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To: Gameiro, Carlos
Subject: Re: Recreation in South Winnipeg

Greetings,

I am a parent of 3 young children ages 5, 3, and 9 months living in Bridgwater Forest. We moved here in 2013 with the promise of a community-minded area that would support an active living lifestyle. Yes- we have walking paths to support that, but beyond that we are struggling with all other recreational aspects. We anxiously await all leisure guide sign-up dates to quickly try and snag swimming and skating spots in other recreational facilities. We sometimes fail to get these spots because they fill up so quickly.

As my daughter started Kindergarten this fall, we looked in a previous spring to sign her up for soccer to meet future peers and neighborhood families. With Waverly Heights mini soccer program full, we headed North to Whyte Ridge. There we met many nice people- but not one person heading to my daughters school of Ecole Bonnycastle.

To not have funding for recreational facilities here is an absolute travesty. Not only does this directly affect the learning of life skills, but it creates a lack of connection to our neighbors and community and Winnipeg as a whole. Individually I feel sad for my children and in the broader sense I am afraid that not having access to recreational facilities will have a profoundly negative impact on South Winnipeg.

Please hear our plea for more recreational services in the Bridgwater areas.

Regards

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