Trees Please Winnipeg Coalition. Summary of Financials presentation *(with citations)*

The current budgets and timeline

Urban Forestry Capital & Operating budgets	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**	**2027**
Capital forecast for the Urban Forest Renewal Program Public Works Capital Project [1,2] - capital amounts are not consistent over time - 6 year cycle 2022 – 2027 - $28.611 million over 6 years	6.183	6.183	1.772	4.013	4.858	5.602
Public Works Operating projections [3] for these 3 line items: -Tree planting, tree pruning & removals, DED removals. - consistent year to year - Must be spent in the year - includes the $2 million added in 2022 and 2023	14.444	14.924				
Totals AS THEY ARE FOR PLANNING	20.627	21.107	**1.772**	4.013	4.858	5.602

Problem Source: Capital and Operating budget allocation and spending timelines:

- Capital forecasts are not consistent over time, and can be carried into subsequent years, and
- Operating budgets are historically consistent over time, and must be spent within its allocated year.

Effect of the Problem: Can't plan and enter into long term projects, tri partite funding collaborations [4], supplier contracts, and a long-term asset management/funding team

Possible solutions to the problem:

- Adjust the policy and by law requirements for the allocation of funds and budget timeframes to accommodate long term financial projections for Urban Forestry.

- Add to the capital budget now. With a goal of working toward filling the uniquely low capital allocation in 2024. We suggest a total of $6 million allocated over three years: an additional $1 million in 2022, $1 million in 2023 and 4 million in 2024.

Proposed Money Sources:

[1] *Capital Project Summary. Urban Forest Renewal Program.* **Page 279**. Appendix 6. 2022-2027 Capital Budget. City of Winnipeg 2022 Preliminary Budget Operating and Capital Volume 2. https://winnipeg.ca/finance/files/2022-Preliminary-Operating-and-Capital-Budget-Volume-2.pdf

[2] *Capital Projects Listed by Department. Public Works General Capital Fund. Urban Forest Renewal Program.* **Page 86.** City of Winnipeg Supplement to the 2022 Preliminary Budget. https://winnipeg.ca/finance/files/2022-Preliminary-Budget-Supplement.pdf

[3] *Parks & Urban Forestry Operating Budget.* **Page 175**. City of Winnipeg 2022 Preliminary Budget Operating and Capital Volume 2.

[4] 2 Billion Trees is making **a call for proposals in fall of 2021.** See note 8 on 2 Billion Trees

Canada Community Building Fund remaining monies from 2021 top-up [5] [6]

Canada Community Building Fund 2022 (projects currently set to be decided by Council in spring 2022). [7]

Federal 2 Billion Trees cost-sharing program (upcoming call for proposals in Dec. 2021) [8]

[5] 2022-2027 Capital Budget. *Capital Budget Recommendations.* **Point G, Page 20.** City of Winnipeg 2022 Preliminary Budget Operating and Capital. Volume 2. https://winnipeg.ca/finance/files/2022-Preliminary-Operating-and-Capital-Budget-Volume-2.pdf

[6] "*With approval of the 2021 Federal Budget a one-time top of $44.396 million was approved. Funding of $43.905 million has been included in the 2022 Preliminary Budget - $37.463 million in 2022 and $6.442 million in 2023. $491,000 remains unallocated."* Appendix 5. Capital Projects Funded by the Canada Community Building Fund. **Page 276.** City of Winnipeg Supplement to the 2022 Preliminary Budget. https://winnipeg.ca/finance/files/2022-Preliminary-Budget-Supplement.pdf

[7] *"Proposed investment of $20 million from the additional Canada Community Building Fund including: - $10 million for projects to support economic recovery in the downtown (and) - $10 million for projects across the City (Specific projects will be determined by Council in spring 2022)."* 2022 Preliminary Budget at a Glance. **Page 34.** City of Winnipeg 2022 Preliminary Budget Operating and Capital. Volume 2.

[8] "$3.19 billion over 10 years, starting in 2021-22, to Natural Resources Canada to work with the provinces, …., municipalities, and others to plant 2 billion trees to fight climate change, protect forests and create good jobs." 2 Billion Trees. On November 25 2021, Nature Canada (an environmental NGO) emailed Trees Please, Winnipeg Urban Forestry, and MB Sustainable Development to say Natural Resources Canada is putting out the call for proposals before Christmas 2021. Building Back Better: A Plan to Fight the COVID 19 Recession. https://budget.gc.ca/fes-eea/2020/themes/building-back-better-rebatir-mieux-en.html