POLICE FUNDING MODEL

Public Engagement Summary

March 2022

Background

The City of Winnipeg (City) is considering a Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) funding model that ensures planning certainty for the City and sustainable and predictable funding for the WPS. There are five model options that are being considered.

The increased demand on City services, due largely to growth and other factors, has outpaced the City's ability to fund tax-supported services adequately, so ensuring all parts of the budget are sustainable is important for the financial health of our city. In this context, sustainability refers to the taxpayer's ability to sustain the cost of policing.

Promotion

Public engagement opportunities were promoted using the following methods:

- Emails sent to 47 stakeholder organizations for underrepresented, BIPOC, and community groups – December 22, 2021, January 5 and 17, 2022.
- News release - January 5, 2022;
- Facebook and Twitter posts - January 5 to February 1, 2022;
- Coverage by the Winnipeg Free Press, CBC, Global, CTV, CityNews, and CJOB – January 5 to 21, 2022;
- Posters at 19 libraries – January 6, 2022;
- Newspaper ad in the Streets – January 6, 2022;
- Online paid ad – January 7 to February 1, 2022;
- Newspaper ads in the Canstar Community Review East, Canstar Community Review West, and La Liberté – January 12, 2022; and
- City of Winnipeg public engagement newsletter with over 2,900 recipients - January 13 and 27, 2022.

Engagement

The City retained a research firm to conduct a statistical survey on the funding model options. The survey was also available on the project webpage and was open to all residents that were interested in providing feedback.

The City hosted five public events for those wanting to learn more about the proposed funding models and sharing their thoughts. The events began with a brief presentation on the project scope, budget process, and funding model option details, followed by a question and answer period. Participants were then placed into breakout groups for a facilitated discussion on each of the five funding models.

Finally, a telephone town hall was offered and consisted of a brief introductory presentation followed by an opportunity for residents to ask questions to panelists from the project team. Approximately 100,000 residents and those who registered in advance of the event received a call inviting them to participate in the telephone town hall.

Feedback from the surveys, public events, and town hall is one input Councillors will consider when they are making the decision on the proposed police funding model. A summary of public engagement opportunities is available in Table 1.

Table 1: Public Engagement Opportunities

Date	Activity	Participation
October 26 – November 4, 2021	Statistical survey	600 respondents
January 5 – February 2, 2022	Webpage	5,100+ unique visitors
January 5 – February 2, 2022	Informational video	414 views
January 5 – February 2, 2022	Public survey	4,769 respondents
January 18, 20, 22, 24 & 26, 2022	Public workshop events	46 attendees
January 25, 2022	Telephone town hall	11,178 attendees

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Key Findings – Statistical Survey

A 10-minute survey was conducted with a sample size of 600 Winnipeggers on police funding model options. Minor statistical weighting by age and gender was applied to the sample to ensure it corresponded to the city as a whole. In addition, the sample included strong representation of Winnipeggers who identify as Black, Indigenous, or People of Colour (BIPOC).

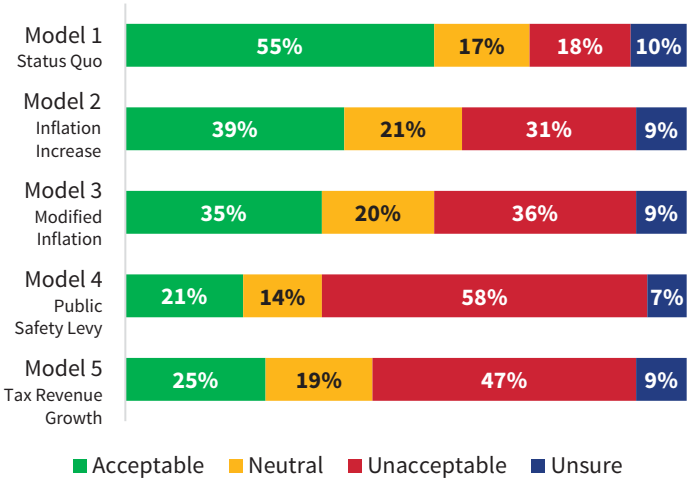
The statistical survey found that:

59% of respondents have a positive view of the WPS.

32% of respondents feel the police received too much funding.

86% of respondents feel sustainable police funding is important.

When asked if each model was acceptable or unacceptable, respondents indicated:



Of those who found model 1 (the most popular model) acceptable, 46 comments mention that it balances all needs/the needs of other departments, and 26 comments mention that they are not sure of a better way/comfortable with this/seems fair.

Of those who found model 4 unacceptable (the least popular model), 66 comments mention no more taxes and fees/can't afford this/tighten belt instead, and 63 comments mention absolutely no additional funding to police (63 comments).

Key Findings – Public Survey

The survey was open to all Winnipeggers interested in providing feedback on the five funding models. Respondents could take the survey online, request a paper version, or submit responses by telephone. The survey received 4,769 responses.

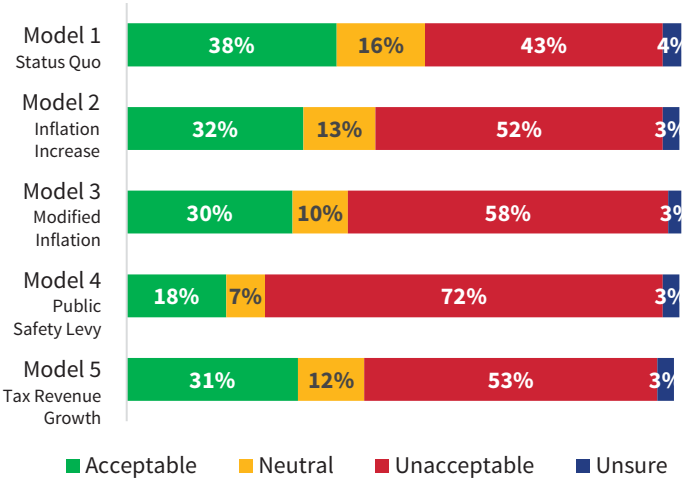
The public survey found that:

46% of respondents have a positive view of the WPS.

54% of respondents feel the police received too much funding.

77% of respondents feel sustainable police funding is important.

When asked if each model was acceptable or unacceptable, respondents indicated:



**Results are rounded to the nearest percent and may not equal 100%*

However, if respondents had to pick one of the five funding models, funding model 1 (30.8%) was the most popular choice closely followed by model 5 (30.5%). Model 3 (20.4%) and model 2 (11.7%) landed in the middle while model 4 (6.6%) was the least popular choice among respondents.

The full statistical survey results are in Appendix A, while the full public survey results are in Appendix B.

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What We Heard – Public Workshop Events

Participants were asked to discuss what they like and what they dislike about each of the funding models in a facilitated group discussion. Examples of comments from the public workshop events are available in Table 2.

Table 2: Example Comments

Model	What We Heard
Model 1	• Could lead to a reallocation of funds to social services • Allows for more public input and more flexibility • Currently not working
Model 2	• Results in an increase to the WPS budget • Different ways to calculate inflation causes ambiguity • No opportunity to reallocate funds to other priorities • Inflation can be volatile
Model 3	• Maintains WPS wages, which is positive • Reduces City's ability to bargain during collective bargaining agreements • Less flexibility to reallocate funds to other priorities
Model 4	• The levy shows residents the extra funding requirements • Extra levy could be challenging to pay for some residents • Extra levy is only a portion of the WPS budget and mislead people into believing the budget is smaller than reality • The name 'Public Safety Levy' might imply that policing is the only way to improve safety
Model 5	• Could result in a decrease to the WPS budget • Simple model • Would prevent the WPS budget from taking a bigger portion of the overall City budget

Detailed notes from the public workshop events are available in Appendix C.

What We Heard – Telephone Town Hall

Participants were invited to ask questions to the project team. Representatives from the Public Service were available at the telephone town hall to answer questions.

Of the questions asked at the telephone town hall, the following common themes emerged:



WPS budget reduction and reallocation to crime prevention (5 questions)



WPS budget increase and corresponding impacts to other services and taxpayers (4 questions)



Annual budget process (3 questions)



Other (3 questions)

A list of questions from the telephone town hall are available in Appendix D.

Next Steps

The feedback will be considered by the project team when making its recommendation on a police funding model. An Administrative Report containing the project team's recommendation is anticipated to be presented to the Executive Policy Committee in March 2022 for its consideration.

Appendices

Appendix A – Statistical Survey Results
Appendix B – Public Survey Results
Appendix C – Public Workshop Event Notes
Appendix D – Telephone Town Hall Report
Appendix E – Public Engagement Materials

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Appendix A – Statistical Survey Results

Police Funding Model Preference



Credit: Winnipeg Police Service

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Key Findings

Overall View of the Winnipeg Police Service

- Winnipeggers have a moderately positive view of the Winnipeg Police Service. Nearly six-in-ten residents view the police favourably, though most are tepid in their assessment of the force, with 35% indicating they feel only somewhat positive. Older Winnipeggers and those with lower levels of educational attainment tend to be more positive about the police. (BIPOC Winnipeggers are just as likely as non-BIPOC residents to feel positively about the police.)
- Most Winnipeggers – particularly younger and better educated residents – feel the police service is over-funded or receives about the right amount of funding from the City. Only one-in-five feel the WPS is underfunded.
- Not surprisingly, the vast majority of Winnipeggers – 86% – feel police service funding should be sustainable.

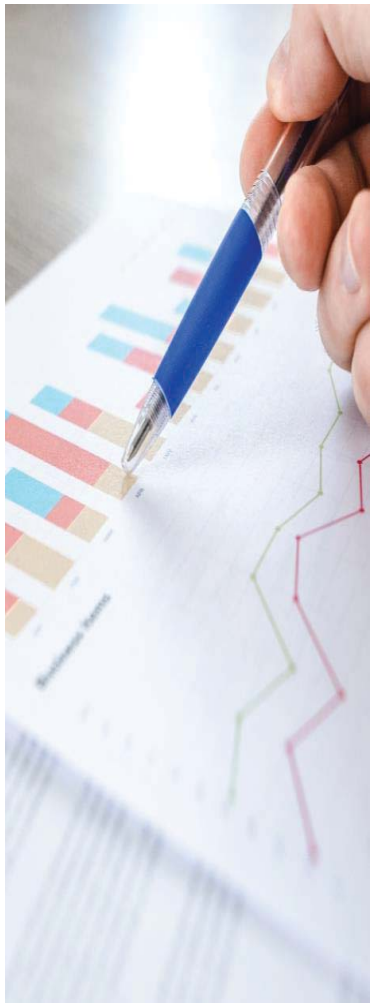
Assessment of Police Funding Models

- Winnipeggers generally favour the current funding model, though not with any intensity. Among the one-half who find this model *acceptable*, a small proportion feel it balances the needs of all City departments and seems like a reasonable approach. However, most cannot articulate the reasons why they find this model reasonable. Those who *oppose* the current model of police funding are somewhat split as to why. While some feel this model short-changes a critical City service, others feel this model does not reign in police spending adequately and fails to properly fund programs that could solve the root causes of crime.
- Winnipeggers are split on a funding model that would peg police funding to the rate of inflation. Nearly four-in-ten view this option as acceptable but nearly as many feel it is unappealing. Among those who favour this option, a plurality feel it seems fair and predictable, though the majority cannot articulate a reason why they support this model. Among those who dislike this option, some feel it allowed for a budget increase that is somewhat arbitrary and not based on demonstrable need, while others note other City departments rarely get inflationary budget increases.



Key Findings (cont'd)

- Winnipeggers are even more evenly split on the 2-phase model that bases any funding increases on negotiated collective agreements as well as the rate of inflation. As well, the majority struggle to articulate their views on the acceptability of this option. Among the one-third of Winnipeggers who support this option, some feel it offers flexibility and ensures police officers will earn a fair wage. Among the one-third who oppose this option, some feel it guaranteed the WPS two additional budget increases.
- Winnipeggers are clearer in their opposition to a model that includes a special levy for police. Nearly six-in-ten find this option unacceptable, including one-third who are deeply opposed to it. Key reasons for this opposition include an unwillingness to pay more taxes and fees as well as a view that this option amounts to double-dipping and gives police access to a dedicated funding stream other services don't enjoy.
- Winnipeggers are also generally opposed to a funding model that ties the WPS budget to property tax revenue. Only one-quarter favour this option. Some favour this option because it seems logical and calibrates the police budget to the overall economy, but most cannot describe exactly their reasoning. Nearly one-half of Winnipeggers oppose this option, in part because they feel taxes would simply rise to accommodate the police budget and because this option doesn't offer the WPS the stable, predictable source of revenue they need.
- On balance, Winnipeggers favour the status quo – annual police funding determined by City councillors who balance the force's needs against others. There is an appetite for changes to the model – indeed, 60 per cent favour one of the new options. However, there is no consensus on which option makes sense, and choices seem driven primarily by respondents' starting views of the WPS overall. For example, those with a negative view of the police strongly favour the model that ties police funding to property tax revenue and would see the most significant cut to the police budget.



Methodology

Research Objectives

Probe Research Inc. was retained by the City of Winnipeg to conduct a survey among Winnipeggers regarding their views on potential funding models for the Winnipeg Police Service. The questionnaire was crafted primarily by the City of Winnipeg, with advice from Probe Research.

