Mayor Bowman and EPC councillors:

I am here today for three reasons: (1) to support those speaking on behalf of Friends of Sherbrook Pool, (2) to urge EPC to take seriously and to vote for Coun. Eadie's recommendations that, rather than cutting the Community Services and Protection budget, more money ($660,000 – not a huge amount) should be added to it for maintaining indoor pools and promotion of their use, increased library material material purchases, and hiring a community resource co-ordinator and 3 community development workers, and (3) to say I am in favour of Coun. Eadie's recommendation concerning a small increase in business taxes in order to remove the need for an increase in frontage levies and property taxes for homeowners.

Moving ahead with these ideas would benefit areas of the city where those without a lot of income live. Every ward has such neighbourhoods, not only the West End and the North End.

A number of years ago the phrase Forward Thinking was being used as a slogan in Winnipeg. Coun. Eadie's ideas represent real Forward Thinking.

Thank you for listening.

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