On Dec 4, 2017, at 6:28 PM, Paterson, Magda < > wrote:

Hello again. Here is my email for the record.

This is a note in opposition to the proposed City of Winnipeg budget, which I understand does not provide funds for a recreational/community facility in SW Winnipeg. Please consider these comments in your deliberations on the proposed budget.

We are at a tipping point with the lack of facilities available in SW Winnipeg. Like it or not, this area is growing rapidly with families, immigrants and seniors. We hear rhetoric that the Mayor and certain councillors don't like the sprawl this area represents yet how quick are you in benefitting from the millions of dollars in growth tax and general property taxes? We are all citizens of this City and at 60,000 residents strong are about 5 community centres short of what such population warrants. With Waverley West being the fastest growing area in Winnipeg the pressure is only increasing. Our families and children are being blatantly underserved while our community is ignored. Already kids are being turned away from activities, hockey practice times are unreasonable and there is no meeting space for the many associations, clubs and community groups in the area. Yes we know balancing a budget for a growing City is tough but SW Winnipeg has clearly been de-prioritized on this matter which is critical for the well-being of all people in our community. Action is desperately needed by the leaders. Please examine our situation and do the right thing.

There is an obvious groundswell of concern and frustration among residents who are disappointed and angry. People are mobilizing to become extremely vocal and feel it's time for leadership, or change.

Thank you for your hard work and for your attention to this matter of critical importance to the residents of the fastest-growing community in Winnipeg.

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