Methodology

A 10-minute (average) online survey was conducted between Oct. 26 and Nov. 4, 2021 with 600 Winnipeg adults responding.

Sample

The sample was provided by Probe Research's proprietary panel and supplemented with those from a reputable national panel provider.

As a panel survey involves a sample of convenience, no margin-of-error can be ascribed. However, a random and representative non-convenience sample of 600 adults would have a margin of error of ± 4.0 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. The margin of error is higher among sub-groups.

Minor statistical weighting by age and gender has been applied to this sample to ensure that it corresponds with the city as a whole. In addition, the sample includes strong representation of Winnipeggers who identify as Black, Indigenous or People of Colour (BIPOC).

Profile of Respondents

(Unweighted) (Weighted)	Total (N=600) (N=600) (%)	Men (n=293) (n=282) (%)	Women (n=302) (n=312) (%)
Age			
18-34	31	32	29
35-54	40	42	39
55+	29	26	32
Income			
<$50K	19	17	21
$50K-$99K	35	32	40
$100K+	45	51	39
Children in the Household			
Yes	29	33	25
Person of Colour			
Yes	11	13	10
Indigenous			
Yes	20	22	19



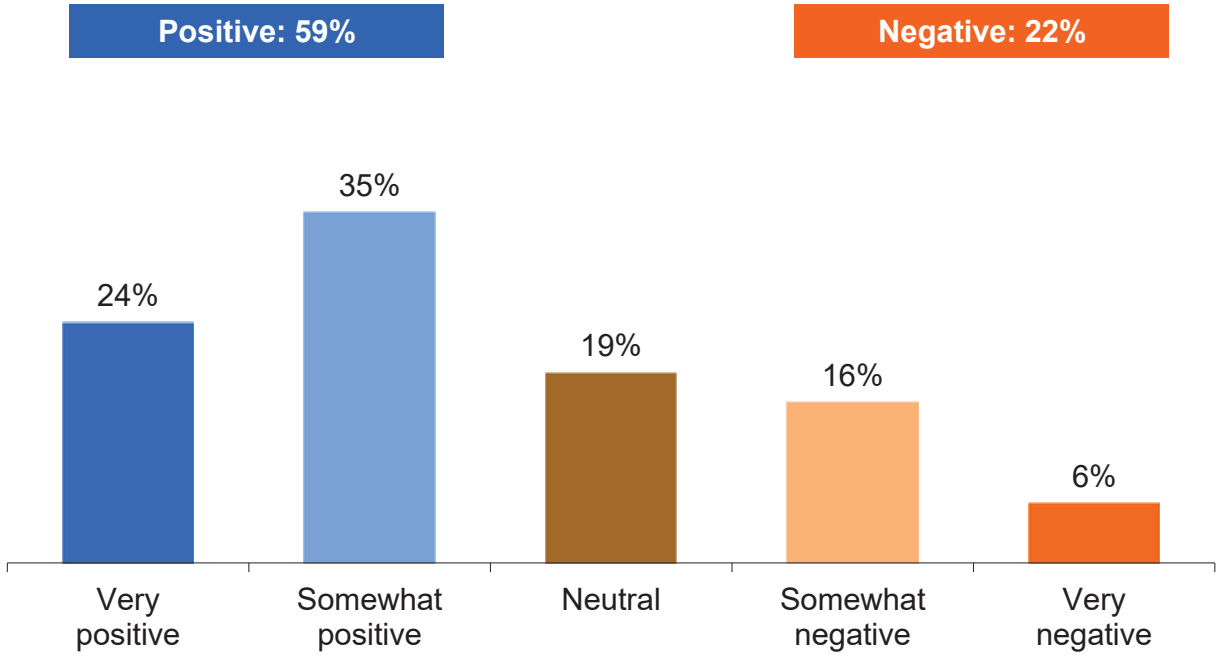
Views on the Police

This chapter explores overall perceptions of the Winnipeg Police Service and the funding it receives.

Credit: Winnipeg Police Service

Current Views of the Winnipeg Police Service

Most have a positive view of the WPS, though this view is lukewarm, with 35% only somewhat positive



Those most likely to **feel positive** about the WPS include:

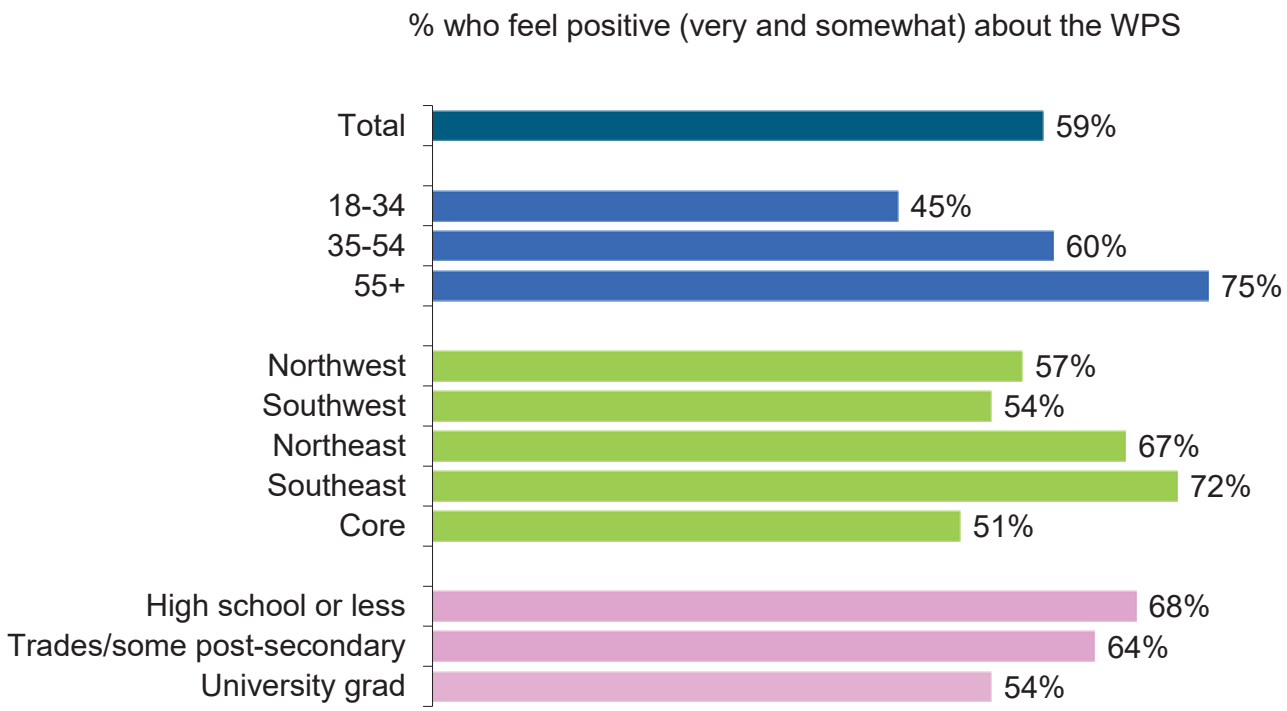
- Those who feel the current funding model is acceptable (73% vs. 40% among those who find it unacceptable)
- Those who feel the WPS receives too little funding (91% vs. 23% among those who feel it receives too much)

Q1. Generally speaking, do you have a positive or negative view of the Winnipeg Police Service?

Base: All respondents (N=600)

Current Views of the Winnipeg Police Service: By Sub-groups

Older Winnipeggers and those with lower levels of education feel most positive about the WPS



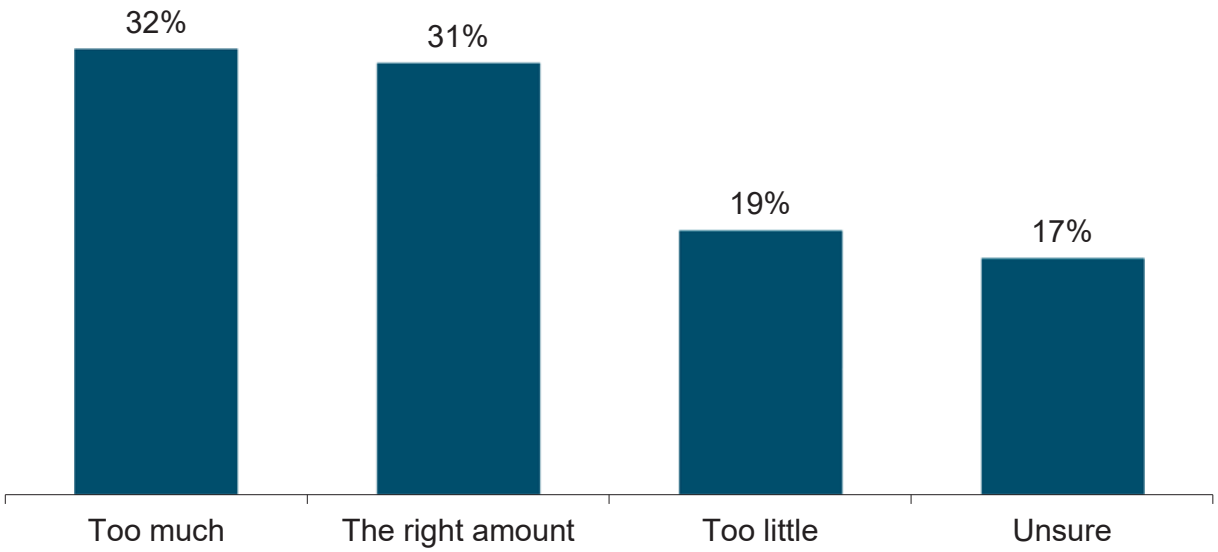
Note: There are no statistically significant differences in views of the police among respondents who identify as BIPOC. 58% of those who identify as Black, Indigenous or a Person of Colour have a positive view of police – similar to the citywide average.

Q1. Generally speaking, do you have a positive or negative view of the Winnipeg Police Service?

Base: All respondents (N=600)

Views on Amount of Funding for the Winnipeg Police Service

One-third feel the police receive too much funding while nearly as many feel funding is adequate



Those most likely to feel the WPS receives **too much funding** include:

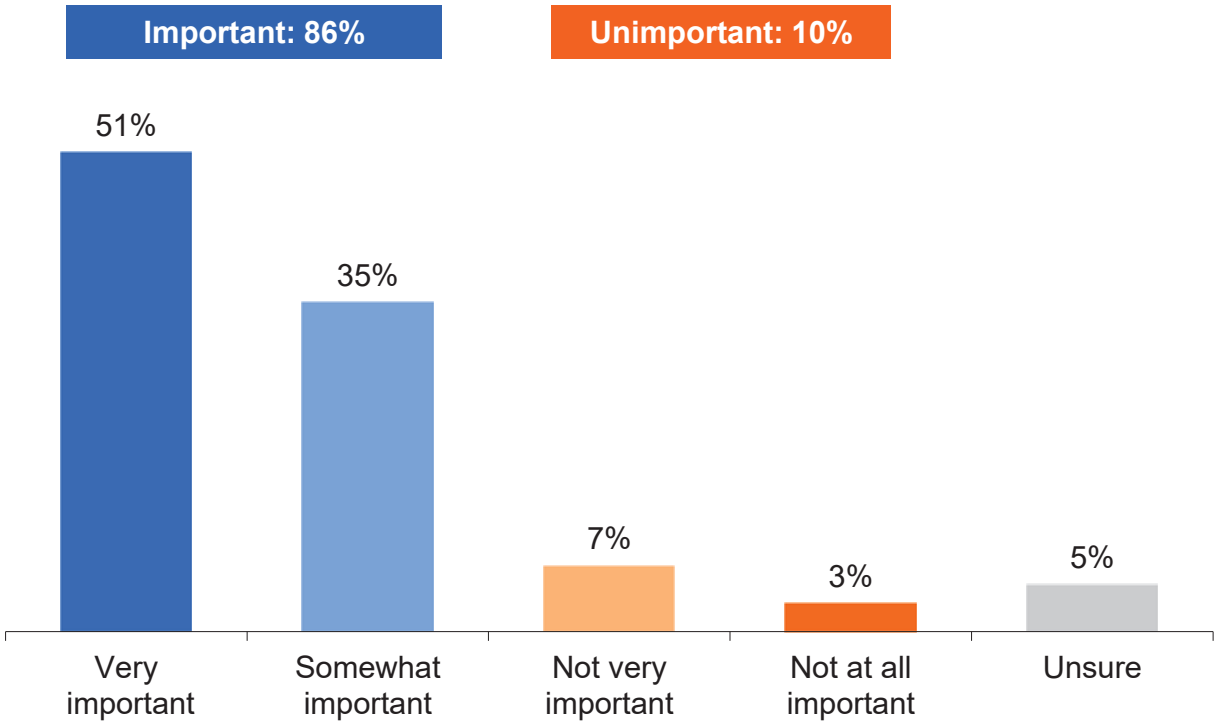
- Younger Winnipeggers, those 18-34 (45% vs. 15% among those 55+)
- Those residing in the Core area (48%) and southwest Winnipeg (40% vs. 19% among those residing in southeast Winnipeg)
- University graduates (40%)
- Those who feel the current model is unacceptable (53% vs. 23% among those who find it acceptable)
- Those who have a negative view of the WPS (86% vs. 12% among those with a positive view)

