake up community members like me nearly every night from flying on their "rounds" at 1am)
340	Winnipeg Police Service is far too expensive and far too systemically racist toward Indigenous and Black people. We need to drastically reduce the mandate and scope of police services to focus on livability, community services and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.
341	Spend more money community services and social programs. We have the highest police budget per capita in Canada and it's obviously not working.
342	More police officers. But change how they're used. More mental health training, and more money dedicated to community support.
343	Not sure about "defund," but definitely "redesign."
344	It is time to increase funding to community and mental health services and programming. Defund the police.
345	
346	The Provincial Government is bleeding the City dry on the issue of services to the vulnerable among us, requiring the City to spend money on safety issues that would be better spent on community service issues. The police should not be dealing with problems relating to mental health, addiction, homelessness, and poverty. Those problems, which are at the heart of much community safety problems, are best dealt with by community investment in infrastructure and in community development workers. The basic blame rests on the Provincial Government, but the City has to take the lead in the absence of leadership on these issues from the this Provincial Government.

347	The police service takes up a HUGE chunk of our city's budget. It is time to #DefundThePolice and put some of that money into other things, such as community programs, mental health, recreation, libraries, public transit, etc.
348	we need true reform and creative thinking here to create a positive community support for all citizens, racism and violent responses cannot be tolerated
349	I am a supporter of the Black Lives Matter movement and the call to redirect funds from police to community-based solutions to crime. I hope the city will work with community organizations and local experts to find evidence-based ways of improving crime prevention and response to crime. I also hope the Winnipeg Police Service will seriously examine racism within its institution and amongst its members and look at ways to be anti-racist.
350	I think that the budget for the Winnipeg Police Service should be drastically cut and redistributed to all the other underfunded areas of the city. I do not want my tax dollars going to the WPS. I want local, grass roots organizations to receive funding and resources (Main Street Project, other shelters and community groups, Bear Clan Patrol, etc). I want to be able to access more food security, mental health support, better public transit, and community recreation (NOT GOLF) with my taxes.
351	I feel the city budgets too much for police services and too little for community outreach. A community who supports their at risk populations in the form of employment services, recreational activities and health supports needs less in the way of police.
352	Winnipeg police are abusive, violent, escalate bad situations into worse, over-funded, prone to mocking and harassing residents who have broken no laws, racist, and ill-equipped to handle the vast majority of situations that confront them. It is vital that this department is broken up into others, and/or their funds are redistributed in ways that recognize the wide spectrum of situations police respond to. This includes health care, mental health care, addictions services, homelessness, traffic management, by-law infractions, etc. None of these types of events should ever be managed by armed police trained in subduing and violence.
353	There should be NO consideration given to cutting back police service.
354	Police do not prevent crime, they respond to it when it has already happened. Is this really what we want to put all our money into??
355	Need more resources and streamline operations to tackle crime
356	Policing services eat up far too much of the budget. Divesting from police and putting money into community health and social programs is much more effective. The city should focus on reducing poverty and opportunities for crime, not reacting to it.
357	Bring back police/cadet foot patrols, in core areas. Build up a non-police emergency social service response team to that police aren't spending time on mental health issues and homelessness issues.
358	The police get too high a percentage of the city budget, they antagonize people, and they don't prevent crime, which is done by addressing unmet material/emotional/psychological needs. They have killed people in our city, depriving them of life and due process. If we want a safer city, we need recreation and mental health support and affordable housing and accessible drug treatment and reliable transit. No more police.
359	Overall, the Winnipeg Police Service does a good job. I am concerned with accountability though, as it appears there is often a culture of "protect our own" among the force. Salaries and compensation is extremely high, and I think those salaries would be far more justified if the rare bad officers are held accountable for their actions.

360	<p>C'est un service qui est très important et il faut le garder. Toutefois, nous devons l'améliorer. Nous devons faire certains que les personnes ne sont pas prises pour cible basées sur leur race ni sur d'autres facteurs démographiques.</p> <p>English: It's a very important service that we must keep, however, we need to improve it. We need to ensure that people are not targeted based on race or other demographic factors.</p>
-----	---

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Public Transit

Total respondents who selected this service: 167

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	<p>taking money from transit to cover shortfalls elsewhere is regressive when we need to be drastically increasing service to get more people out of cars. take the money from the police instead, who don't actually keep people safe and in fact harm many.</p>
3	<p>We need to reinvest into transit. The police budget seems to continually increase and transit continually gets worse as a result. Rapid transit is not a solution, we need to improve our transit. We need deep evaluation to best analyze which routes require more busses and at the right times.</p>
4	<p>Again, draining the transportation budget for COVID response is not an effective solution when the most financially affected groups are those who must use transit. Please consider drawing from the exuberant Winnipeg police budget for COVID relief if you must.</p>

5	While I am quite pleased to see the development of the new rapid transit line down to the u of m, this really is only a baby step that should have been done years ago. Winnipeg's public transit is severely lacking, and it is much more difficult to get around in Winnipeg than most other major cities I've travelled to who do have accessible public transit. Public transit benefits the lower class, those who are unable to afford vehicles. Public transit also works to lower carbon emissions, something we must be putting every effort to do. I would love to see the city follow a trend that is beginning in some major cities across the world by fully subsidizing and inventing in more extensive public transit. This would increase ridership in poor communities allowing greater access to jobs, decrease emissions, as well as take more vehicles off our roads, decreasing wear and tear on our already worn roads.
6	Public transit is essential to many Winnipeggers. Currently it is mostly students and lower income residents using public transit. I think we need to find a way to make public transit appealing to all members of the public. We could do that by making it a more reliable mode of transport and that could help economically by creating more jobs.
7	Cutting bus routes in a pandemic makes zero sense.
8	Free transit that easily gets people where they need to go is very important. More buses to reduce crowding is imperative during the pandemic and should continue after.
9	You are making transit more inaccessible and that's disgusting
10	I need this service to get to places I cannot bike to. It is normally my primary transportation and it is unreliable and currently unsafe (COVID wise). I also do not feel safe with police on buses. We need a reliable public transit system. We need it to get to work and to go shopping. It is ridiculous to me that we keep making transit worse and worse yet we expand roads that we KNOW won't speed up traffic for more than a few years because of induced demand. Many traffic studies tell us this. It's ridiculous when cars are the traffic. People will move to buses when it is reliable, and on time.
11	Better routes and moving to light rail transit seems to be a great way to encourage increased use of public transportation. Long term, based on what I have read, it would be more cost effective.
12	Stop trying to be Toronto or Montreal (i.e. rapid transit). Instead, improve existing route connections and scheduling. Rather than running empty buses through our neighbourhoods in non-peak times, employ smaller shuttle vans, freeing up much needed buses on major routes. Improve driver safety.
13	Having been a recent graduate and using transit frequently, it's woefully lacking in accessibility and ease. Between being unreliable and not having a clear path to reach farther destinations, it's very nearly laughable when compared to other city's transit infrastructure.
14	The state of transit in this city is embarrassing. Winnipeg transit is vital to those it has the capacity to serve, but it is being bled. Before COVID, I took transit to work every day, and my bus lines were always overcrowded and sparse during the cold months when I needed consistent service most. Transfer the entire police budget to transit and I guarantee the quality of life of every citizen in this city would go up substantially, businesses would be recouping lost profits from COVID, homelessness would decrease, and you would all be reelected.
15	We are the only city over a population of 500,000 in North America without a rail transit system. Pathetic, other cities make it happen, just get it done.

16	<p>Transit should be expansive and accessible. It should feed into our cycling paths as well, and bring back the bike racks on buses.</p> <p>With the pandemic, transit has become terrifying. I take the bus to work every day that I don't bike (which will be every day in the winter) and on Thursday I sat next to a man who took his mask off to cough into his hand.</p> <p>Buses are crowded and unsafe. Let's find a way to make them safer during this period.</p>
17	The Winnipeg Transit system is terrible and needs to be improved. There are not enough buses, the routes need improving, the buses need to be cleaned and maintained more regularly. We need to invest in transit.
18	Public transit is woefully underfunded in Winnipeg and contributes to unhealthy car-culture in our city.
19	It's completely baffling to me that a (major) city in Canada like Winnipeg has such an inept and poorly planned transit system. I live in Transcona and work in River Heights. If I were to rely on Public Transit to get me to work, it would take me 80 minutes (ONE WAY) to commute versus 25 minutes by vehicle. If we truly care about our future generations, the future of this city, you will invest heavily in a *proper* transit system that won't take 15 years to complete!
20	More service is essential, and the quickest implementation of the transit master plan should be a priority. This type of investment would make me a lot less dependent on my car, making my life a lot less stressful and a lot more affordable. It would also increase my confidence in the city, as well as the impression given to the many visitors I host (outside of Covid-19).
21	I love how you guys are planning to destroy bus service in North East Winnipeg. /sarcasm
22	I pay almost \$100 a month on transit yet the bus shelters are constantly dirty, broken, and are soiled with urine and feces - sometimes the smell is unbearable; I need to wait on the street. It would be nice to have a comfortable and clean place to wait for my bus. Often I find the heaters are broken as well. When it's -40 in the winter it is very important to have a warm place to wait in.
23	I would like the city to begin electrifying transit soon. Electric busses can reduce the city's greenhouse gas emissions. They can also make neighbourhoods more pleasant by eliminating noisy and dirty diesel busses.
24	It should be better funded, free, more frequent, more reliable.
25	I depend on this service to get around Winnipeg. Social distancing is not always achieved on buses - this needs to change.
26	We need to bring back the Downtown Spirit, Affordable Transit options, and more accessible Blue Line access.
27	Public transit is key for my commute to work downtown. I would like to see it strengthened in order to reduce car dependency. I'd also like to see an increase in biking and walking safety for residents as it is dangerous right now.
28	Very important service which needs to be expanded on a faster scale so other areas of the city can use rapid transit
29	Service was cut in my area making it hard on me and my family. Would like to see service like the Southend gets.
30	We need reliable public transit to encourage city living and lower our carbon footprint.
31	Transit workers need to be treated better!
32	Although I'm currently working at home, due to COVID-19, I normally rely on transit, and feel more needs to be done to maintain and upgrade this service, including expanding RT routes, and providing more busses on over-crowded routes.
33	I own a car and still think this is a car city. Public transit is so bad here.
34	I don't drive and rely on transit.

