On Dec 4, 2017, at 9:14 PM, Ryan McGregor < < >> wrote:

Mr. Mayor,

I write to oppose the implementation of the proposed 2018 City Budget that lacks any funding for recreation in Waverley West.

I'm sure you have received a number of emails on this topic already, so will attempt to keep this brief.

My wife and I are currently raising two young boys. We built in the area four years ago, with hopes, like many who built here, that they would grow up with the community and we would live here for a long time. There is no sense of community here at all. With no school, the kids don't know any of the other kids down the street or at the park. With no rec facilities, there is no central place at all where kids can play and community can be created.

The population growth here continues to expand and with some of the highest tax rates in the city, we don't understand where all the money is going. Of course there are infrastructure costs to establish a new neighbourhood, but with 40,000+ people, there should come a time SOON that we see the benefits of choosing higher priced real estate (and bigger tax bills) in a new development. With no funding for 5+ more years, the children of many of the young families that have chosen this area will be that much older and have missed out on that much opportunity.

Lately my wife and I have been looking into moving our family out of the area. Into leaving our dream house that we built and made our own over the last 4 years due to the lack of community in this area.

Our councilor Janice Lukes has worked tirelessly to bring you this message and she has tremendous support in our community. You have the opportunity to lead change for one of Winnipeg's largest and fastest growing communities. I ask that you please re-consider your funding decisions and priorities for 2018.

Thank you,
Ryan McGregor