Q2. Overall, would you say the Winnipeg Police Service receives too much funding, too little or the right amount…

Base: All respondents (N=600)

Importance of Sustainable Police Funding

Sustainable police funding is deeply important to Winnipeggers

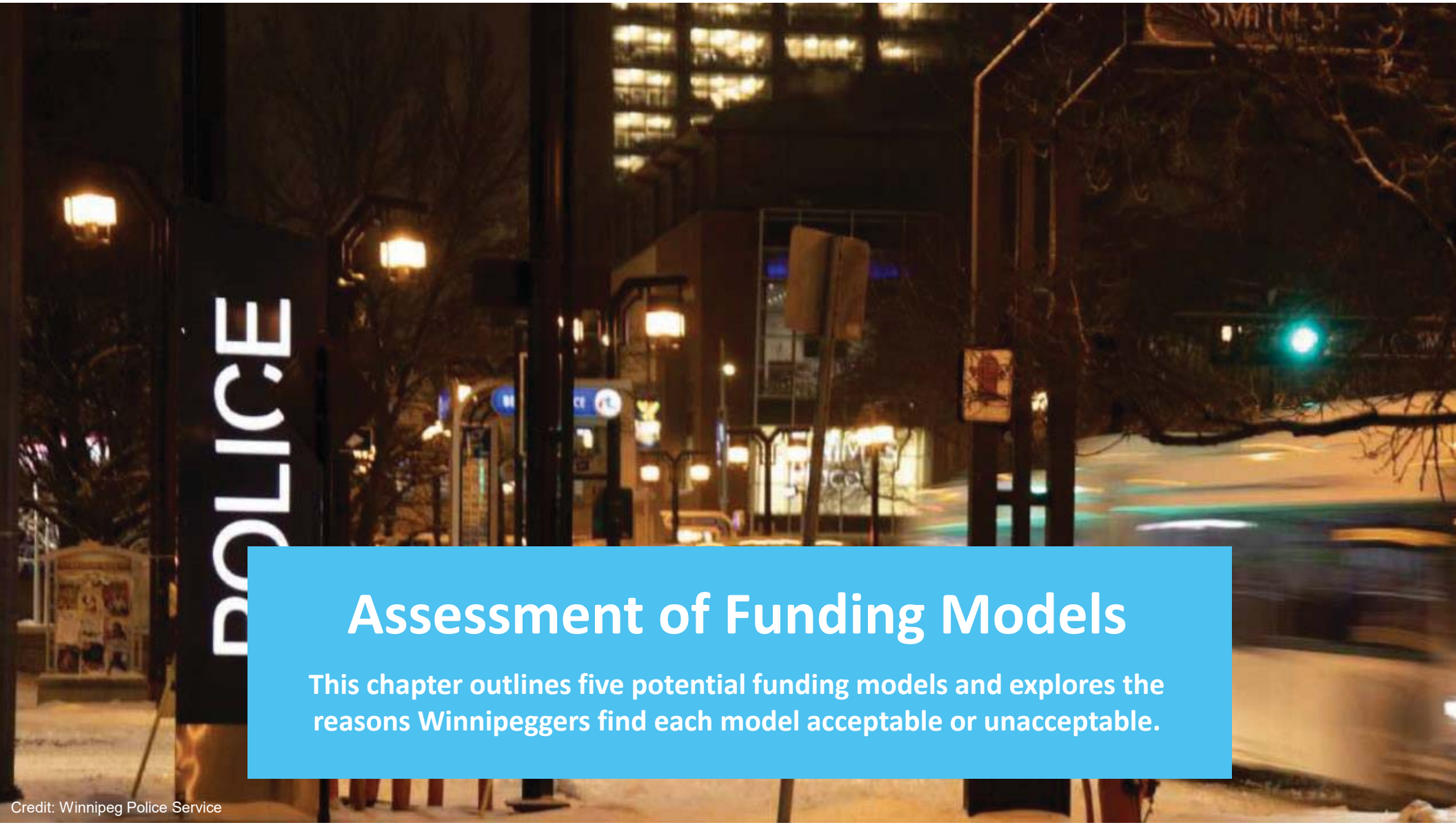


Those most likely to feel sustainable police funding is **very important** include:

- Those aged 55+ (61% vs. 44% among those 18-34)
- Those from higher-income households (55% vs. 38% among households earning <$50K)

Q3. How important, if at all, is sustainable police funding to you personally? (Sustainability refers to the taxpayer's ability to sustain the cost of policing.)

Base: All respondents (N=600)



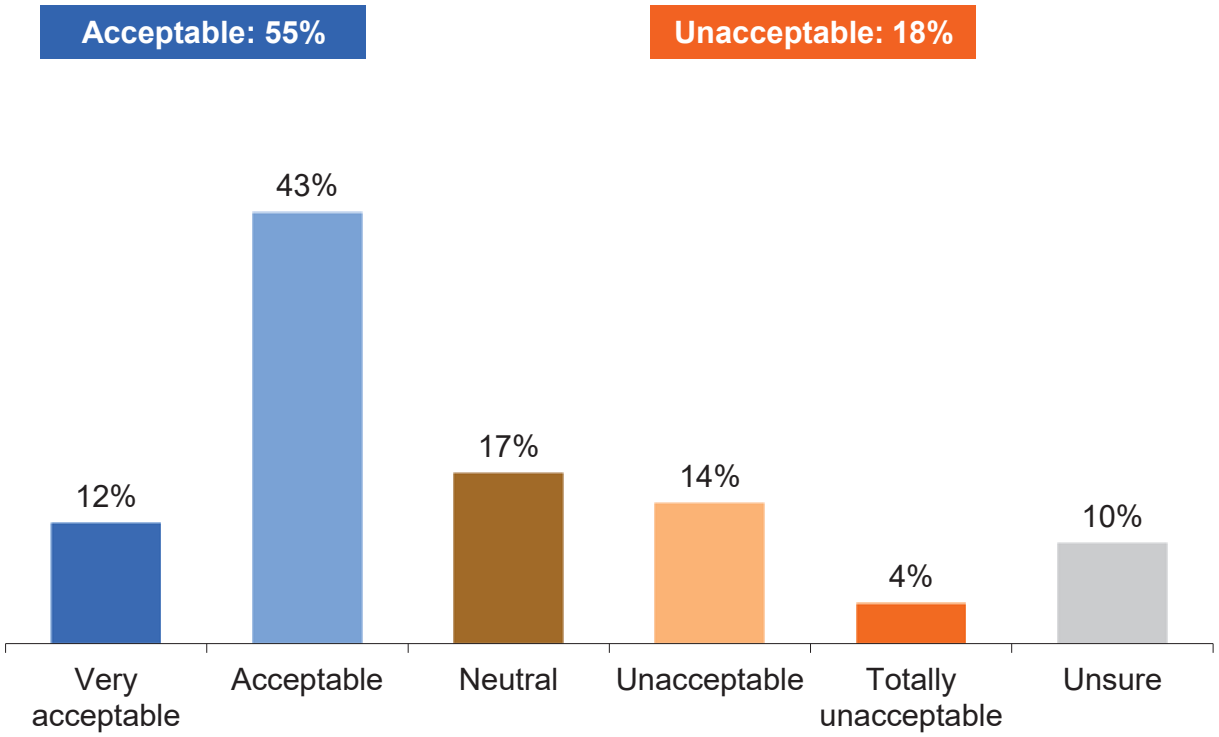
Assessment of Funding Models

This chapter outlines five potential funding models and explores the reasons Winnipeggers find each model acceptable or unacceptable.

Credit: Winnipeg Police Service

Support for Current Funding Model

One-half find the current model satisfactory, though only 12% find it very acceptable



Those most likely to **find this model acceptable** include:

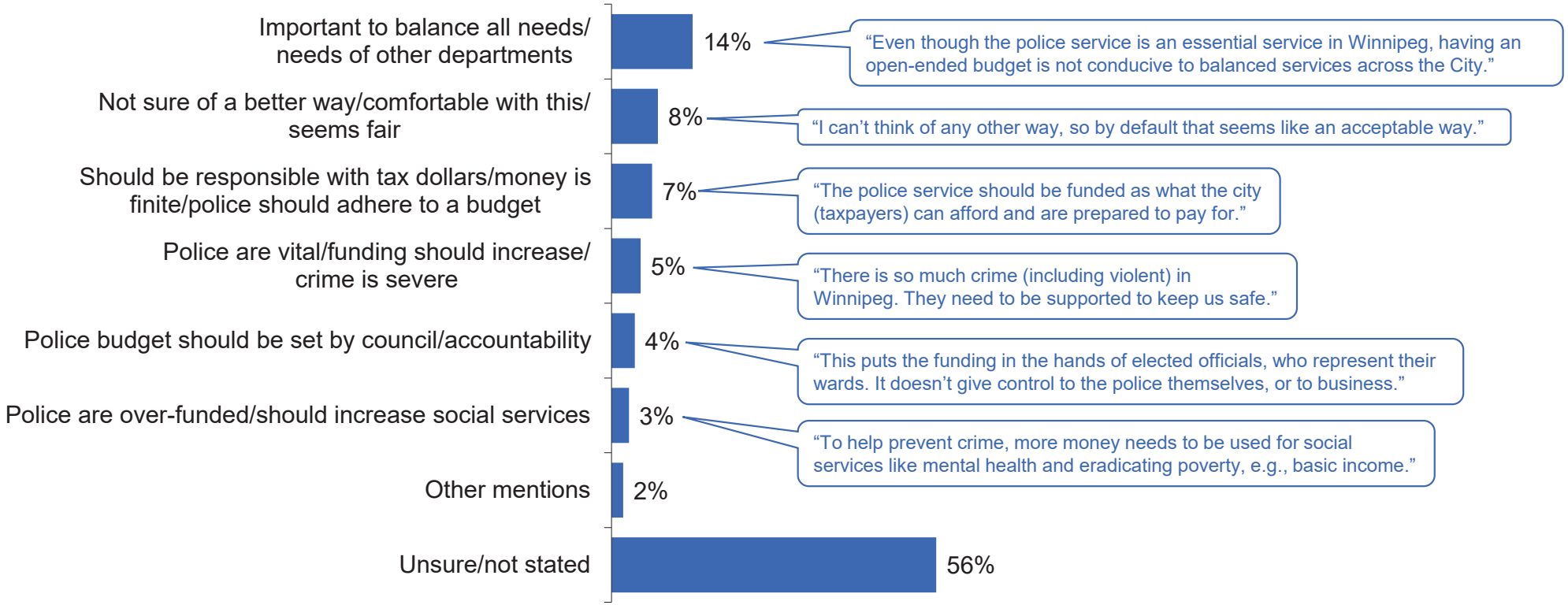
- Men (61% vs. 49% among women)
- Those who have a positive view of the WPS (67% vs. 29% among those with a negative view)

Q4. City council sets a budget every year for the Winnipeg Police, balancing their needs against those of other City departments. This is how the police service is funded now. What do you think of this option? Is this model of police funding acceptable or unacceptable to you?

Base: All respondents (N=600)

Reasons for Finding the Current Funding Model Acceptable

Some supporters feel the current model balances the needs of all departments and seems fair

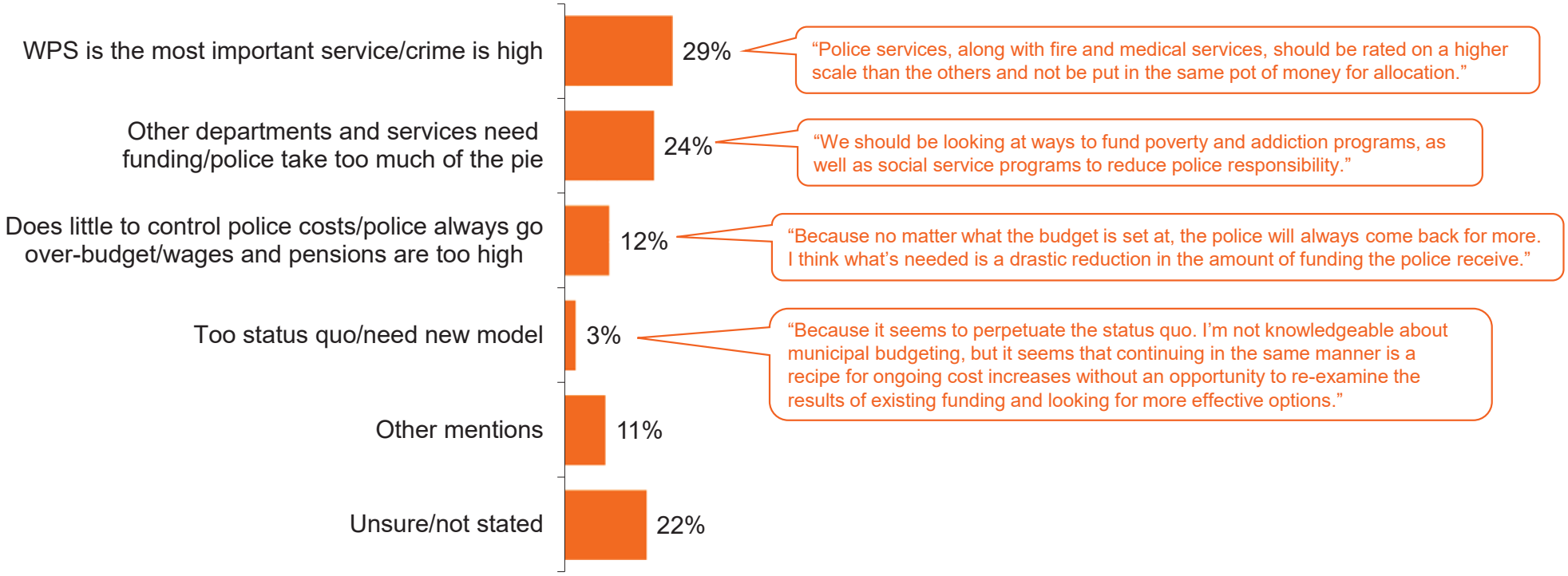


Q4a. Why is this model acceptable to you?