35	Buses need to be more frequent and more adequately service all areas of the city. Frequency, accessibility and convenience are more important than rapid transit.
36	I would like to see the city of Winnipeg invest more into Public Transit so that it runs more often and more efficiently. Right now, there are parts of the city I don't access because it requires 3-4 buses to get there and back. I've had to turn down jobs, etc. because I don't have 1-4 hours a day to be bouncing from bus to bus.
37	Transit should be free. And we should have more frequent bus service. It's better for the environment and climate, would reduce the need for investment in roads and parking, and would significantly ease the financial burden of poorer citizens.
38	It is an important service and Winnipeg does not have a good public transportation system given its population compared to other cities of a similar size. I think public transportation workers such as bus drivers deserve wage increases and regular breaks. I also believe we should work towards opening even more rapid transit as the south end rapid transitway has been outstanding
39	I consider public transit essential and fantastic, and an important public sphere. I hate driving. However, because our system is convoluted, headways are too long or inconsistent, and fare payment doesn't allow for debit or credit cards, I haven't ridden a bus since March. This has detracted from my quality of life.
40	I don't use this service at all. If there were better options that would change. People like walking and our lethargic system prevents people from getting out more. Charleswood always felt cut off growing up so it was a must to have a vehicle. We need something you can swing in a big loop through the city and just have ports for the bus around this underground loop system. In the short term, maybe have you busses run later so people can use the bus on busy hallmark nights like Halloween bar nights (not my style because I'm a hermit but people need to be safe and it can't happen if they don't have options).
41	This is important for low income people like me who heavily relies to public transit. With the effects of climate change worsening in the future, we have to start encouraging to use transit instead of their own personal vehicles. We have to reliable and frequent service for all.
42	You need to improve the service instead of using COVID 19 as an excuse to cut back on services. The service over the years has gotten progressively worse yet you increase the bus fares without any rhyme or reason. In reality transit has been losing money for years and it has to do with the fact that there are too many "middle management and upper management" positions that could be eliminated and then you could afford to hire more bus drivers and make the bus service more accessible. You also "transit" needs to stop looking to the south of the City for ridership.
43	Low income bus pass!!!! We need this so badly. Each day I walk in the downtown and North End and everyone is walking far distances, biking, and bumming money for the bus. Transit should be a right. I would like to see this bus pass be based on a sliding scale so that for those who are the lowest income, it may be almost free. We should all have the mobility to get around this city. We should all have the right to the city we live in.
44	Improving public transit makes life better for all citizens but especially young people and lower income people. Improving public transit has the potential for reducing green house gas emissions. If more of us found public transit an attractive option, we would meet one another on the bus and possibly get to understand one another better.
45	I have been impressed by the new transitway, and the bike path development alongside. My family took transit regularly before the pandemic, and anticipate doing so again when it is safe. We do not own a car, so public transit is very important to us.

46	I do not feel safe on public transit -- and that is with or without a pandemic. The rates keep going up & the experience keeps getting worse. too cramped. no seats. drivers let people on who are unstable/drunk.
47	I use this service daily to get around. Some routes are too long and always have delays, other routes are short and have long times in between route times. Accessibility to areas for doctors appointment are also important including in areas with less ridership
48	Keep the criminals off the street
49	Affordable, convenient transit is incredibly important for any city. It's my main means of transportation, but to make the city greener and more sustainable both ecologically and economically, we need a workable transit system. We do not currently have that.
50	I need transit to get to work daily. My husband has several serious chronic conditions that put him at great risk to this virus. I feel my exposure on transit (as well as at work) is a risk I bring home with me daily. The buses are too packed and there is no way to completely protect yourself. Most people wear a mask, but I don't think there is proper ventilation - I feel the heat or the AC coming on, but is there actual air exchange going on? It is a fear I never had before. Also, my bus only comes every half hour outside of peak times and that is too cold for -30/40 conditions in Winnipeg when there is no booth. I'd prefer the bus shacks to be farther apart but heated in the winter, and fully enclosed. It's a safety issue.
51	Public transit MUST be appropriately funded. I am a university student and the new transit fees create an unequal barrier for many lower-income students. By increasing transit costs and decreasing transit in general, you are disadvantaging the least privileged in our society. Also, you are contributing to car-culture, increasing the harmful strain on our environment.
52	
53	Transit is vital for the health of our city. While cities across Canada used COVID as a time to invest in and expand transit service. Winnipeg Transit is not functional and needs significant investment if it is going to be used as a serious alternative to driving. The 2021 budget needs to implement the Transit Master Plan quickly and fully, with the goal of making Winnipeg Transit fully electric and fare free. This would help solve many of our city's other problems like our 150 year road renewal cycle, and safety issues on transit as 70% of incidents are related to fare disputes. Investing in transit is also one of the only way to meet our climate commitments. Transportation is one of Manitoba's largest area of emissions and continuing to prioritize cars over everything else will not get us anywhere close to the scale of action we need to see to lessen the impacts of the climate crisis.
54	The cuts to transit and reallocation of funds from transit are disgraceful.
55	Fare-free transit should be a priority. People without access to a personal automobile deserve to be able to move around the city as conveniently as those with cars. In a world facing the threat of environmental collapse due to fossil fuel emissions, public transit ridership must increase and automobility must be phased out.
56	I rely on transit for most of my transportation and I think much more should be put into transit funding and planning. Rapid transit was a good first step but it still only services the south end of the city and its implementation came at the cost of cutting/altering many important bus routes. The route that I took to University for instance, the 76, has been altered to no longer go through the University. Instead, I will have to ride the 75, a route that has always been overburdened and often packed, and now will be even moreso due to adjustments to bus routes servicing the northeast end of the city.
57	Transit is hugely important to having a livable city, increase transit funding. Make it free, accessible and fast. Increase taxes if you need to. Defund the police.

58	I have taken the bus almost every day for 13 years. The bus fare has increased despite services being decreased. Many people rely on the bus to get around the city, such as students and low-income individuals. Winnipeg transit is extremely unreliable. There have been numerous occasions when I've waited over 2 hours for a bus. Increasing funds for Winnipeg transit would greatly benefit the city, and would help the environment as people would be less reliant on cars to get around. Bus fare should be kept low and affordable, and we need more busses in the city.
59	The communities I visit have extremely poor transit connections. There is often only a route far from the destination and the bus is infrequent. Our transit needs more money to deal with this.
60	Investing in public transit is one of the biggest things that we can do as a city to help fight climate change and lessen traffic and use of personal vehicles.
61	A functional transit system is necessary for a functional growing city. It's not going to work if everyone's driving all the time.
62	Winnipeg Transit is underfunded and especially during a pandemic where distance from others is needed - should be running *more* buses rather than fewer. Active Transit options should be pushed as well since Winnipeg should allow for cheaper and more sustainable forms of transport than defaulting to automobiles.
63	Public Transit could provide so much good to our city if the routes were more useful, reliable and if fare was accessible. As it is, it is a shame on our city and we need to invest in it rather than cut from it.
64	Fund transit better, and bring back the free spirit line. Free transit it a must.
65	The Winnipeg Public Transit system is a key service that many Winnipeggers rely on. It's important that transit be reevaluated to ensure that routes are efficient and service is timely, frequent, and affordable. This does take money but cutting the police budget, could free up funds for important services like transit.
66	Transit was gutted last year please fix it
67	Transit is essential for people with disabilities and seniors...maintaining strong transit is important, boutique electric buses or expensive transformations should wait for now
68	Our transit is one of the most embarrassing in any major city in Canada. Taxpayers rely on transit to be able to exist in this city, and to serve the economy that you worship at the feet of. Every bus driver does more for this city than every police officer combined. Where is their salary?
69	That it's vital to the future of our city and should t always be the first thing on the chipping block when there are budget cuts
70	Building effective public transit is the low hanging fruit of creating a livable city. Everyone in city hall should read Winnipeg resident James Wilt's new book "Do androids dream of electric cars"
71	Whatever happened to the "year of transit"? This desperately needs to be improved and properly funded.
72	I take the bus everyday as i live in downtown Winnipeg and parking is stupidly high, i also have friends who have been bus drivers with winnipeg transit for 10+ years There needs to be more concern for their safety. More than once have i been on the bus when a fight broke out due to fare, or the driver "looking at them wrong". This is deplorable, we have had drivers DIE on the job, remind you they are not in the military, or fighting fires, they're in TRANSPORTATION. An essential service that keeps having their funding cut so the WPS can own a TANK.
73	Public transport needs to be funded more to become more appealing and accessible to people. People aren't going to take the bus if it only stops by their house every half hour or hour.

