The City of Winnipeg should collaborate with the Province of MB, Economic Development Winnipeg and stakeholders (including but not limited to Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Biz, Business Council of Manitoba) to develop an economic recovery and development vision. That vision needs to be outlined in a plan that includes goals, targets, timelines and measurements.

The City should endeavor to stay within its legislated lane where possible and therefore should work in a supportive / partnership role in economic recovery plans.

The city should focus on creating an environment that promotes and fosters economic growth and recovery. That environment can be achieved through;

- A downtown development plan (downtown growth and development is critical to the overall health and growth of Winnipeg and therefore must be a priority of a recovery plan)
- Expedited permit processes
- City to identify and strategically use development inventive tools (TIF, expedited permits, etc)
- Ensuring the city has adequate supply of serviced industrial lands available to attract investment of employers
- Key Sectors, that will produce the greatest return on investment, should be prioritized

The working committee should consult with stakeholders and incorporate that input into the plan.

The draft plan should come back to community committees for review and discussion prior to adopting the plan.

Respectfully,

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