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To: Poitras, Andrew
Subject: Fwd: 2021 Budget consideration moved by Councillor eadie

Good morning Andrew,

I hope it isn't too late to share Transcona BIZs thoughts with you. We support the ongoing need for the Neighbourhood Economic Development Officer and all the support and help that he or she provides on a regular basis. Our president, Brent Thomas spoke to this need back in the fall of 2019 when the discussion of the elimination of the position was on the table. We still feel that way today.

We do however question the motion to have the Zones, and thereby the businesses in those Zones pay for a city employee. We would have liked to have more consultation and a better understanding of the amount and how it was figured out, the role of the position and how it will change, and how, as someone paying for services, will be ensured that we continue to get the highest level of service moving forward.

Transcona BIZ will certainly make ourselves available for more consultation and the opportunity to better understand both sides of this very difficult situation.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration with this matter.

Sincerely,

Leila Dance
Executive Director
Transcona BIZ