74	We need to invest in our transit system. First, 3 dollars a ride is much too expensive. Second, our buses are unsanitary, and must get pressure washed once a week (which Bowman refused during the pandemic). Also, we need more routes!! We need a fast way to downtown! If we kicked CN out of our city (which we should makes no sense we have trains running through the city) and we took those rails to make fast transit we would be better off. Or use those old electric cables we had in the city and make some electric transit like in Europe! There is no reason we should be this stuck in the past.
75	Should be working towards the goal of being free for users just like roads are for drivers.
76	I am a little concerned about the city transferring available federal funds from transit to the waste treatment plant but understand that is also an important project to complete. I'd like to see the city put more pressure on the province to fully access the federal funds available for transit projects.
77	A service that almost every Winnipegger uses is struggling due to lack of funding.
78	The state of public transit in Winnipeg is an embarrassing. While large scale public transit investment project are expensive, they are significantly less expensive than the alternative. It is a public good, delivering benefits for transport efficiency, pollution reduction, the local street-level economy, and social inclusion. The city need to invest in a system that is reliable, affordable, and accessible.
79	I have been to many other cities with efficient transit options. In those places, transit is often chosen even when folks have other options. In Winnipeg, people only take transit when they need to because it means a much longer commute and long waits in the cold. Consider investing much more in transit that works for people. Note that raising fares just makes transit less accessible.
80	The people that use it are generally low income and \$6 a day or more really adds up. Too expensive considering how unreliable it is
81	As a bus rider it scares me seeing routes being cut. I'd think to keep people safer and stop the spread you'd want more buses so there's less people on them.
82	For public transit, I'd like to see a greater investment in services to areas of the city with statistically lower incomes. While it's great that there's rapid transit all the way to the University of Manitoba, and I'm sure the planned rapid transit route to Transcona will be very appreciated by many of its residents, I find it difficult to understand why it's still so hard to catch a bus in the North End, for instance. I rely on transit for a lot of my transportation, and I live in an area of the city that is very well serviced by transit. This makes it viable for me to not own a car. If I were to live in the North End though, for example, it would be much more challenging for me to simply bus to work or school, because there are noticeably fewer routes or buses through that area.
83	car culture is the way of the 1950s. if we are going to create thriving communities that are functional and able to meet the environmental crisis we are living we, we need to make public transit more accessible, more reliable and less costly for riders.
84	
85	Public transit is getting worse by the year with less and less service ... where is the initiative for a better service? All I ever hear is cutbacks after cutbacks.
86	Transit is basically a public service, with a high percentage of captive riders. The large ridership drops suggests not committing to large transit expenditures until levels increase, likely not until post-COVID. I think the highest value comes from improving reliability, decreased headways, passenger amenities, good ped connections.

87	The recent Transit Master plan needs to be adopted and then follow up with implementation. Bring the City's transit network up to modern standards.
88	Cutting of the downtown spirit is an incredibly shortsighted move on council's part. those who rely on the downtown spirit now, going towards winter, have no other option to travel efficiently and safely if they don't have means to pay for fare. the new low income bus pass does not go far enough, the city needs to explore and find resources to implement a drastic reduction of fares across the board with the ultimate objective of reaching free transit for all winniepeggers. many examples in the world prove that free transit incentivizes use of transit, reducing car reliance and carbon emission, traffic jams, and relative delays. less cars on the road means less repairs needed and resources available to create a safe and connected city-wide active transportation network. free transit promotes physical activity and therefor healthier lifestyles, reducing social costs further.
89	We are shamefully behind other cities. Not everyone uses transit to go downtown or to UofM. Stop designing routes based on buying land owned by our politician and their friends. Make the routes direct, frequent and feature seperated bikelanes please! I feel as though i have no option but to own a car.
90	Transportation as a service (TAAS) is quickly going to be part of our everyday life. Within 10 years there will be fleets of autonomous vehicles roaming our streets. If the city is not preparing for this then we should be! Public transportation will radically change and our city should be on the forefront of these changes. Allow our city to be a testing ground for these fleets. Let's be progressive
91	<p>The pandemic has highlighted the need to continue to improve active transit options throughout the city. While there are a few great bike paths in the city, as someone who plans to commute to work primarily by bike, I see a real need to improve the connectivity of the routes. People won't hop on a bike path that spits them out suddenly onto a busy road (I'm looking at you, Pembina bike lane!) and may choose to just not ride their bike at all. Good bike lanes are meaningless if they can't get people safely ALL THE WAY to their destination. I think poor connectivity is a major deterrent to cycling in the city and leads to underuse of the good paths that we do have.</p> <p>The active transit path along the southeast BRT corridor is EXCELLENT. If active transit lanes continue to be integrated into future BRT development that will be a big help!</p>
92	Improve transit service within neighbourhoods. In other words, don't cancel weekend service that services a neighbourhood to save the cost of one operator and bus a day. Really, how much did you actually save by cancelling a route that was served by a single bus?
93	The transit plan is wonderful, but very expensive - how about doing things more incrementally by putting in less expensive albeit not as rapid options? For instance, the CNR rail line that used to run to the west of Centennial St. across the Assiniboine would have been a great possibility for an interim but great improvement at minimal cost in transportation from the Polo Park area south (albeit not full rapid transit quality), but the city never took up the CNR's offer of the land. This opportunity is gone, but there must be others that come up that could be looked at that could reduce transit improvement costs and improve the service not as well as the full rapid transit plan but a good part of the way. Building new bridges and underpasses for rapid transit is expensive and not very good bang for the buck in comparison.
94	I use public transit, and have lived in the area for over 40 years, our bus schedule keeps getting cut and now with the master plan, the service will still be awful, as focus moves to downtown and away from east of the city. Buses are still dirty even during covid.

95	I've lived in Winnipeg for over 20 years and transit has gotten markedly worse in that period. We need the kind of resources directed toward transit that other large Canadian cities have seen. In particular I would like to see more route 36's but we need more busses, more consistent scheduling, and better routes.
96	Please support increased safety measures for drivers and restore the free service in the downtown area from the downtown spirit, this was a vital resource for many marginalized people in the downtown area.
97	Public transit needs to be properly addressed. We live in a city where extreme temperatures can kill us. No one should struggle to access public transit, regardless of where they are in the city.
98	Transit should be a much higher priority in the city - unfortunately year after year the service gets more expensive - pricing it out of the reach of people who need it. Funds are often drained from allocations for public transit to go elsewhere and our city is the worse for it - we need a robust plan that is ACTUALLY followed and to stop dipping in to the transit budget for non transit related tasks.
99	I am disabled and want very much to use transit more often but it is drastically underfunded. Taking a bus to any of my doctors or other appointments often require 1+ hours each way and drastically affect my ability to fit it in amongst work. I am very worried that the city will use reduced ridership experienced during COVID (since more people are workin at home/quarantined at home) to remove transit funding. The cost of fares is also massively prohibitive to taking it, as I am on a restricted budget. I don't even bother trying handi-transit because of the horror stories I've heard about it and its inability to meet deadlines. How can I switch to a service that will be better for the city and the environment and climate change when I cannot guarantee my ability to get to work or any other time sensitive activity.
100	Winnipeg Transit should be prioritized. If transit is worth taking, people will take it. Bring back to the street car.
101	Our public transit operators put up with quite a lot.
102	Keep building the planned rapid transit network as planned. Make the CEO and city council ride the bus regularly. How can you know how to improve something if you do not use it yourself?
103	Cleanliness is more important now than ever and it seems this is not important to the current Council. Improve existing services before expanding rapid transit.
104	Huge waste of money.
105	Public transit is a necessity when dealing with the ongoing climate crisis. If we are to seriously tackle CO2 emissions we need to act now to provide alternative transport for as many individuals as possible as we cannot wait for EVs to bring down their cost of entry nevermind the need for extractive mining to produce EVs. Focusing on traffic alternatives would provide a much larger benefit in clearing traffic and lowering emissions that can be done on the municipal level.
106	Many people are heavily dependent on public transit, it needs to be one of the highest priorities
107	While ridership is down due to the pandemic, investment in our transit system should remain a priority. The City should create more rapid transit corridors that makes taking the bus a first choice of commuters.
108	Fix transit (by making it 100% free) and you fix congestion, road repair, urban sprawl, and a host of other problems. Every city planning grad knows this. Consult with other cities (primarily Japanese & European ones) to learn what works.
109	The transit master plan needs to be implemented to help make transit more reliable. The plan to create rapid bus infrastructure downtown should be a priority as it will significantly improve transit times during rush hour and will increase ridership.