Base: Those who find the current model acceptable (n=327)

Reasons for Finding the Current Funding Model Unacceptable

Among those opposed to the current model, nearly one-third say it underfunds a critical service

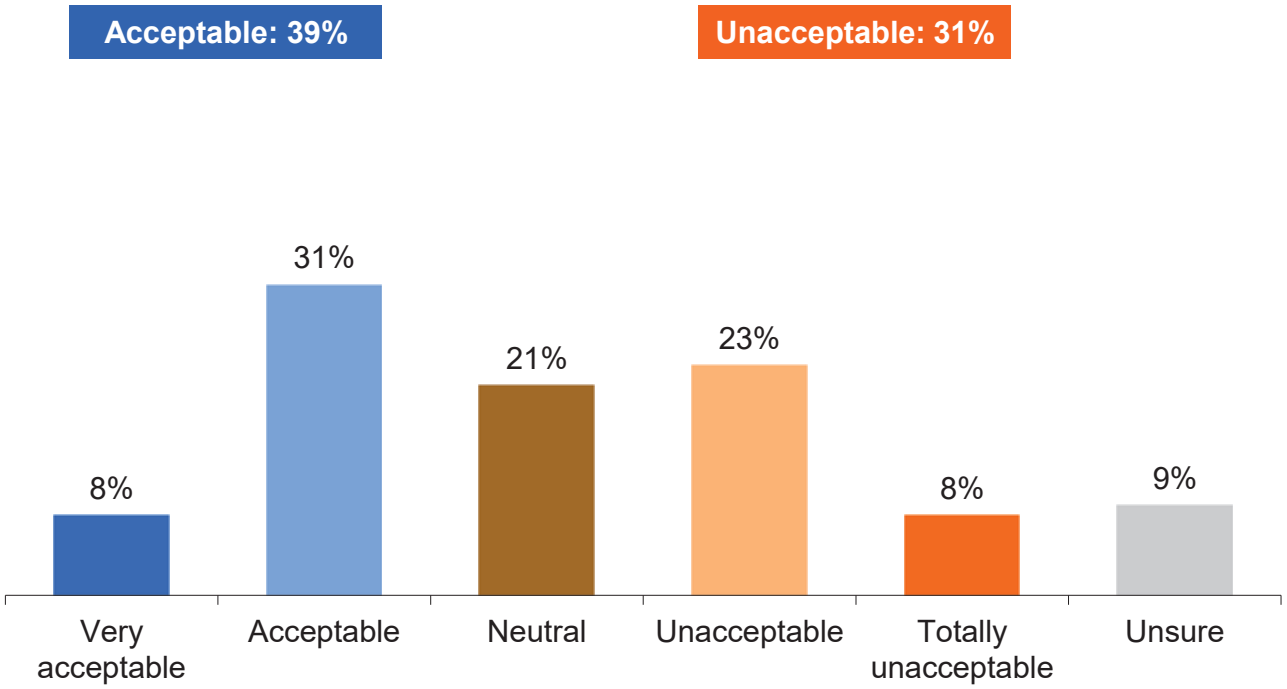


Q4b. Why is this model unacceptable to you?

Base: Those who find the current model unacceptable (n=113)

Support for Model Pegging Police Budget to Rate of Inflation

Winnipeggers are split on the acceptability of this model



Those most likely to **find this model acceptable** include:

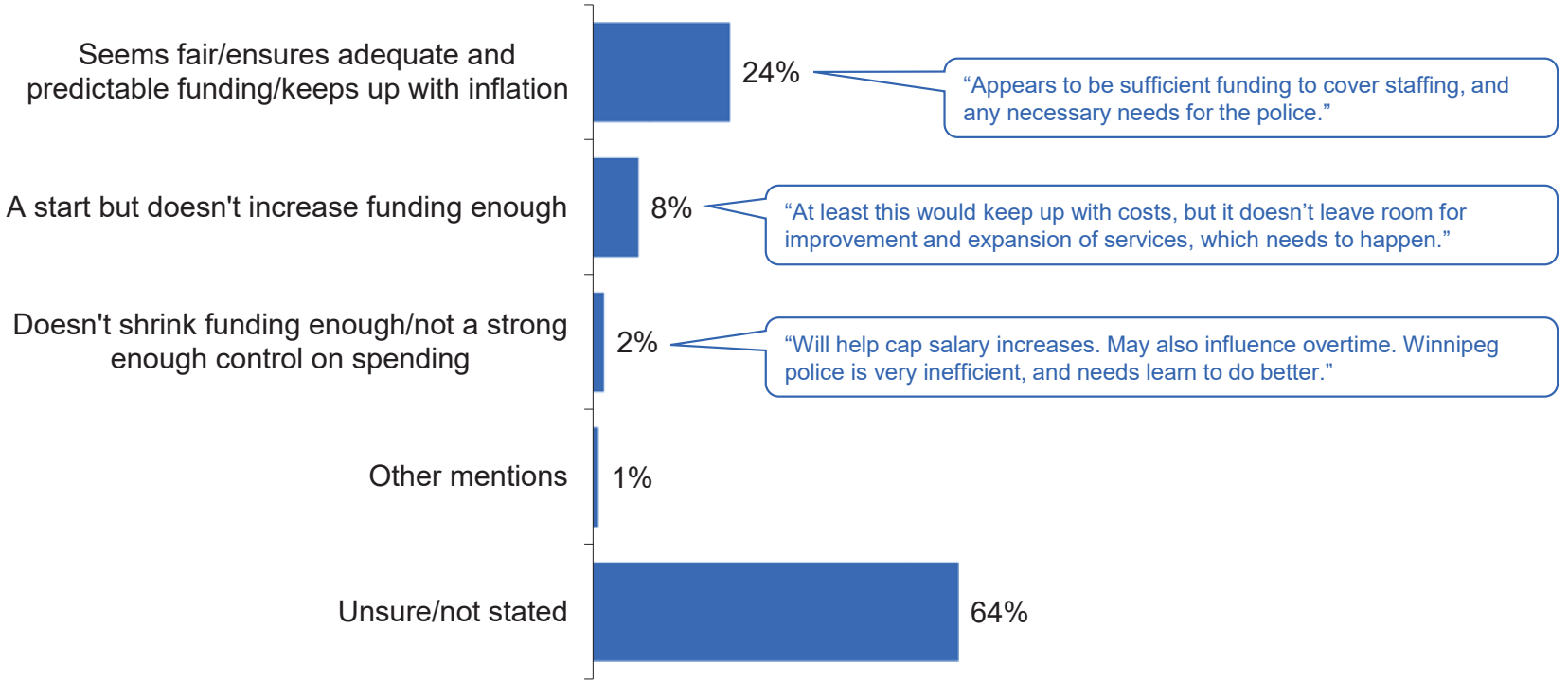
- Those with young children at home (47%)
- Those with high school or less (53% vs. 30% among university grads)

Q5. Another option is for City Council to peg the Winnipeg Police budget to the rate of inflation, which is the average amount the cost of goods and services increases every year. In 2021, pegging the police budget to the rate of inflation would have added $413,000 to the police budget. What do you think of this option? Is this model of police funding acceptable or unacceptable to you?

Base: All respondents (N=600)

Reasons for Finding the Pegged-to-Inflation Model Acceptable

Among those in support, one-quarter feel this model seems fair, offers predictable funding to police

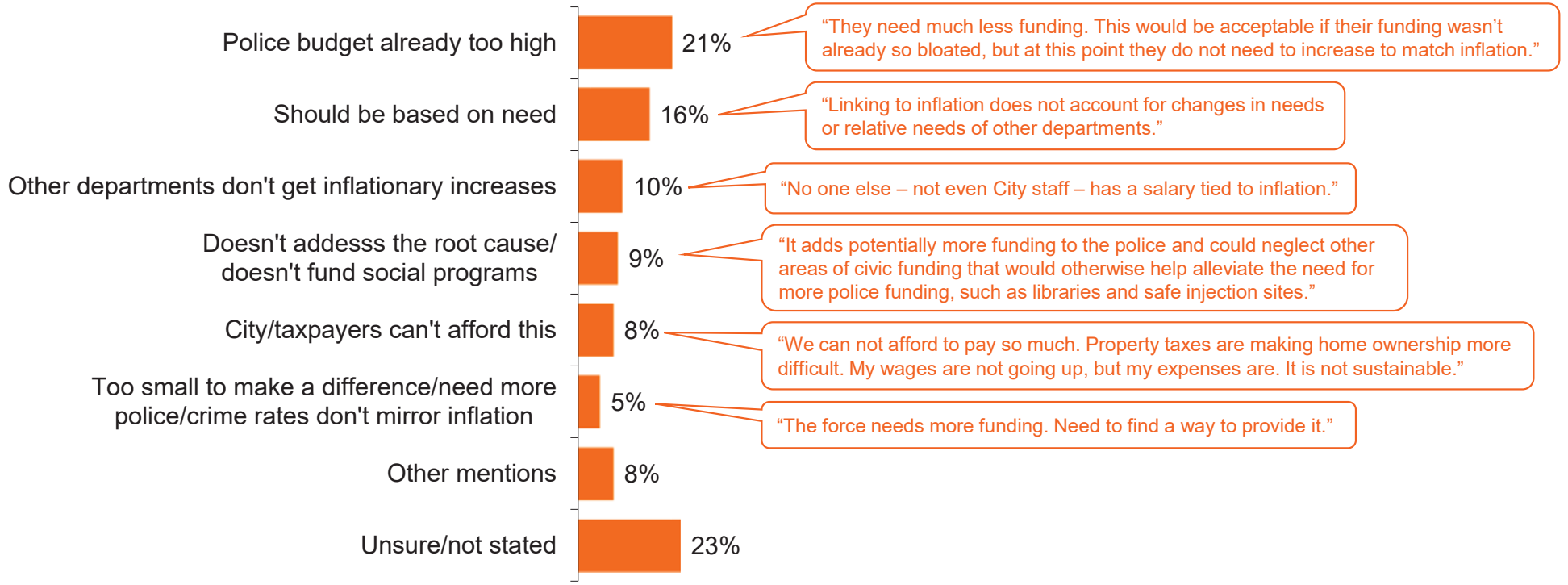


Q5a. Why is this model acceptable to you?

Base: Those who find the funding model tied to inflation acceptable (n=234)

Reasons for Finding the Pegged-to-Inflation Model Unacceptable

Among those opposed, one-in-five feel this model would not reduce the police budget sufficiently

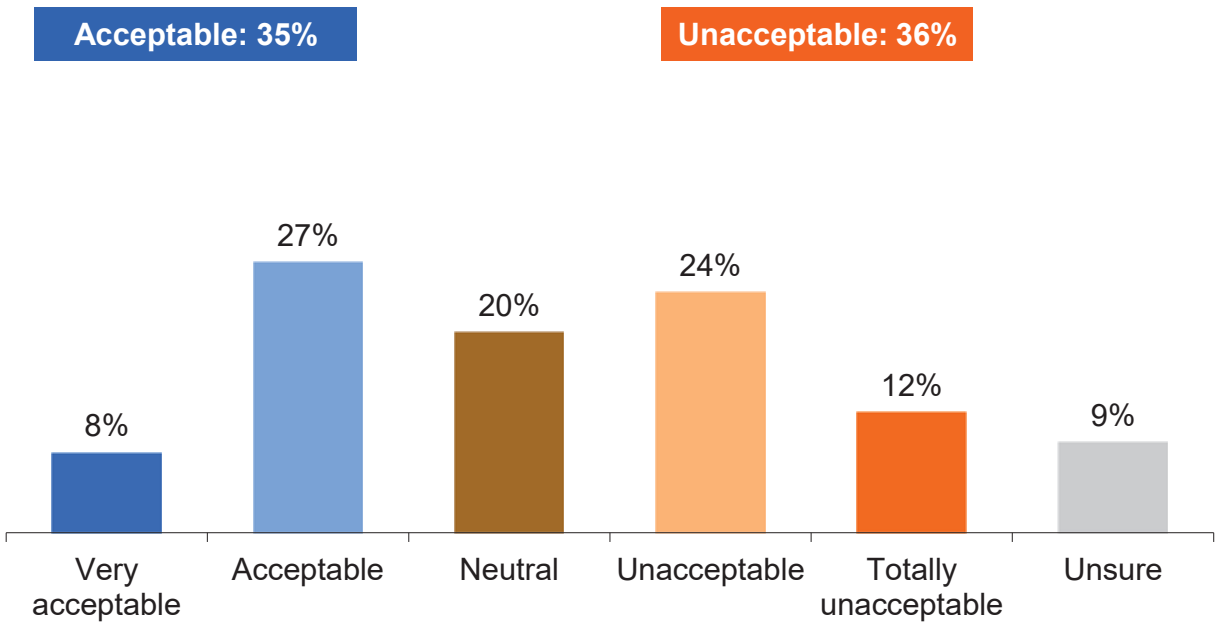


Q5b. Why is this model unacceptable to you?

