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It is hard to imagine how our city councillors can talk about green spaces and how much funding needs to be allocated if we are to preserve what is left of our beleaguered trees and threatened green spaces with virtually no reference to climate change. "Trees Please-Winnipeg Coalition" makes a compelling case that points to the inadequacies of our elected leaders when it comes to committing sufficient funds to address this glaring oversight. Meanwhile other volunteer groups such as "OURS" and "Save Our Seine" have been sounding the alarm and lobbying for years about the importance of preserving our natural environment for the health and general well being of all its citizens and for our precious wild life as well.

Yes, there have been some positive moves and we really appreciate that the City owned golf courses and other green spaces appear to be protected from potential developers but what about our beautiful Blumberg? We are dismayed that this 200 acres of prime green space facing the Assiniboine River should even be up for discussion. Surely no City Councillor in good conscious would allow this priceless space to be destroyed by
rapacious land developers.

I have to wonder; when will our elected officials finally recognize the valuable role that green spaces serve as our living planet continues to heat up? And do they finally recognize that green spaces belong to all the people and we do not want any further loss of our precious heritage?

What a legacy Mayor Bowman and his Councillors could leave if they were to fashion a mechanism that preserves our trees and priceless green spaces for all time. Of course this shall require generous funding. I'm sure the generous citizens of Winnipeg understand the profound changes that are threatening all manner of life on our planet and they will be up to the challenge of doing what it takes to preserve what we can and perhaps in time improve on what is left.

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