

Winnipeg BIZ Association

The mission of the Winnipeg BIZ Association is to identify the common concerns of its members to which it can provide a collective voice and advocate for change, and to provide a forum for communication, best practices and professional development.

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Mayor Sam Katz
City of Winnipeg
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December 1, 2008

Dear Mayor Katz,

This letter is regarding the Image Route Enhancement / Streetscaping Funding included in the City of Winnipeg budget for 2007 and beyond. On behalf of the members of the Winnipeg BIZ Association, I am writing to express our dismay that these funds were cut in the recently released Capital Budget 2009.

As the councillors appointed to the BIZ groups could surely attest, upgrades to the streetscaping and urban design elements that are long past their useful life in many of our character neighbourhoods are absolutely necessary. Furthermore, early on in the process it was agreed that, instead of fighting and competing amongst ourselves for the funds each year, we would work with PP&D to establish a list of projects based on necessity. It seemed to take quite a long time to establish this process. The first projects are in the works with many more BIZ groups preparing proposals for funding in the future.

Planning for economic development and the revitalization of our streets and public spaces requires long term planning. This is incredibly difficult when funds are provided one year, with a five-year timeline, and then cut with no warning. **We strongly encourage city council to reinstate this funding for 2009 and beyond.**

Sincerely,
WINNIPEG BIZ ASSOCIATION

Gerry Glatz (St. James Village BIZ)
President