Base: Those who find the funding model tied to inflation unacceptable (n=184)

Support for 2-Phase Funding Model

Winnipeggers are again split on this model



Those most likely to find this model **acceptable** include:

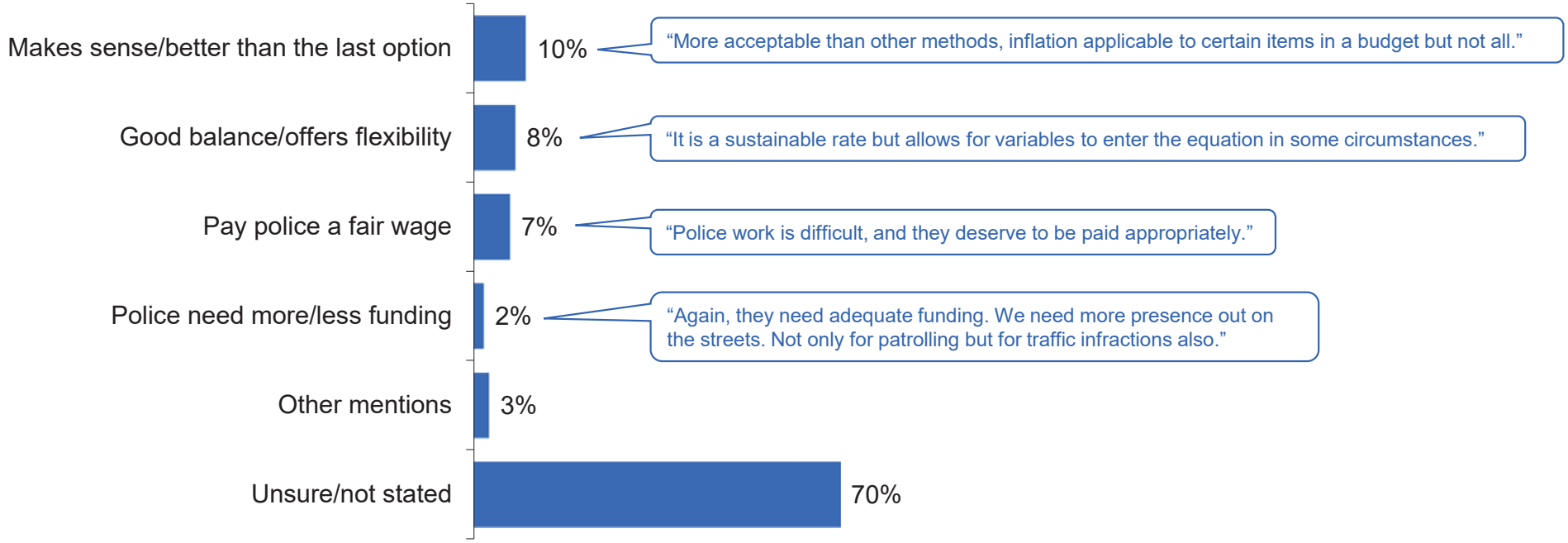
- Those with high school or less (51% vs. 26% among university grads)
- Those who feel positively about the Winnipeg Police Service and those who feel the service receives too little funding.

Q6. Another option is that City Council could determine the Winnipeg Police budget based on two things. First, the police budget would increase based on whatever wages and benefits are negotiated with police and other unions. Second, all other police expenses would see an increase based on the inflation rate. In 2021, this two-phase approach would have added $672,000 to the police budget. What do you think of this option? Is this model of police funding acceptable or unacceptable to you?

Base: All respondents (N=600)

Reasons for Finding the 2-Phase Funding Model Acceptable

Most Winnipeggers cannot offer an opinion on this model

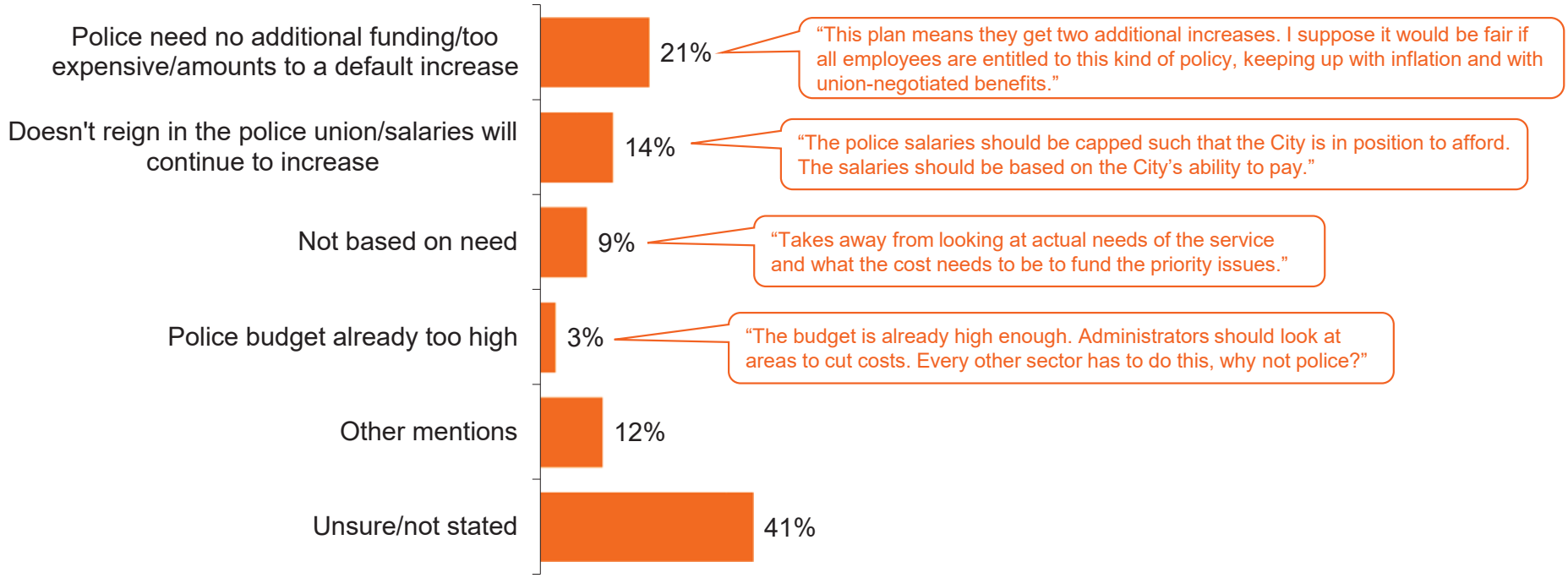


Q6a. Why is this model acceptable to you?

Base: Those who find the 2-phase model acceptable (n=205)

Reasons for Finding the 2-Phase Funding Model Unacceptable

Those who oppose this model generally feel police do not need a funding increase

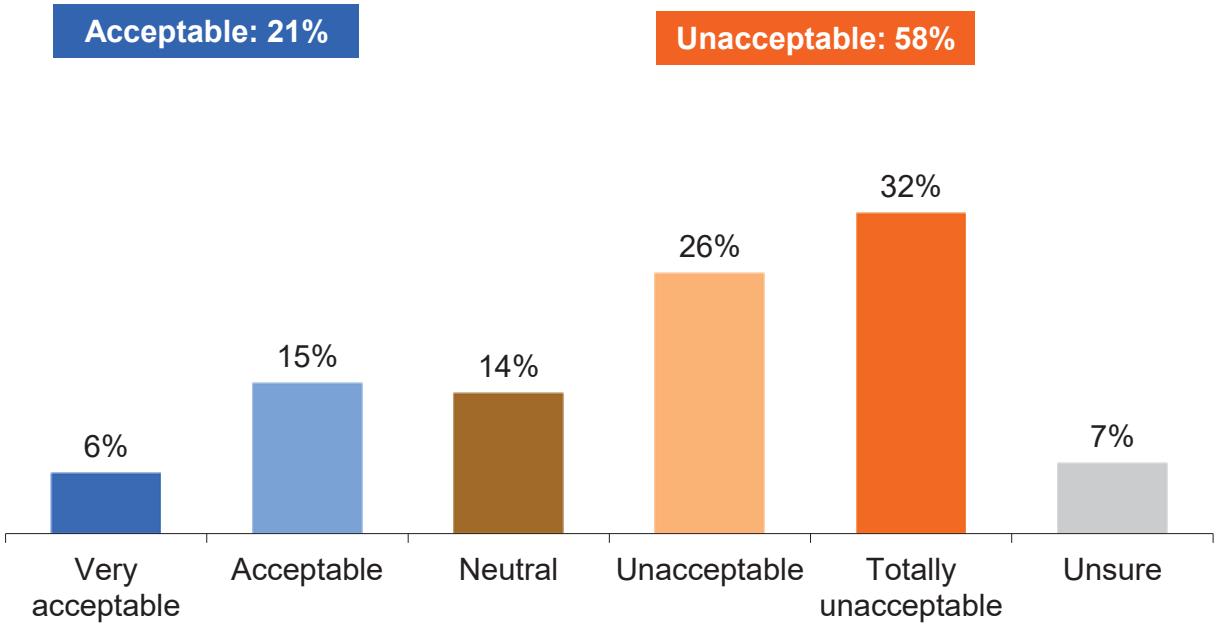


Q6b. Why is this model unacceptable to you?

Base: Those who find the 2-phase model unacceptable (n=217)

Support for a Special Levy for Additional Police Costs

Three-in-five find this model unacceptable; opposition is strongest of all the models



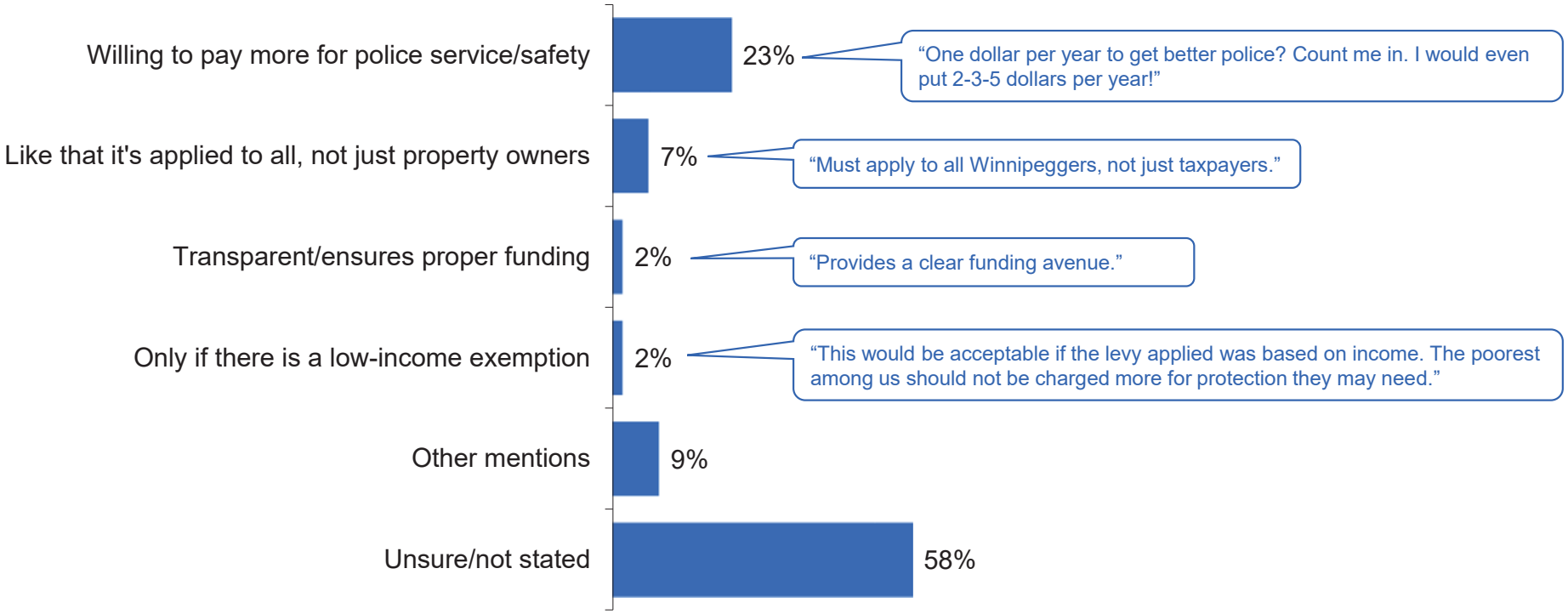
- Those with higher levels of education are more likely to find this model **totally unacceptable** (38% among university grads vs. 16% among those with high school or less).

