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Subject: Recreation deficit SWW
To:

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my shock at the city council's disregard for the recreation deficit in my neighbourhood.

I'm sure if you weren't familiar with the relevant numbers before this decision was made, you are now, so I'm sure we are both on the same page that per the city's own policy for heated recreation space per resident, we are at only 1/3 of the recommendation at .67 sqft/resident. Yet this is completely ignored by your council.

My children are 4 and 6 and has been living in Bridgwater 2013. At this rate, you have shut the door on the idea of funding for a rec centre until they are teenagers. To live in an area of Winnipeg with no recreation but yet we will have paid very high taxes is unfair.

How can this the be the type of legacy your council wants to leave?

You're happy to accept our taxes, but won't plow our sidewalks so we can actually use the active transportation network that sold us on the area. You'll impose a growth fee that aims to collect millions of dollars from us, but then leave us with no facilities for our kids. You'll approve plans for landscaping an area that you can't or won't maintain.

We are not the ones that made the plans for this area and we are no longer going to put up with being punished for buying into the product of a vibrant, healthy, active-living & family-oriented neighbourhood that was sold to us. We pay our taxes just like everyone else, and we deserve recreation facilities just like everyone else and frankly it is your job to make that happen.

None of this is right. You know it, your council knows it, and I know it. Obviously money is tight, but that doesn't relive you of an obligation to adequately service an enormous tax base.

Change needs to happen now. This home will not be voting for a city council that does not represent ALL areas of Winnipeg. We wont be voting for a Mayor who excludes us from their plans.

Thanks,

Maria