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Subject: South Winnipeg recreation funding

To whom it may concearn,

My name is Briana Doan. I'm a resident of Bridgwater forest. I'm unable to make it to the EPC meeting tomorrow but wanted to make my voice heard. I'm a mother to two girls who are 5 and 2 and I'm increadibly disappointed in the cities decision in regards to the recreation budget for South Winnipeg.
Basic services are being glossed over for my community. Community centers are more than hockey arenas, they're places to meet friends both old and new. They're places to hold birthday parties and celebrate milestones of life.They're places to learn new skills, and develop healthy habits. A new recreation center would ensure that my girls had access to sports and recreation in our community, and that they would get to grow up playing sports with our friends and neighbors. Right now I have to drive outside of our community in order for my girls to participate. If the current budget stands this will continue for the next five years, meaning until my oldest is ten, then if at that point the city chose to grace us with funding she would likely be at least 12 before a facility was ready. Is that a community you would want to live in and raise children in? One that doesn't have schools, doesn't have guaranteed greenspace maintenance, and now one that doesn't have appropriate community center funding?
A new recreation center is important to not only myself and my family but the community. I voted for Mayor Bowman and I was pleased to pay the higher taxes but I expected to have the needs of the community met. Funding for a new regional recreation facility is crucial for the health of this neighborhood.

I appreciate you reading this email, and I would appreciate your support.

Thank you.
Briana Doan (PT)