Q7. We mentioned that the last model, the two-phased model, would add $672,000 to the police budget in 2021. What if, to cover those additional costs, the City created a special levy charged to all Winnipeggers? This would be a specific item dedicated to police funding that all Winnipeggers pay. What do you think of this option? Is this model of police funding acceptable or unacceptable to you?

Base: All respondents (N=600)

Reasons for Finding the Special Levy Acceptable

Supporters are willing to pay more for police and improved public safety

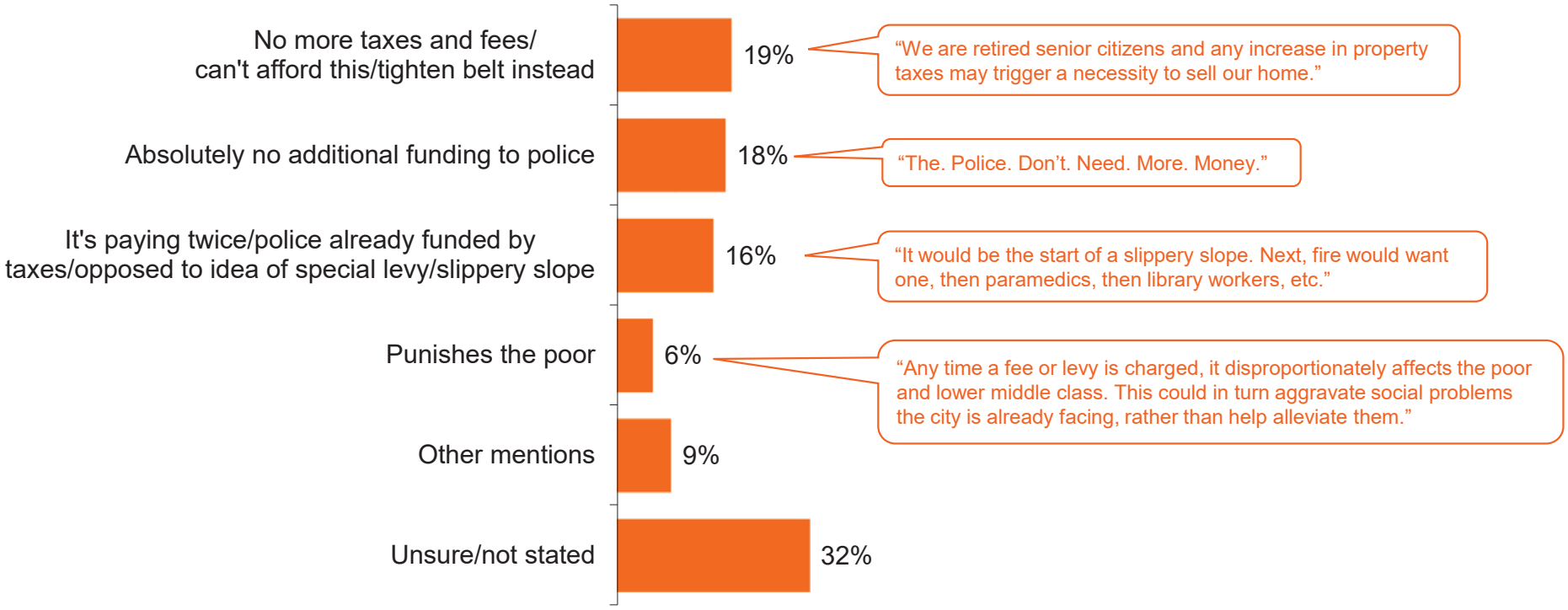


Q7a. Why is this model acceptable to you?

Base: Those who find the special level model acceptable (n=126)

Reasons for Finding the Special Levy Unacceptable

Some opponents feel a special levy is unaffordable and sets a dangerous precedent

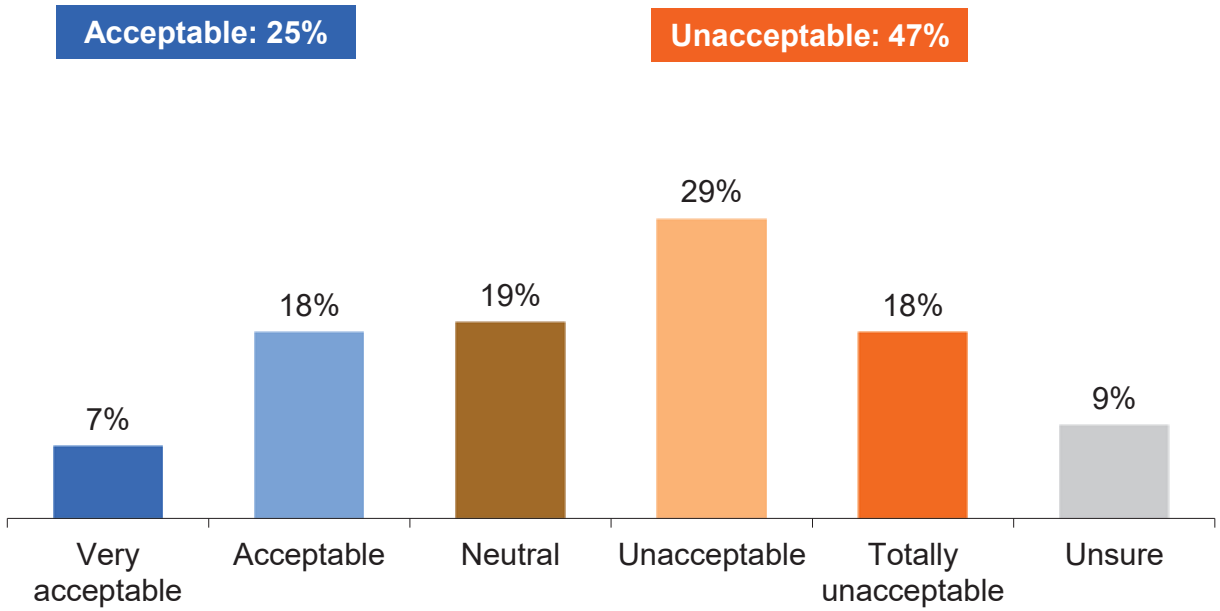


Q7b. Why is this model unacceptable to you?

Base: Those who find the special levy model unacceptable (n=349)

Support for Model Tying Police Budget to Property Tax Revenue

One-half find this model unacceptable



Those most likely to find this model **unacceptable** include:

- Older Winnipeggers, those aged 55+ (64% vs. 29% among those 18-34)
- Those with higher levels of income and education

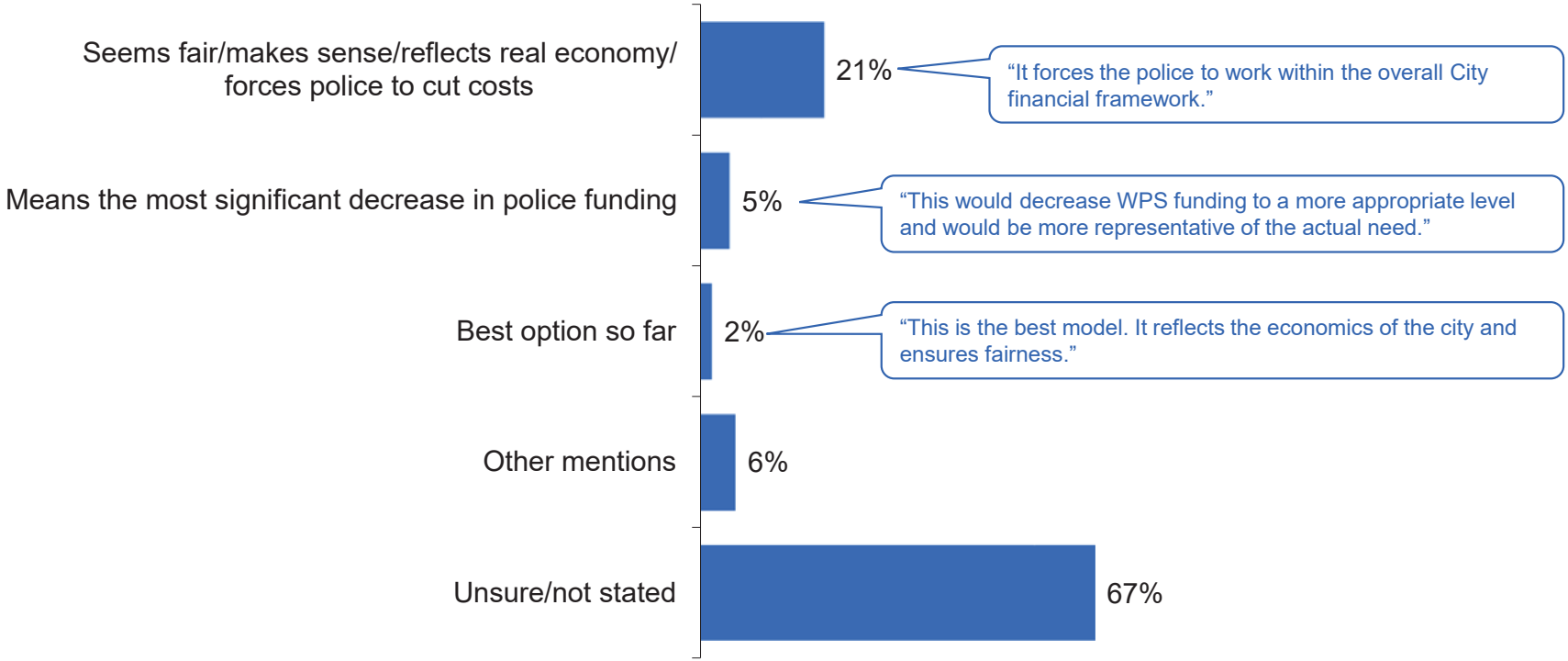
BIPOC Winnipeggers are slightly more likely than average to find this model **acceptable** (40% find it acceptable vs. 25% among all Winnipeggers).

Q8. City Council could peg the police budget to property taxes. If revenue from property taxes grows, the police budget grows at the same rate. If property tax revenue shrinks, so does the police budget. In 2021, this model would shrink the police budget by $5.6 million. What do you think of this option? Is this model of police funding acceptable or unacceptable to you?

Base: All respondents (N=600)

Reasons for Finding the Property Tax Model Acceptable

Some supporters feel this option just makes sense and ensures the police budget reflects the economy

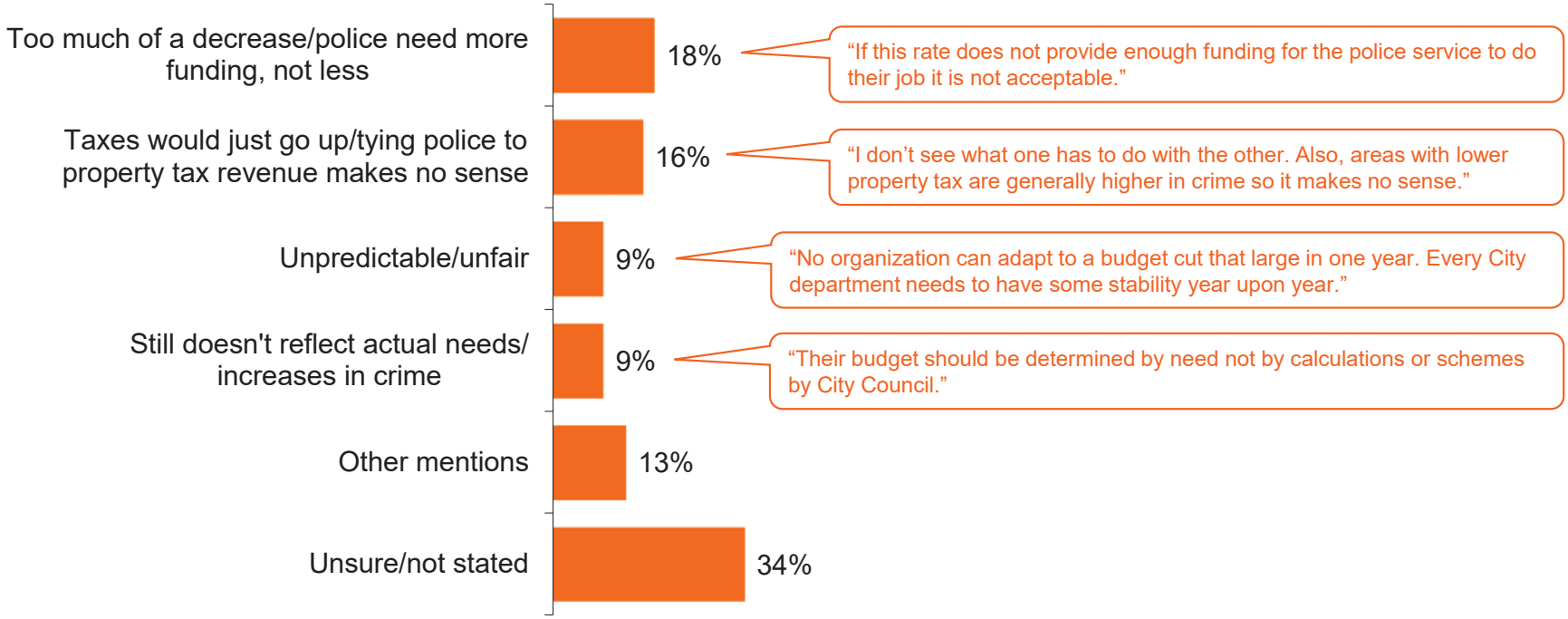


Q8a. Why is this model acceptable to you?