110	Public Transit is absolutely crucial to people who live in Winnipeg. I personally use the bus every single day, and I count on the service to get me to work, to friends and family, to important appointments, etc. I have been homeless before, but I kept buying a buss pass because I can stay on friends couches and cut out rent, but I can't find a different way to get around. Generally speaking, funding and encouraging the use of public transit will also reduce traffic congestion and make us a greener city. Investing in public transit to make it an attractive option to people who currently drive everywhere is a great way to increase ridership, meet environmental goals, and make our city a better place to walk, ride, bike, and drive in. In this vein, biking infrastructure is also incredibly important. People want and need to bike safely in Winnipeg.
111	Functional public transit should be a priority for the city of Winnipeg. In order to reduce our carbon footprint we need to invest in our public transit. Our current system does not meet the needs of our growing city. As the number of cars on our streets increase each year so does our green house gas emissions and the traffic congestion.
112	Transit needs to be more frequent, affordable and accessible. I support the frequent service network, but implemented much faster than the proposed 25 year timeline. Frequent transit (even, and especially during COVID) is essential to a healthy, walkable, livable city -- it needs to be a viable alternative to the car. We cannot let COVID get us off track in improving our transit system.
113	I'm 67 and find it easier to walk, bike or take transit downtown from my home than it would be to drive. Although I do own a car, it's often more pleasant to use transit to get around the city. It's relaxing and safe. I would like to see our transit fleet electrified and our buses made a little more roomy for passengers. It seems the design of seats hasn't changed in 100 years - we're all a little bigger these days and those seats are cramped. I would also like to see buses run on a more frequent schedule with easier transfers. And I would like to see stations (similar to TTC subway stations) built in key suburban locations, along with park & ride facilities to make it easier for people to leave their cars in the suburbs. Also, please don't make drivers have to enforce fares when homeless folks get on the bus. That's unfair to the drivers and impossible for homeless folks.
114	Great investment for our future.
115	It should not cost \$6/day for transit that inconsistently runs on time. I am very pro-transit and specifically moved to a central neighbourhood due to transit access, but since graduating, can not justify the high costs of an adult transit pass.
116	We are now the only city in Canada, over 700,000, people that does not have a fully functioning transit system. That is embarassing. We are not special in Manitoba, our winters don't make us unique, we need to invest now in transit.
117	We need to invest in transit if we want to maintain social distancing on buses.
118	If I had my own dedicated lane to get back and forth in Winnipeg, of course I'd get there fast. But the costs are killing us, way too expensive for Winnipeg, and maybe not needed as much now with covid
119	For the future, we need a robust, effective, and efficient transit system. It must be one that works for everyone, every day. The only way that we can achieve the climate goals, the fiscal operation goals for the City at large, is to ensure we move away from an auto dependent transportation system. That means transit (and cycling)! Fund it like you mean it. Make it a choice for everyone, not just a choice for those who don't have any other choice. That means operating dollars!!
120	Stop wasting money

121	Transit has been making do with scraps for too long. We need to invest heavily in frequency and quality of service to make it a real alternative to driving. It's good for the economy. It's good for the environment. It's good for the financial sustainability of the city.
122	The focus of Public Transit should be shifted to those who need it most right now. Consider limiting service in places where it is not critically needed.
123	I really wish the rapid transit project was still happening. I do not want to take my car to work every day but it's 3 transfers and that's too complicated. Our city is getting more populated and needs other options. We need to become greener.
124	I find the amount of money being put into the rapid transit plan is insane for the size of our city as it only takes about 30 minutes to get from i side to the other.
125	I wish transit were easier to use and navigate. I'm glad that masks are required, for the sake of both the drivers and the passengers.
126	I believe funds currently being allotted to Police and the expansion of Rapid Transit lanes could be better used to hire more operators, purchase more buses and have more bus service in general (longer hours for routes, newer routes where required, etc.)
127	Make fares cheaper or free, and get cops off the busses, we don't need them pocketing more of our money to stand around and do nothing while wearing a mask incorrectly
128	Thousands of Winnipeggers rely on public transit in order to live and work. As the province continues to wage war on this essential service, it is so important that the city makes up for the divestment. There is an increasing urgency for leaders at all levels to take the climate crisis seriously, and investing in public transit is a great opportunity to show your constituents that you are doing just that.
129	I rely on public transit completely. And during Covid 19, and during the lock down I was still reliant on bus routes to get to work, to get groceries and to get to appointments. Please keep the bus services running and recognize its importance. I would like to also take this opportunity to say I am disapointed in the cuts to services such as texting the bus for bus times. This was very useful to me as I do not have data on my cell phone.
130	Please invest in transit. Investments is the only way to encourage ridership.
131	Important to consider sidewalks as transit infrastructure, since every trip begins and ends with walking... means snow clearing priorities need to change, means more street trees necessary, crossings at every stop pair. Implement all of rapid BRT asap using temporary reallocation of space (diamond lanes, priority signals, etc) on existing road space. Add permanent infrastructure as ridership increases and justifies.
132	More funding!! Make it something people WANT to use not NEED to use
133	Thousands of Winnipeggers rely on public transit for a number of reasons. Lower transit fare and invest in the program.
134	It's kind of a thing that Winnipeg has terrible transit. I'm no expert, but I'm sure the city could learn something about how to do public transit right by looking at other cities that have done so.
135	invest in eco friendly options and get better bus routes, it should not take an hour to get from the south end of the city to downtown
136	More should be done to encourage citizens to use public transit as opposed to using personal vehicles. Transit needs to be more convenient and less expensive.
137	We need to invest in massive transit expansion and make it free for all citizens. More buses and more routes for people to get around our lovely city. It would be better for the environment with less cars and would benefit our city.
138	I do not use public transit but I can see the importance of it. However, continuing to invest money in rapid transit is not something that I support.

139	Public transit has once again continued to become inaccessible and unaffordable to those who require it the most. There must be more service to areas in the north parts of the city and restoration of the downtown spirit busses.
140	I have never been able to afford a car and have relied on public transit since I first arrived here almost 20 years ago. I complain bitterly about cold feet after waiting 50 minutes for a bus in winter, inconvenient routes, the confusion of the numbering system, but in the end I couldn't survive without it. School, work, volunteering, my entire life is built around bus routes and so any increase in support for public transit I am heavily in support of. Especially if it involves reduced fares and increased time for transfers.
141	You need to spend more on transit. People who use it? There are not enough busses on the routes, and as a result they are rarely, if ever, on time.
142	If you make transit better, people will actually use it.
143	Get prepared for life after the pandemic. Electric buses. Dedicated lanes and roads so they don't get clogged at rush hour (I'm looking at princess and/or king for a bus corridor).
144	Build more dedicated rapid transit. This is an economic stimulator and the Blue runs extremely well. Gets people from point A to B very quickly and efficiently.
145	We have really got to spend more money on making our public transportation more accessible to all. The only way public transit really thrives is when it is more convenient than driving and that is what we should be aiming for. The reason so many people drive is because it is more convenient right now, we need to start prioritizing our transit and demanding that the roads are shared equally between all modes of transportation. I either walk or take transit everyday to work, and I can tell you that Portage Ave is a disaster. Buses have one lane that is usually waiting on cars who are not following the rules to get out of their way, or cars are just barely clipping pedestrians trying to cross and don't even get me started on biking. Biking on Portage Ave is a death sentence and it doesn't have to be. SHARE THE ROADS.
146	We provide nowhere near enough funding for transit. The service needs to be competitive with travel by passenger vehicle if we intend to shift more people over to sustainable transportation.
147	Open up the parking lanes 24-7 on all major routes so busses don't have to zig zag.. And boom they are faster just like that, no fancy infrastructure just new signage.
148	All these transit projects should be put on hold until the Covid pandemic has slowed. Most busses are empty, further reduce the amount of bus routes available to save money on fuel and environmental impact.
149	I've really been enjoying all the new bike lanes that have been put in recently! This are helping to make the city way more navigable and eco-friendly. I feel like what this city needs transit wise is really some kind of subway/sky train system to allow rapid mass transportation that would really connect the different communities of this city. I know that's probably far off, but I really think that should be a priority for connecting the city, taking away car congestion, and making the city more environmentally friendly.
150	Transit is an important service, that needs to be kept viable and safe. With some losing some/all their incomes due to the pandemic, looking to cut personal costs is becoming an option. Transit is cheaper typically than driving. This is about the short term, but there are undoubtedly many benefits in the longer term that align with the city's climate change strategy and infill strategy as well.
151	We need more buses and expanded bus routes. We're a city with record-setting cold temperatures for a third of every year, with a fairly low-density, sprawling design. Fast, reliable, and frequent transit is needed for working people. I wait on windy corners interminably every winter, leaving home early only to be late for work. More buses!

