This city government's actions regarding Winnipeg Transit show it has operated in bad faith. Post-secondary students need secure public services while studying. Most of us don't have regular jobs and many cannot balance school with work. Meanwhile, this is a climate emergency wherein it is imperative to slash emissions in half of 2010 levels by the end of 2029 to avert the worst effects of climate change. The U-Pass has helped keep about 7,000 cars per year off the streets of Winnipeg, transporting students more efficiently to the Universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg and across town.

The closest thing approximating a reason for building the next leg of the Southwest Transitway through erstwhile biologically productive forest and wetland—a carbon sink, which is also imperative these days to draw carbon from the atmosphere and thus reduce the economic damage climate change will wreak—was that it was going to encourage bus ridership. I was never fond of the idea of disrupting *biologically productive space* and I later realized it was also going to be a waste of money. There is a simple reason for that: Pembina Highway is right next to it. Have buses go where the people are. That was elementary common sense. Instead, you paved over a neighbourhood park and now you're discouraging us from using the buses.

You have the opportunity now to undo some of the damage. Please restore the U-Pass. Here's a suggestion for paying for that: cut city employees' pay from the top. A 50 per cent cut to the salaries of just the 140 highest-paid employees in 2018 would have yielded $10,292,307 that year. I stopped at 140 just to give you a taste. We students are not rich people. We are by and large deferring gratification, hoping for more rewarding lives later.