Base: Those who find the property tax revenue model acceptable (n=150)

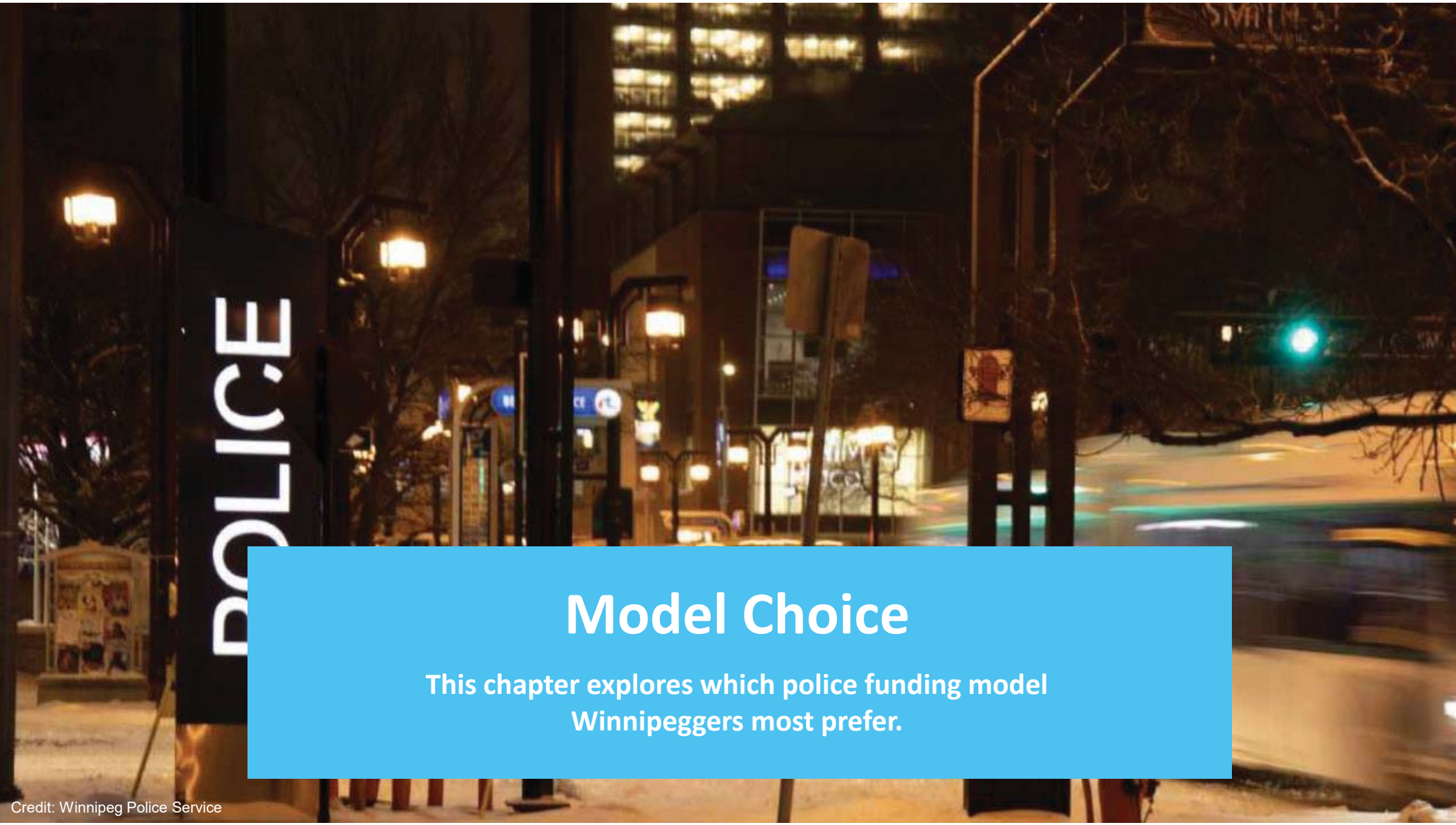
Reasons for Finding the Property Tax Model Unacceptable

Opponents feel this would be too great a budget cut for police and taxes would increase anyway



Q8b. Why is this model unacceptable to you?

Base: Those who find the property tax revenue model unacceptable (n=282)



Model Choice

This chapter explores which police funding model Winnipeggers most prefer.

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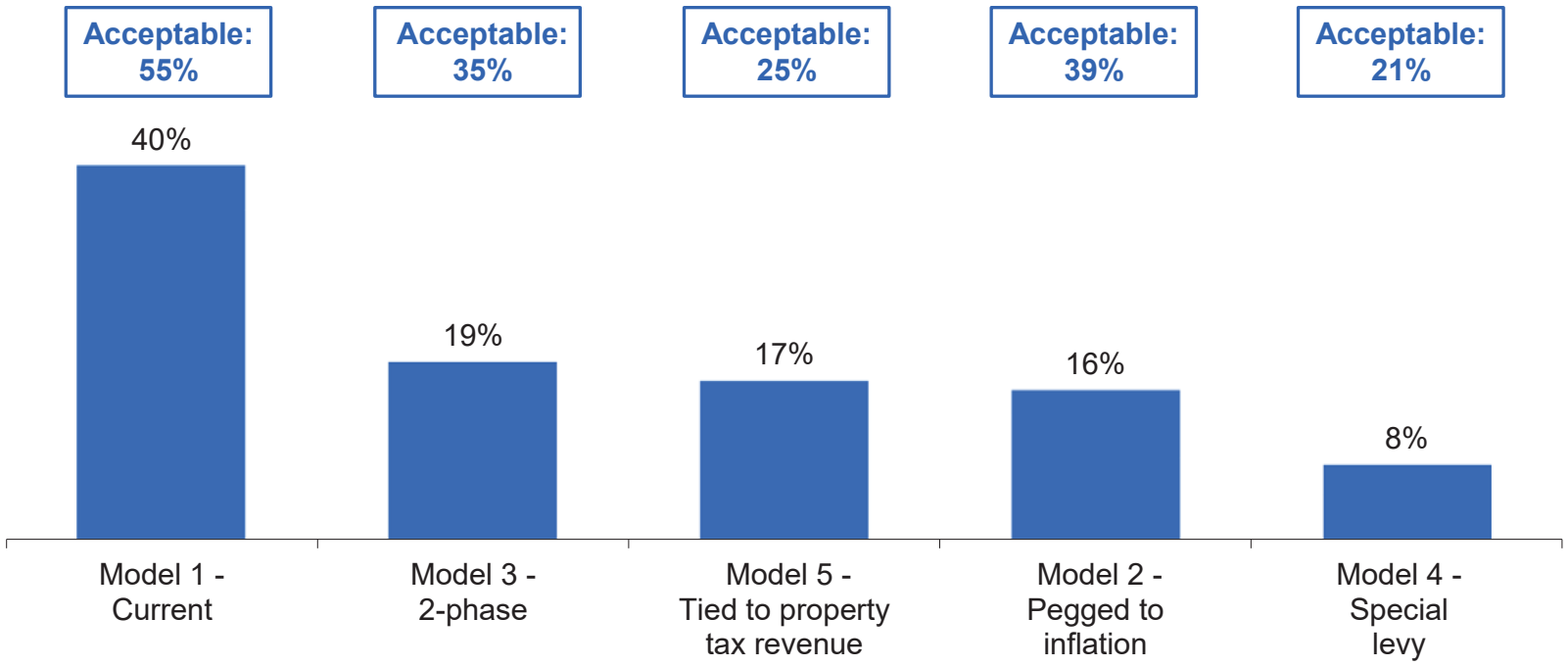
Preferred Police Funding Model

Plurality prefer the current model of police funding



Q9. Now thinking about the different funding models we've just described, please select the one you feel is the best option.

Base: All respondents (N=600)

Preferred Police Funding Model: By Altitudinal Sub-group

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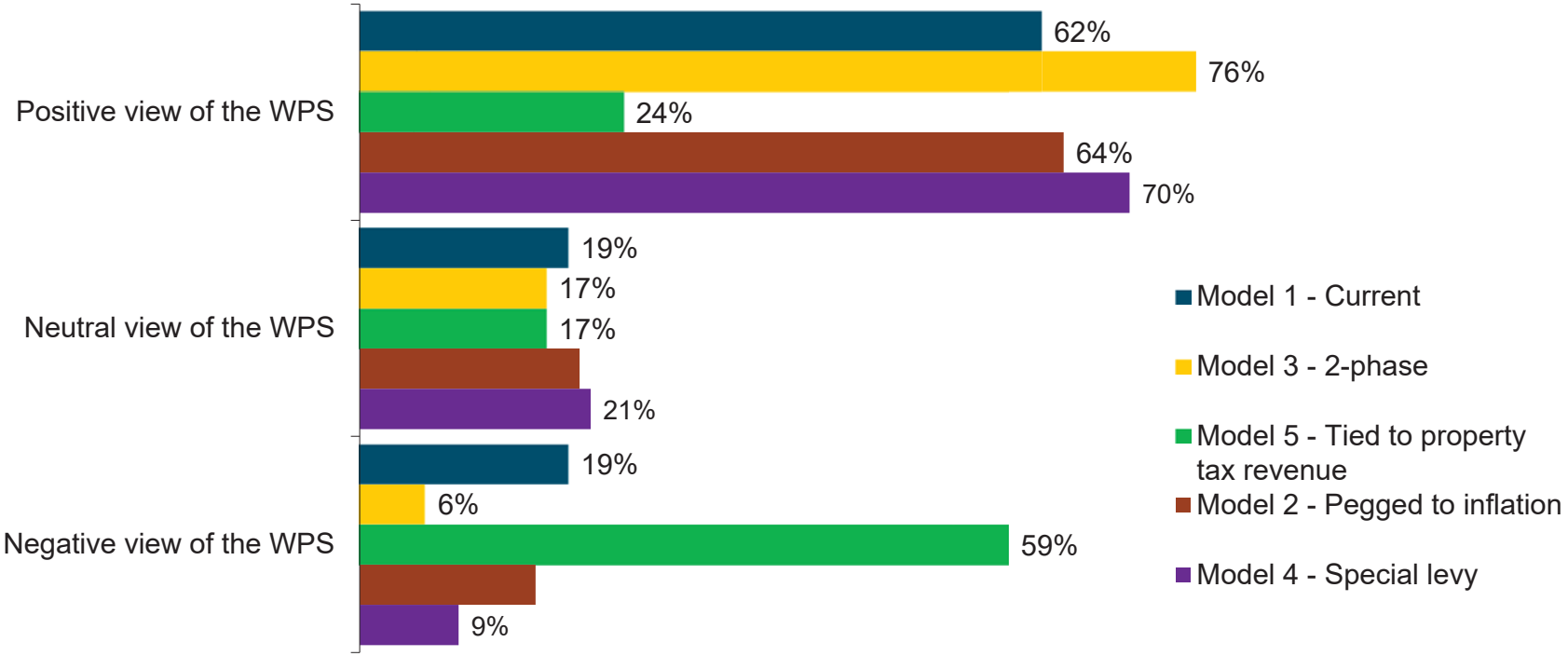

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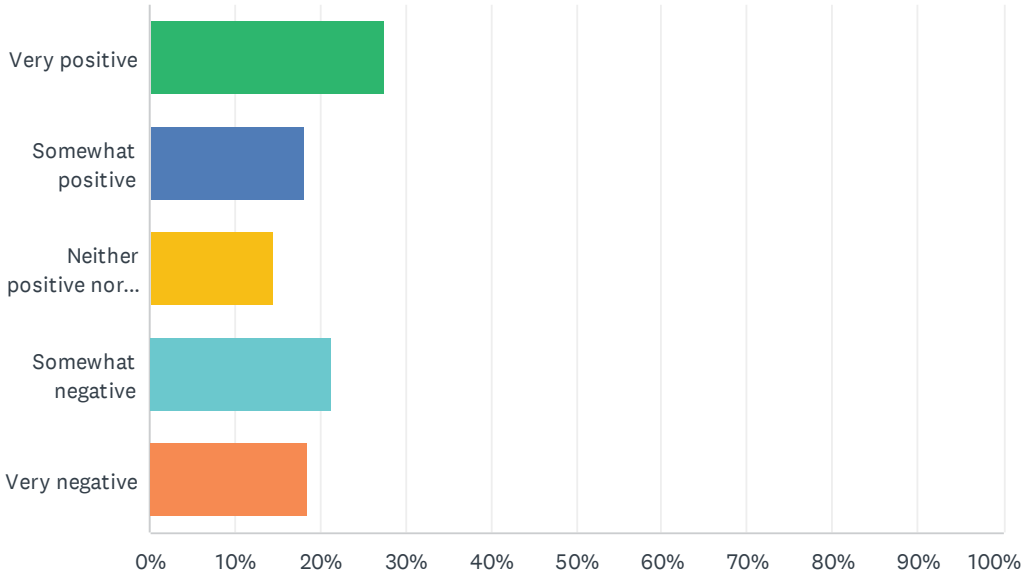
Appendix B – Public Survey Results

Q1 Generally speaking, do you have a positive or negative view of the Winnipeg Police Service?