152	I use public transit to take my children around the city and to run errands. My partner uses public transit to get to work in the winter months. We are nervous about taking crowded busses with the increase in covid cases in the city. Finding ways to alleviate some bus rider congestion, especially during peak times, would really help.
153	Stop saying all electric buses can't be done - we see it can. There is more than enough money in savings from fuel and maintenance to make up the difference if we actually looked at the life cycle cost of each vehicle we purchase. I want to see active movement on this
154	Would like to see more money put in to improving public transit to make the City more livable for all.
155	Make transit more accessible to all by lowering fares and having the schedules present without a smart phone. Also, invest in electric buses
156	As I said before I rely on the bus to get around. I would like to see more funding for more frequent services on existing routes so that busses are more likely to run on time and are less crowded (esp during covid) , and more subsidies to make riding the bus affordable for everyone.
157	I'm happy to see the new bike lanes downtown and on Pembina. I would love to see bike path improvements along or near Main Street as well. The most frustrating thing about taking the bus is when there are pass ups, especially in winter. Anything that would reduce this, like the new rapid transit path along Main Street would be appreciated.
158	Now, more than ever, we need better transit. We need more buses so that people aren't crowding on to them (a HUGE problem in a pandemic) and it needs to be affordable, so that as peoples jobs and wages are cut they can still afford to get around. And bring back the Downtown Spirit.
159	Public transit is a key for the future developement of our city. Building a useful, reliable and affordable transits system is essential for Winnipeg as it grows. As Winnipeg's population increases if we do not have a reliable transit system we will see overburdened roads, increased maintenance costs, increased pollution form grid lock traffic and a less attractive city for businesses.
160	The city went along with the mayors pet project of rapid transit, in my opinion this a has been a very expensive disaster, the transit system sucks, with poor scheduling, horrible planning and how many years has the city been testing electric buses (at what cost?) There is little or no incentive for Winnipegers to forfeit their cars in favor of public transit.
161	Our transit system is useless. We still prioritize private vehicles on city streets. Using transit requires an excessive amount of time, and arduous transfers to make routine journeys. Don't make me transfer downtown if I have to go from St Vital to St James
162	I take exclusively public transit or bike. I do not own a car. I know the city works hard to provide transit in a city pretty plagued by urban sprawl. I don't have a lot of useful ideas here, the few routes that I take are totally fine.
163	The most vibrant cities that I visited around the world have had the best transit systems.
164	I am tired of spending all this money on transit that hasn't made more people take a bus! The rapid transit was way over priced in a city that has a huge poverty rate and the middle class is struggling because we are taxed to death. I already pay 5 dollars a day per kid to take a bus just so they can get an education in junior and high school that's 10 dollars a day just to get to school!
165	Public transit should be prioritized as the number 1 mode of medium and long distance transport. It needs far more funding and dedicated car-free lanes. Stop building over and underpasses and expanding roadways for private vehicles.

166	Public transit is essential to a wonderful city. It decreases green house gases. It ensures there are less vehicles on the road, which means less repairs are needed. It provides a vital service for those who have few transportation options. Before the pandemic our family used public transit a lot and we would like to do so again in the future.
167	I know transit is difficult with COVID, but I believe quality public transit is critical to Winnipeg as a growing city. Please do not cut investments that hurt its long-term development.

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Recreation

Total respondents who selected this service: 18

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Councilor for our area is not to be found within the community, doesn't respond to emails, doesn't invest in the community. There doesn't seem to be any recourse for a very poorly performing elected member other than put up with them until the next election.</p> <p>Council needs to be just half as creative when looking for cost saving for the tax payer as they are at creating new forms of generating more income for their coffers.</p> <p>During a financial crisis brought on by Covid, the feel good projects keep rolling out when fiscal restraint is needed. Bike lanes, running tracks, pickle pitches, \$10,000 benches, painting tunnels, full day tree planting photo ops aren't important when people are facing financial ruin.</p> <p>EPC needs to stop their closed door meetings and keep all Councilors in the loop.</p> <p>When pitching Safety, it needs to be about safety for everyone, not just the special interest groups that have caught a Councilor's ear. The flashing light debacle is a good example. Photo enforcement has not proven itself to make anyone safer, but it sure makes the public poorer.</p> <p>Councilor Klein has it right when he is asking for measuring value for services such as making bike paths P1 priority for snow clearing. How can you access value with out weighing results?</p> <p>PPD needs to set policy a bit better. Councilor Lukes is approving variances for front drives in Bridgewater because she has a misguided disapproval for back lanes. She says they are dangerous but I think she thinks they are just an eye sore. The Infill strategy calls for no front drives because lane access minimizes points of conflict with pedestrian, reduce sidewalk interruptions, provide more on street parking, reduce snow clearing needs, protect boulevard trees, support pedestrian friendly design. Why are all the new neighborhoods being built with out lanes when they obviously make for safer neighborhoods. Lukes is very loud about wanting reduced speeds because her ward is built on poor planning for safety.</p>
2	<p>Recreation should be important to everyone to maintain a healthy lifestyle physically and mentally. A lot of these services have been cut. Leisure Guide is full of advertising for competition don't you think it should mostly before City's programs and facilities?</p>
3	<p>Not having the opportunity to participate in recreation programs during covid-19 really made me aware of how essential the programs are to my family's wellbeing</p>
4	<p>More swimming pools and recreational centres</p>
5	<p>My children enjoy participating in recreation programs that are affordable and in our neighborhood</p>
6	<p>Really count on things like skating rinks and pools to maintain health and sanity in our family.</p>
7	<p>Recreation : The COW has recreation directors within the department . They should be helping community centres promote programs on a regular basis.</p>

8	Recreation is important for the mental and physical health of the citizens of Winnipeg especially now during COVID 19 when so many people need an escape from the daily stresses of the pandemic. More resources and support should be provided to recreation services, so programs can be offered in the safest and most affordable way possible.
9	I regularly use city pools, arenas, and other recreation facilities. They act as community hubs and I see a diverse range of people using them. The buildings are all incredibly old and while I can tell the staff do their best to clean and maintain them, most pools and arenas are at the end of their useful life. I'd like to see the city make strategic investments, including borrowing when needed, in order to build modern and more energy efficient buildings. It will pay off in the long run.
10	The budget for recreation services is severely underfunded. It needs to be increased significantly. Recreation services provides our citizens tons of benefits that help them in there day to day lives.
11	More availability. Better hours, open more & better oval all cleaning. Night Foreman checking on staff working (Not just day Foreman)
12	A lot of recreation services have been cut due to COVID (understandably, as many activities are not safe at this time). I was happy to hear that swimming pools and other institutions were opened at reduced capacity and were reasonably organized with scheduling. This shows innovation in working with the times of a pandemic. I believe more innovation should be made to provide more such services and make the City more liveable.
13	Need to partner more with community agencies. Need more relevant and modern programs for youth. Need more focus on accessible and culturally sensitive rec programs especially in inner city.
14	I am concerned that many community sport entities (Community clubs, sport organizations) are going to be in poor financial shape after 2020. I guess it remains to be seen what youth sports (for example) return to "normal" participation in 2021, but whether it's 2021 or 2022 or 2023 I don't want to see certain sports or certain organizations collapse because of a lack of funding.
15	Fingers crossed for a good freeze on the Red this year! I am also really looking forward to checking out some of the groomed cross country skiing trails in the public parks. I am so impressed that this is a service offered in the parks!
16	Mpore effort needs to be placed on this so citizens have lots of ways to stay active and ensure they have vibrant community centres that are modern.
17	Our recreation facilities are in such poor shape because they are heavily under funded both for maintenance and capital improvements. Please pay more attention to this. We need a regional indoor water park facility for the public to use year round and especially in the winter. This too would attract tourists!
18	the city's pools are a godsend to young and old. In a winter city, the opportunity to get healthy exercise is crucial and swimming s great for all ages. Since COVID, the city's protocols for safe swimming are the best, ensuring that everyone has an appointment, there are never peoplecrowded together in lockers or swim lanes, everyone is masked and the staff sanitizes all areas between shifts. Very safe. Pools should remain open with these protocols in place. How many cases of COVID have come from pools? Probably none.

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?**Roadway Snow Removal & Ice control****Total respondents who selected this service: 50**

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	<p>Need to get sidewalks plowed. Important for safety of those walking during pandemic. Difficult to walk on sidewalks when rarely plowed after snowfalls.</p> <p>Need to get intersections de iced and sanded during snowfalls, especially when temperature near -3 to 0 Celsius. I work in healthcare and difficult to drive which is required in my daily work as healthcare provider. I work as a allied health and my car required within my job. Myself and my colleagues concerned about driving on icy roads during pandemic fall 2020 into winter 2021.</p> <p>Would need more light controlled intersections announcing "prepare to stop" flashing lights on roads at 80 km and higher, such as Lagimodiere, and Bishop Grandin. Very difficult to stop during winter on icy roads without the "prepare to stop" traffic flashing lights.</p>
2	Do it faster please.
3	Roads are dangerous In the winter. Too snow and ice packed
4	It's very important Snow always needs to be taken care of
5	We need more
6	This has a huge effect on us the majority of months in the year. We need to see better roads and have our roads more efficiently cleared
7	I am always amazed that every year, at least once I see snow removal happening when it's unnecessary. I understand the idea behind "use it or lose it" to maintain budgets (I assume that has to be the reason this is being done). However if maybe we actually managed budgets properly different government agencies wouldn't be spending money on thing's (probably still useful) each year to make sure their budget wasn't cut.
8	Properly cleaned and maintained roads minimize accidents and allow motorists to get where they are going without ice/snow ruts and poor access to back lanes and driveways.
9	Not enough attention is given to reducing the icy conditions an the intersections away from the main traffic routes.
10	More snow removal needed.
11	Snow and ice removal on sidewalks, especially on major streets and around his stops, needs to be much more comprehensive and quick. Hire neighbourhood snow removers if you have to
12	It is an important service to provide clear and safe roadways. This service should be broke down into more snow contract areas for private businesses to tender, the city would save millions of dollars per year with this small change and would not give up a quality result.
13	This is important because clear streets are safer streets.
14	

