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City of Winnipeg
Councillors Finance Committee

Dear Sirs,

We wrote a similar letter to Mayor Bowman when he was first elected to office and have seen no changes in addressing City takes.

The City has a serious spending problem and Union Problem. Before offering my Comments to how do you close 37.5 Million dollars on a Water Treatment plant because paper papers were not filed in time? The City is controlled by Unions. Fire Police and Civic employees. It's the Tail wagging the Dog and no one seems like it should be. These have to be renegotiated and the employees of the present Union agreements fade away through attrition. Nowhere do employees of other Cities have the wages and benefit our City has. Dept Chiefs can't control their budgets they ask and get more.

The cost overruns on City Projects is deplorable, as the person responsible resigns and we keep on piles of money as severance.

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Give us a break.
Lets get serious and get a deal done with the Province on the School Board situation which is and has been out of control for as long as we can remember.
Run the City as a business get tough when Union Agreements are negotiated, believe me the taxpayer will understand, I have no sympathy for people retiring with full pension after 30 years and still in their 50's.
Winnipeg had so much potential when I was growing up and has been swept away by lack of action by Councillors and poor management by City Managers.
Gentlemen Its Time for Action
Get Some Balls.

Yours truly
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