15	<p>How this works is fundamentally broken. The city is not seemingly capable of achieving usable and accessible streets within a reasonable period after a snowfall. Especially during COVID, as people *need* the ability to walk and get out of the house, we need to make accessible sidewalks a priority.</p> <p>I would like to see the city make property owners responsible for snow clearance in front of private property (with enforcement), and devote the entire existing sidewalk clearing budget to clearing bike paths, transit stops, and sidewalks on public property (with some of this fund reserved for contracting out clearing for residents with specific mobility issues and financial constraints that keep them from being able to clear their own property).</p> <p>I want a city where I can walk outside and expect level, walkable streets all winter long. Right now, under the current system, that seems like an impossibility.</p>
16	Need better snow removal
17	Sidewalks are not properly cleaned. This impedes those who have mobility issues especially in the winter
18	My back lane rarely gets plowed. BS.
19	I am disappointed in this service as they seem to use my yard as a dumping ground for the excess snow and in doing so they usually dig up the front yard as well. The year they flattened the tree in our front yard I was told by the city it would take possibly three years to fix, I realize you are busy but three years.
20	Snow removal in the south is terrible. Neighbourhoods streets aren't prioritized at all, nor are side walks. Making it tough for people to get to the bus stop without getting wet. Snow is hardly cleaned, and cars are stuff everyday after a major snow fall due to the ignorance of the city, in providing adequate service.
21	Last year I returned home from work and was unable to get into my garage/driveway due to the ice that was left behind by the grader. This is unacceptable.
22	It's very important Snow always needs to be taken care of
23	As someone without a car, I rely on safe streets in winter to get where I need to go safely. My biggest fear right now is that when winter hits, the combination of a pathetically underfunded transit system and the lack of timely and thorough snow removal will make it difficult for me to leave my house and get proper groceries or human contact. Please invest more in this, it should be a high priority in this city.
24	There is a lack of residential snow clearing.
25	We live in WINTER PEG - mobility is a very important part of peoples lives and work - as as the city is growing in size we need to continue if not improve on snow removal and Ice control.
26	The service is good and should be continued.
27	The level of service should be maintained
28	It is well delivered and should be maintained.

29	I find the snow removal in the city quite lacking. I have lived in Provinces with more snowfall and you can always see the road all year. I lived in NS, they plowed continuously and used salt - the roads were great. Here, the snow gets packed down and gets so icy because the snow clearing isn't constant. It becomes a snow packed ice rink and the quick fix in Winnipeg seems to be tones of sand. The sand stays on the roads and sidewalks well into the spring and summer months and even longer, it sits, it gets moldy, and the wind blows it around getting into everyone's mouths and noses, while impeding wheel chairs on the sidewalks, etc. There are other alternatives to sand that can be used.
30	Keeping the City moving is critical.
31	
32	
33	Disabled people face many additional mobility barriers during the winter. Ensuring that our sidewalks, roadways, bus stops, and other public access points are accessible for all of the public is both a human rights issue and a safety issue. Winnipeg has failed to meet the needs of the disabled community in this way. Even after pathways have been plowed, there is often a thick layer of snow left which both manual and electric wheelchairs can have difficulty moving through. Ensuring that those performing the work of clearing our public pathways and access points are aware of the importance of their work and that it be done thoroughly is crucial.
34	Without this service, MPI would be bankrupt after the first snow storm. They are doing a good & timely job. Keep up the good work.
35	City needs to give snow/ice removal on sidewalks and bike paths same or higher priority as clearing roads for motor vehicles. Even as an able-bodied person, I am trapped and endangered on a daily basis by this city's refusal to keep sidewalks safe and passable. Contractors should not be permitted to use sidewalks as snow dumps or block sidewalks with snow windrows.
36	Unfortunately Winnipeg has not done a good job of taking care of our streets and sidewalks in winter. Better snow and ice removal would increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists. It would improve driving conditions, thereby decreasing traffic accidents and injuries. It would also decrease the impact on our road infrastructure and the repairs required.
37	Your snow removal days are often not in sink in my neighborhood. it would be nice if it was.
38	Clear the sidewalks and bike lanes with the same urgency we give to roads. Portage can go more than a week without sidewalk clearing, while the road is cleared within hours.
39	I'm typically a pedestrian, the way our sidewalks and roads are kept up is unsafe. The sides of the roads have tall piles of snow, lowering visibility for people trying to leave businesses, and move onto major roads. i've had family and friends tboned because they can't see over the giant piles of snow on either side of the entrance. The sidewalks, unless they are on major roads, are knee high, making them inaccessible for people with movement disabilities, and inconvenient and tiring for people without movement disabilities. I see a lot of money going to stadiums and a racist police force, maybe slid a few hundred Bordens over to snow and ice maintenance
40	Maintaining clear roads help reduce undue costs of vehicle repairs.
41	This service is very important, we live in snow for more than half a year, without it it makes commuting anywhere difficult. I would like to see residential areas cleaned more often especially in the areas where parking on the street is necessary.
42	Snow removal needs to be a part of the active transportation systems on a regular basis

43	Appreciate the know your zone to know when my street will be plowed. There should never be buildup of snow/ice on major routes for safety. Plow multiple times a day if needed like they do the highways
44	The city needs a better plan when it come to snow removal. Simply contracting snowploughs to run down back lanes and block in peoples garages/driveways is a lazy and unfair practice.
45	I don't drive and need to be able to walk to bus stops and other destinations.
46	I would like to see the city spend more money on sidewalk clearing in the winter. I hear from so many seniors that they often feel trapped in their homes because they cannot even make it to their nearest bus stop. Accessibility is super important for a health community so all sidewalks should be cleaned within 24 hours of a major snowfall
47	I've always found that the city has done a good in this area.
48	Last year I found that the city did a great job of clearing snow in a timely manner, at least in my River Heights neighbourhood. I very much appreciated that the roads and sidewalks were both cleared.
49	need new system for sidewalk snow removal... Complete disaster most winters
50	I see a lot of waste when it comes to ice control in particular. I see streets and city parking lots being sanded when they are already clear of ice. I also don't like how the boulevards are scraped because this creates a LOT of damage to trees and street signs. I believe there should be more fines to contractors for such damage.

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Solid Waste Collection

Total respondents who selected this service: 24

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	Would love a compost pick up option I'll take another bin!
2	I can't believe the City is conducting a pilot on curbside composting when so much research had already been done in the past. It's ridiculous that Winnipeg is so far behind on this issue and now won't have it rolled out city-wide (if at all) till 2026.
3	We need compost
4	Ridiculous we have a 2 year 'pilot project' when cities all around the world have been doing curb side food waste pickup for ages. The whole city should have this service. Stop pandering to the naysayers and let's move ahead now with controls GHG's from food waste.
5	Scrap the plan to pick up organics. City has enough trouble balancing the budget let alone adding a pet project like this for a select few. Same could be said about the disaster bike lanes. Millions spent for 10 to 20 people who use them year around.
6	add residential compost services, and look at options for LOCAL recycling / reusing / waste reduction - businesses should be tasked with dealing with the waste they create, rather than landfill or shipping recycling to markets where is may never be recycled
7	I want the city to prioritize development of a city wide compost. We are way behind every other similarly sized city in Canada on this front. So much organic waste is going into a landfill when it could be composted.
8	I appreciate the organic waste collection in Linden Woods. This is very helpful as we have been trying to reduce the amount of garbage we produce. I would like to see further action taken to properly sort recycling, and better options for businesses where residents can take items. Waste Wise MB should be more user friendly and efforts made to make the public aware of it.

9	<p>I would like user fees to be user fees.</p> <p>Reduce reuse, recycle. I do all of these with no added benefit to my budget.</p> <p>The only control I have over what I pay on my water (quarterly tax bill) bill is the amount of water I use. I removed flowers for food this year, but watering from the hose is a source of anxiety. I have a water barrel. I have humped shower water out to water my yard. Lots of work for minimal saving when the sewer charges are twice what the water usage is. We have been paying the addition charges for sewer upgrades for may years, but just now we may see the water treatment plant upgraded...maybe.</p> <p>I have put out my garbage bin 4 times in 2020 and my recycling 3 times. I have used yard waste pick up 0 times. I have paid for 82 bin pick ups when I have used 7. My garbage is usually 2 kitchen bags in that big bin. I spend a lot of money on water to keep my garbage and recycling clean. I would like the option of once a month pick up. Those that can't contain their waste should pay for more bins rather than me subsidizing their wasteful ways.</p> <p>I have composted for 20 or more years. Never does my kitchen waste or yard waste go to the curb. I don't want to pay for another service that I won't use. Home composting costs the City nothing, maybe offer a free compost turning for the elderly and disabled once a year. Another fleet of big trucks rolling down our crumbling back lanes. Was a climate impact study done on this program? Toronto at least captures the bio gas to fuel it's trucks.</p> <p>People want refundable deposits on beverage containers. With the R4 depots we are responsible for transporting more and more items for recycling. I could take my bottles and cans in for cash and take that old printer at the same time. I'd be more likely to make the trip to an R4 than I am now. Manitoba could reach 96% recovery like the beer industry and other provinces rather than the dismal 48% last time real data was provided. Cleaner product worth more on the market, too.</p>
10	<p>I hope the composting project which currently in pilot project would be implemented fully throughout the city. We need to start diverging our waste to better alternatives. Once the composting project has started, the city can sell the compost soil for additional profits.</p>
11	<p>It's a waste of time to run the Food Waste pilot. We need to roll it out right away. Winnipeg isn't different enough from other cities that have implemented it.</p>
12	<p>I'm not sure if this is considered part of solid waste collection, but please please please expand the compost program to more areas of the city. Right now I pay for private compost services (and have compost in my backyard as well). It has SIGNIFICANTLY reduced the amount I throw in the garbage, it's amazing. I can afford to pay the \$35/month it costs for private service, but many people I know can not and it would be great if there were a city option that was cheaper.</p>
13	<p>The city is currently piloting a food waste collection program which I think is good but I would like to see that expanded to all organic waste similar to the program Toronto has</p>
14	<p>I would love to see city-wide composting. I hope the pilot project is successful and that Winnipeg can become a leader in waste diversion and sustainability</p>
15	<p>If this includes Organic Waste such as Compost, I think it would be beneficial to invite Winnipeggers to request a bin since There are many citizens who compost but do not get the city wide pick up</p>
16	<p>I would really like to see the city speed up its compost collection services. Winnipeg is lagging far behind other cities in Canada in this regard. Even Saskatoon has compost pickup! It should be implemented city wide ASAP. Another important step in addressing climate change.</p>
17	<p>The City needs to continue to move the logistics of waste collection to the private sector.</p>
18	<p>washed into the river in the spring</p>

19	We need to deal with all waste locally and responsibly - diverting compose from landfill is essential.
20	We appreciate our garbage/recycling program, but want it to expand to include composting as soon as possible.
21	The Brady landfill does a great job of being a clean, welcoming, and well managed facility in terms of my personal experience of going to take things there. I am shocked and saddened to learn that the recycling programs for glass, plastic, and paper are basically a lie. It's great that the city promotes these programs and has local buy-in, but what is needed more is REDUCTION in plastic use and to have a recycling program where the materials are in fact recycled. Why doesn't anything happen to the materials? I find this reprehensible and a complete lie proposed by the city. The city needs to encourage and help citizens compost at home. There is very little local uptake on this idea and it would reduce waste to the landfill from residences by approximately 50%. Leaf composting is extremely important in a city of trees where there is so little nutrient input - but each fall thousands of bags of leaves go to the dump. What happens to this leaf compost? Can the citizens access it in the spring to put back into their gardens? There needs to be a stronger cycle - not just the city taking things away to make it clean - the citizens need to see what the city does and understand that they are part of the environment of the landscape as well.
22	Please dont ever put a third green bin on my property. I'll throw it away. I will not be saving all my gross smelly garbage all week. It's not going to happen. I have a garburator. You guys are wasting billions on waste collection enhan enhancements, and still dumping so much waste into the rivers and lakes. Sad how my CITY is the source of our screwed up lake Winnipeg.
23	I wish for a city wide composting program which would then allow residents to use the compost created in their gardens.
24	We need an Organics program throughout the entire City.

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?**Street Lighting****Total respondents who selected this service: 11**

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	I love the lighting on Lily and Rorie. I drive on those streets almost daily as I live in the exchange and I always feel good as I drive down those streets. Whatever that lighting is, it is beautiful. However I notice that many streets are poorly and dimly lit. McLeod Ave is an example. Also Disraeli. With the homeless camps around there and people darting across the street in dark clothing it is very hard to see them.
2	There are not nearly enough pedestrian level lights in built up areas, they are too focused on the roadways.
3	The new Bright white LED are blinding when driving at dusk and night when dark. They are too bright and it makes it difficult to see the crosswalks and geese when driving in evening and when dark. Consider having evaluations of the new LED and the side effects on those sensitive to bright white lights and health effects.
4	Bright white LED streetlights make me go night blind so driving at night becomes less safe. They also create light pollution that negatively impacts the work of astronomers far outside the city limits. Replacing them is expensive and wasteful, so I think the white fixtures should be outfitted with orange gels and when lamps need replacing they should be replaced with bulbs of a similar brightness but a lower colour temperature.
5	I find it funny that the city plants trees so close to light standards that when they are full of leaves there is hardly any light getting down to the street.
6	The new LED lights are horribly bright, too white and have way too much glare.
7	I ride my bike as my current primary mode of transportation. Without headlights you notice how badly lit the city is. It is unsafe for me to bike in so many areas of the city. It is unsafe for people to walk at night. A bike light is not as powerful as a blindingly bright car headlight- I need street lighting and so does anybody who is not in a car.
8	Some lights are far far too bright and positioned in a blinding angle at night. It floods apartments with daylight all night long and is bad for sleep and mental health.
9	Please add more street lights on side streets. I walk outside and am worried at night as the streets are quite dark
10	I feel in some parts of the city there is not enough street lights to get streets lit during dark periods for safety of those walking be it coming home from work or hanging out with friends
11	The lighting that is taking over our cities is a blight. For those who walk outside at night it is blinding. Sometimes there are also city lights that blaze into our home windows.

Which City service would you like to provide feedback on?

Street Maintenance

Total respondents who selected this service: 98

Note: blank lines are those who selected the service but did not provide a comment

Feedback:

1	Need much better street maintenance and planning for future roads and bridges
2	Generally satisfied with the repairs and upkeep of most roads, though I believe the scheduling of closed roads could benefit from reexamination and many projects seem to pile up at once and slow down the flow of traffic considerably
3	The McPhillips st seems to be in construction forever
4	Need to use every street maintenance project as an opportunity to mode shift towards our climate goals, municipal solvency and greater equity. Meaning every project should include upgrades to bike and pedestrian facilities, prioritizing their movement over the movement of cars. Should be removing car capacity, not adding since our mode share goals in the Climate Action Plan indicate we should be at peak car use today.
5	Every street downtown is full of trash and debris, always stepping over puddles of literal vomit.
6	This needs to include side streets and it would be nice to have a schedule posted of what streets are going to be done and when. Back lanes should also be considered as part of this
7	My car keeps getting worse because of the awful roads and I have to keep getting it fixed
8	Roads are horribly maintained, take too long to repair and repairs don't last
9	The streets are in very poor conditions, especially as your going towards downtown from the south. 2 lane streets prevent people from reaching their destinations on time. Need wider streets and less bike lanes.
10	Out road infrastructure is very poor in several areas of the city. Quick overlays aren't the answer, and neither are asphalt roads regional roads which should be constructed in concrete given its proven longevity versus asphalt.
11	Increase the amount of maintenance being put into these streets. Temporary overlays are not the fix.
12	Pot holes destroy my car every year
13	Streets in Winnipeg are in an embarrassing condition. Could should identify a long term capital plan to rehabilitate and repair streets and stick with it.
14	street maintenance impacts vehicle condition (damage caused by poor road conditions), impacts emergency response times, preserve capital cost that was done in the past, extent life of past investments. However maintenance should be done wisely - do real repairs as opposed to short life cosmetic repairs.
15	If you don't maintain the streets, you have to reconstruct. That's far more expensive and a poor management strategy for our assets.
16	The city needs to invest more in repairing streets. They are in deplorable condition.
17	This is always an issue in our city. Our roads are terrible which in turn costs us all money out of pocket to keep our vehicles running. It's also a safety hazard as some roads are so awful.
18	leave arts and such to benefactors
19	City needs to invest more in its roads many of which are in very poor condition. In too many parts of the city, they make our neighborhoods and city look third world. regionals are also critical to our economic performance.

20	My daily commute is greatly affected by road maintenance. It is no secret that Winnipeg has the worst streets. My car would thank you if the roads were a bit better lol
21	Crumbling infrastructure is an expensive problem currently, but will get exponentially worse as it is neglected. More investment in improving roads and underground infrastructure is needed now.
22	The road maintenance of Nicolas Ave is ridiculous. For months at a time during the year you can loose small cars in water filled pot holes. Never mind the damage to vehicles that travel down this street. We have had delivery vehicles refuse to deliver to us on this road because of its condition in spring.
23	The city needs to implement both short term and long term budget and planning for the construction and maintenance of city streets systems.
24	Very poor streets. Embarrassing.
25	traveling around the city very time consuming
26	We often miss opportunities to improve walking and cycling facilities as part of roadway maintenance. There is no current assessment method for sidewalks in the city's asset management plan.
27	Commuting in this city is a nightmare. Driving the city streets feels like you live in a war zone. I think that more than explains the impact on my life
28	Stop patching roads every year which is very short-sighted and a huge eye sore on the city when the better long term solution is to re-pave the roads properly.
29	Road repair seems to be inefficient and slow. Our streets are in terrible condition and we don't seem to be doing enough to maintain them. We need greater efficiency with our projects so that surrounding businesses are not affected with shutdowns.
30	Never seems to be any coordination with construction projects on major roadways so all routes are being done at the same time, no way to avoid it. Projects take waaaay to long. Do it like the big cities and work 24/7 or at night to get it done efficiently.
31	I am focusing on sidewalk quality and accessibility, as well as traffic signals in the 'Street Maintenance' Category. Staying fit and safe is important, especially during the pandemic. Sidewalks that are free of dips and cracks are important. Continuing to add countdown signals, concise helpful signage and larger traffic signal heads (the department is in the middle of such projects) will contribute significantly to this.
32	Keep repairing and replacing our brutal roads
33	While road construction is part of a livable city, it's not the only thing. Further, the Finance Chair should not write opinion pieces in paid advertising supplements from the construction lobby, in the Winnipeg Free Press mere weeks after the budget is passed, talking about about how great investment in roads is. While it might not be illegal, it is certainly immoral.
34	I drive a school bus and some of the streets i travel on make the bus bounce around so much i worry about the safety of the children. You should be able to call 311 and report a bad roadway and have a foreman check it out and get construction crew to repair it right away like you can do with low hanging branches on trees.
35	It seems like many street maintenance projects are all rushed to be finished in the early fall months and of course summer. Yet...seems like they are mainly patch jobs that occur instead of doing the correct fix in the first place. I am not a contractor but I do wonder if we dish out a larger amount to fix a street perhaps the yearly maintenance on the same street will not be as lengthy or as costly overall?
36	I have been in sales in winnipeg for the most part of my life ,I have travelled the streets and roads many times. we just have too many bumps dips and potholes. the ride is not pleasant.

37	Are roads are a means of cimmunication and they should not fall into disrepair. Use concrete instead of asphalt.
38	Our roads are terrible. Poor design, no lines, potholes and bumps. Disgraceful!
39	More should be invested here, as opposed to the ridiculous projects and fights the city decides to take on.
40	Live in Waterside Estates and we only get 2-3 ploughings during winter EVERY WINTER. Takes calls to 311 to even get service some times.
41	Many roads are terrible. I shouldn't have to wear a sports bra to go work
42	
43	This service needs to continue if we are to be a top tier City with good trade routes
44	Roads need to be improved !!!!!
45	I think investing in our streets is what we need to continue doing - they will require maintenance every year because of the environment we live in. This will help to stimulate the economy by having large amounts of people in construction employment that are putting the money back into our province. I work in the construction industry and I believe it is important to keep our city growing to keep that large sector employed and thriving.
46	street maintenance and infrastructure is most important because it affects our daily life. poor water is a no brainer, cant have that. And if the roads become impassable industry will suffer
47	Our streets are deplorable. More improvements need to be made on regional street maintenance.
48	Some roads are in very bad condition, to the point where you wonder how it got so bad.
49	Reduce road infrastructure in exchange for more public walkways, green spaces, and bike lanes
50	the way we close roads for construction is way out of whack over & over & over again I have to crawl though traffic past lanes which could be used but are closed for no reason cause no work is being done
51	I would like more transparency around the issue of street maintenance. It sometimes seems that streets are torn up and left open for ages before work continues to the actual repair. I'm sure there are many moving parts but I would really like to know more about the process so I can understand what I'm not seeing. It does affect traffic flow significantly and since Winnipeg is growing (yay!), it seems like a strange thing to do.
52	Please prioritise maintenance above expanding/widening the expressway network.
53	We have tom get a handle on building proper roads in Manitoba. Hire the proper staff to find road structure that lasts
54	We need good working roads that aren't full of pot holes and falling apart. Causes more damage on my vehicle
55	Roads need to be improved. Capital planning for overpasses / freeways and less lights.
56	I drive this city daily for work so street maintenance is important to me.
57	the stunt of having huge numbers of road construction projects happening simultaneously highlights how backward-facing and car-oriented this city is. the complete lack of care for accessibility of sidewalks etc around construction projects is deeply ableist.
58	I think street maintenance has to be repurposed to provide active transit and protected bike lanes or multi use paths.
59	Potholes continue to ruin cars

60	We spend entirely too much money on maintaining roads that are not moving people throughout the city. We should look at focusing our dollars towards developing roadways that move large amounts of people (using other means, walking, Public transit, bikes etc) and not just automobiles.
61	Compared to other cities I have driven in across Canada we seem to be quite behind in maintaining road quality. I would like to see some efficiency applied here to increase the quality of our roads while managing costs. I would suggest more full repair over patching.
62	For years I have wanted road construction on main roadways to also occur at night to speed up the process. I understand that for residential roadways that may not be possible, but road construction that takes months to complete is ridiculous and makes rush hour traffic more unbearable because there are not enough alternative routes to avoid most major roadwork. And when there is roadwork, there needs to be more thought put into traffic optimization- length of lights, etc.
63	Horrible, all year long. The city should buy everyone new tires for their vehicles due to the potholes and half finished streets.
64	Unfortunately with the climate in Winnipeg roads are always going to be a problem. Start having roadwork done 24/7. There's no logic behind them working only during the day when most people are using the roads. It will be safer for the workers and the jobs will be completed faster.
65	The roads in Winnipeg are not only terrible for our vehicles they are an embarrassment.
66	We need even more
67	so many streets and sidewalks in this city are in need of repairs. Pot hole season is the worst, why is that as soon as you cross the boarder into ND that their highways are so nice. What are they doing that we aren't?
68	Would like to see more residential roads improved significantly.
69	We need to do more with infrastructure. Our current infrastructure is failing faster than we can fix it. Put more money into it!
70	
71	OMGG, the city has neglected the streets for so long!!! First, hire crews that work. no matter what time of day I drive by a street repair construction zone at least half the "workers" are standing around watching! (I see why the "men at work" sign is no longer in use). The street renewal projects need to be better negotiated with timeline penalties for the contractors AND a warranty for useful life on these streets (Sterling Lyon needing work 2 years later, really?!?).
72	Perhaps MPI should charge the City for every accident related to road conditions?
73	During the winter months I feel there should be more clearing and sanding being done and sooner. Think more proactively when you know a big storm is coming instead of reactively once the storm is already here.
74	Do more
75	City has done a great job in last 5-8 years in improving the roads keep up the good work.
76	
77	I love the bike infrastructure that's been built over the last few years. I think it could go even farther by closing some streets in the Exchange to vehicle traffic and reserving them for active and public transit only, and continuing to build protected bike lanes on major roadways.
78	We are never going to catch up on our street maintenance deficit and we should not try to. Invest instead in public transit and bike infrastructure for a more economically and environmentally sustainable future!
79	Our streets need way more maintenance.

80	instead of building a road and then adding a bike path to it 5 years later. Build a road with a bike path. Focus more on the newer developments to have that provide.
81	Our streets are horrendous. I feel ashamed when people visit the city and we have to explain how many potholes there are.
82	Potholes. Say no more
83	Our weather makes for bad streets, and any chance for better streets is desirable.
84	Street Maintenance is abysmal and gets worse every year ... you'd think we would have figured out to make roadways that don't destroy cars suspensions
85	very important
86	Please continue to invest in road repair but consider longterm and environmentally friendlier solutions. Fewer heavy trucks and increased public transit will help sustain our roads for longer.
87	have some long-range planning to let the residents know what is being planned. this would also give contractors more time to prepare for bidding on the work and saving money for the tax payers.
88	Stop building new infrastructure when you can afford to maintain what you have.
89	I have a small car but I am thinking of trading for an SUV because the road quality here is some of the worst in the country. My little car can't handle the deep potholes and crumbling roads. I've also noticed road work takes a lot longer here than in other Provinces I've lived in. I don't understand why, maybe unorganized or not enough workers?
90	Roads in Winnipeg get me to where I'm going, I enjoy when they're upkept because it makes my drive safer. Alternatives to the current maintenance for long term repairs that last through all weather types like rubber or some alternative would be nice.
91	I know you're working on it but streets are in horrible shape.
92	Get more in science to solve road issues.
93	Everyone wants better roads. Are there alternatives to improving road longevity? Would fewer cars and more bikes on the road improve long-term road lifespan?
94	I ranked this as unknown. As is street maintenance understood for cars and trucks? I believe there needs to be a shift in infrastructure maintenance and development for active transportation. Meaning walking and cycling. This would rank VERY high. But also how do we make current streets complete streets. If street maintenance was understood as converting to complete streets, then I would think this is the perfect time to do this work.
95	Winnipeg has made great progress in building underpasses and creating much better flow of traffic.. congrats ! I am very grateful for all of this. We still need work on very public roads - I have had numerous repairs to my vehicle that are directly caused by some of the extremely poor road conditions.
96	City of Winnipeg should tender work performed by their own forces. The contracts should not just be handed to them.
97	We need more and better maintenance of roadways, sidewalks and paths. More and better paths for pedestrians and cyclists.
98	People who use mobility aids, including wheelchairs, walkers, and canes, as well as people who have difficulty lifting their legs rely on curb cuts to be able to access the sidewalk. In a majority of areas in the city, there are many curb cuts which are inaccessible to those who might be using a mobility aid. The condition of inaccessible curb cuts ranges from being sculpted too high off road, to deep crumbling cracks, to sunken areas prone to filling with water, snow, and ice. If you really want to know if your efforts are good enough, it would be worth it to hire a disabled person to consult on disability issues.

Appendix D – Postal code map

Geographic Distribution

Respondents were asked to provide the first three characters of their postal code. Respondents represented each ward within Winnipeg. Approximately 0.4% of respondents were from Manitoba, outside of Winnipeg. The survey also captured 0% responses from outside of Manitoba.