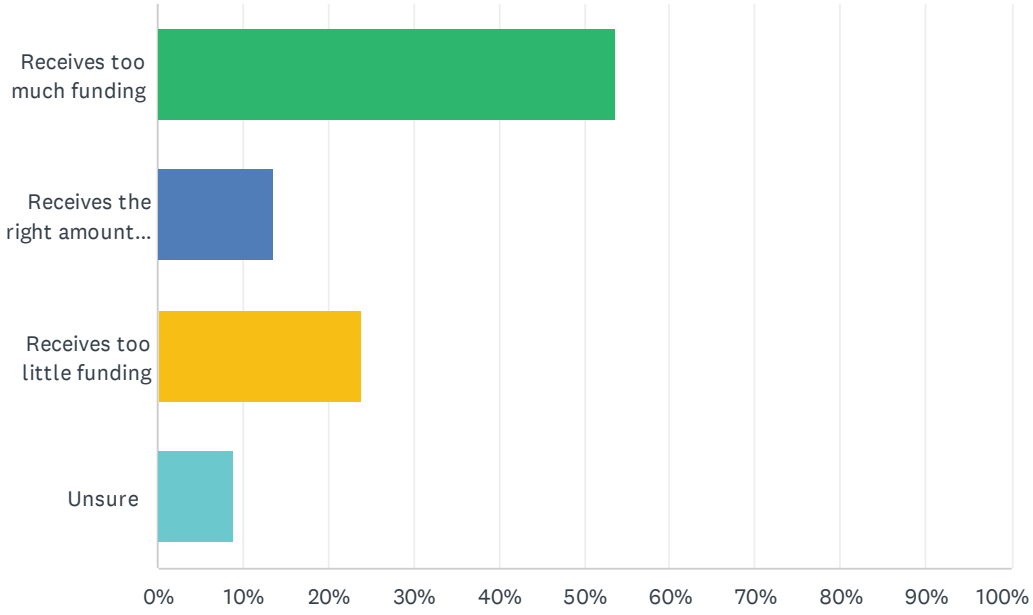
Answered: 4,769 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very positive	27.57%	1,315
Somewhat positive	18.08%	862
Neither positive nor negative	14.49%	691
Somewhat negative	21.37%	1,019
Very negative	18.49%	882
TOTAL		4,769

Q2 Overall, would you say the Winnipeg Police Service…

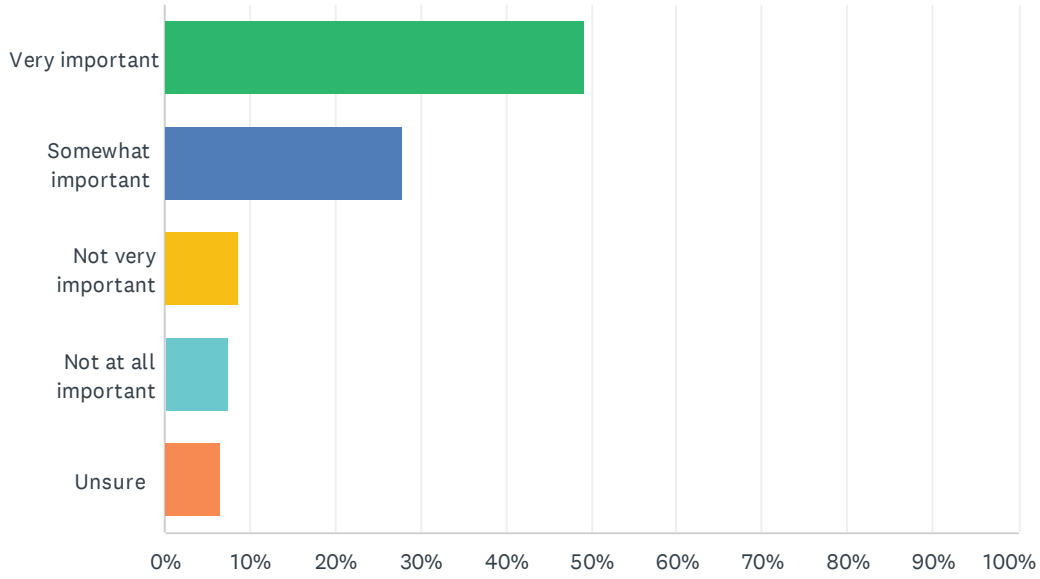
Answered: 4,769 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Receives too much funding	53.74%	2,563
Receives the right amount of funding	13.55%	646
Receives too little funding	23.86%	1,138
Unsure	8.85%	422
TOTAL		4,769

Q3 How important, if at all, is sustainable police funding to you personally? (Sustainability refers to the taxpayer's ability to sustain the cost of policing.)

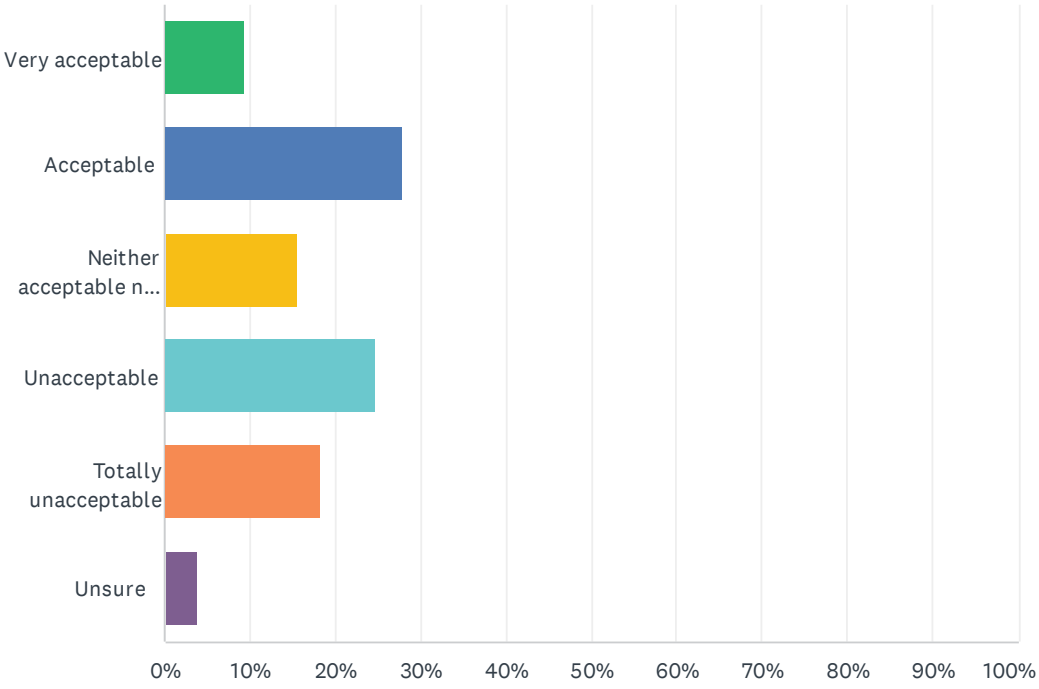
Answered: 4,769 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	49.28%	2,350
Somewhat important	27.89%	1,330
Not very important	8.64%	412
Not at all important	7.49%	357
Unsure	6.71%	320
TOTAL		4,769

Q4 What do you think of this option? Is this model of police funding acceptable or unacceptable to you?

Answered: 4,446 Skipped: 323



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very acceptable	9.47%	421
Acceptable	28.03%	1,246
Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	15.56%	692
Unacceptable	24.70%	1,098
Totally unacceptable	18.31%	814
Unsure	3.94%	175
TOTAL		4,446

Q5 What do you think of this option? Is this model of police funding acceptable or unacceptable to you?

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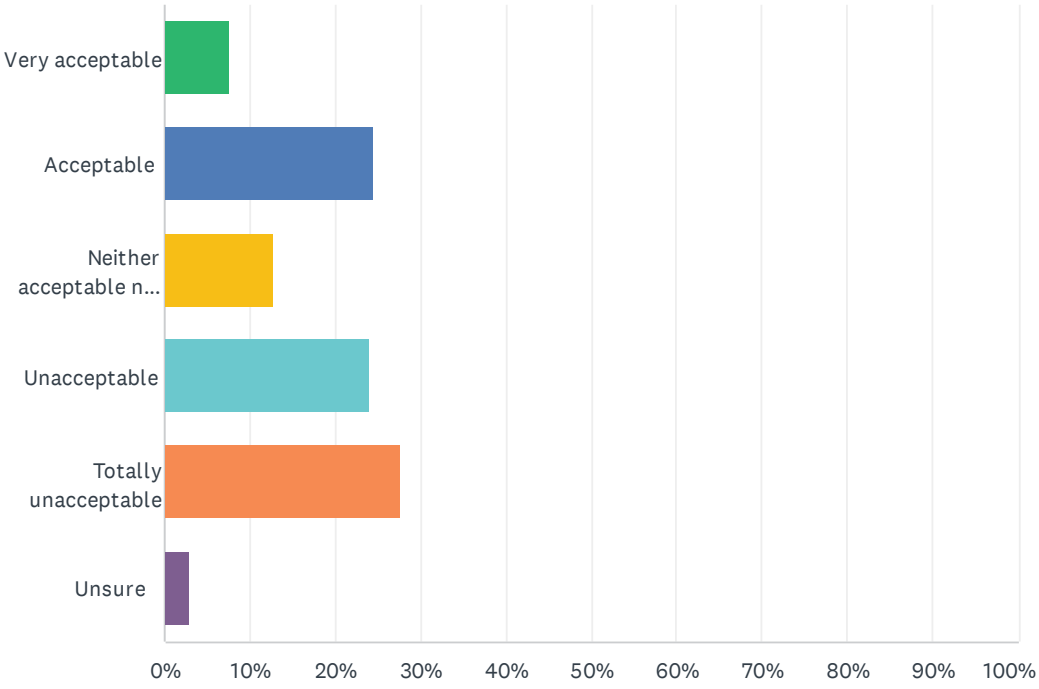

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very acceptable	7.74%	344
Acceptable	24.49%	1,089
Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	12.87%	572
Unacceptable	24.18%	1,075
Totally unacceptable	27.67%	1,230
Unsure	3.06%	136
TOTAL		4,446

Q6 What do you think of this option? Is this model of police funding acceptable or unacceptable to you?

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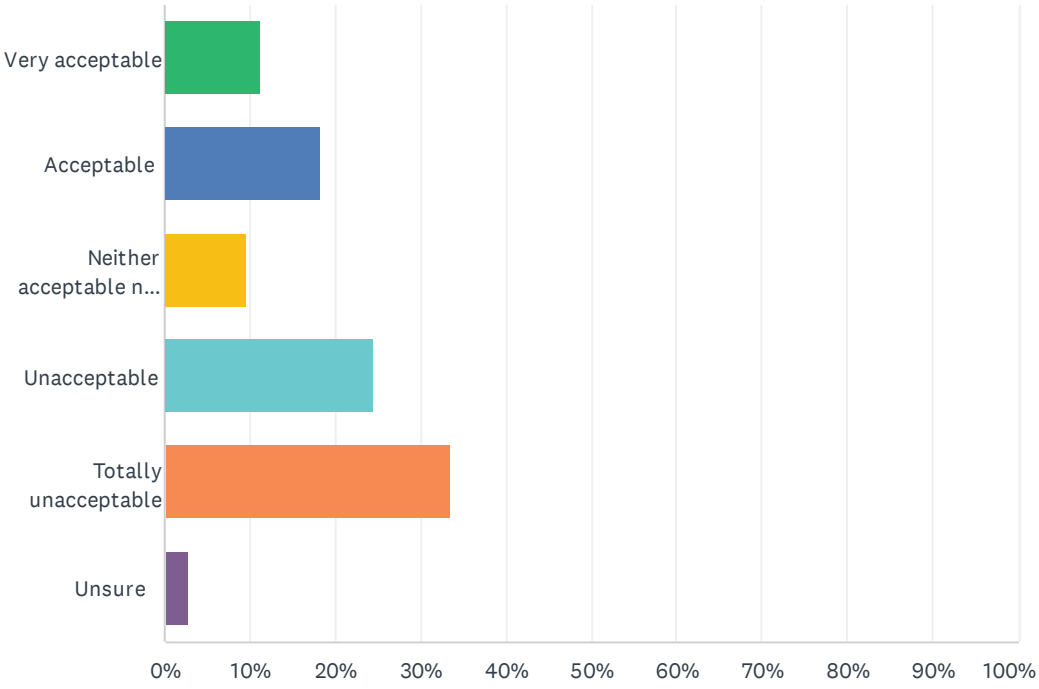

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very acceptable	11.22%	499
Acceptable	18.33%	815
Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	9.63%	428
Unacceptable	24.43%	1,086
Totally unacceptable	33.58%	1,493
Unsure	2.81%	125
TOTAL		4,446

Q7 What do you think of this option? Is this model of police funding acceptable or unacceptable to you?

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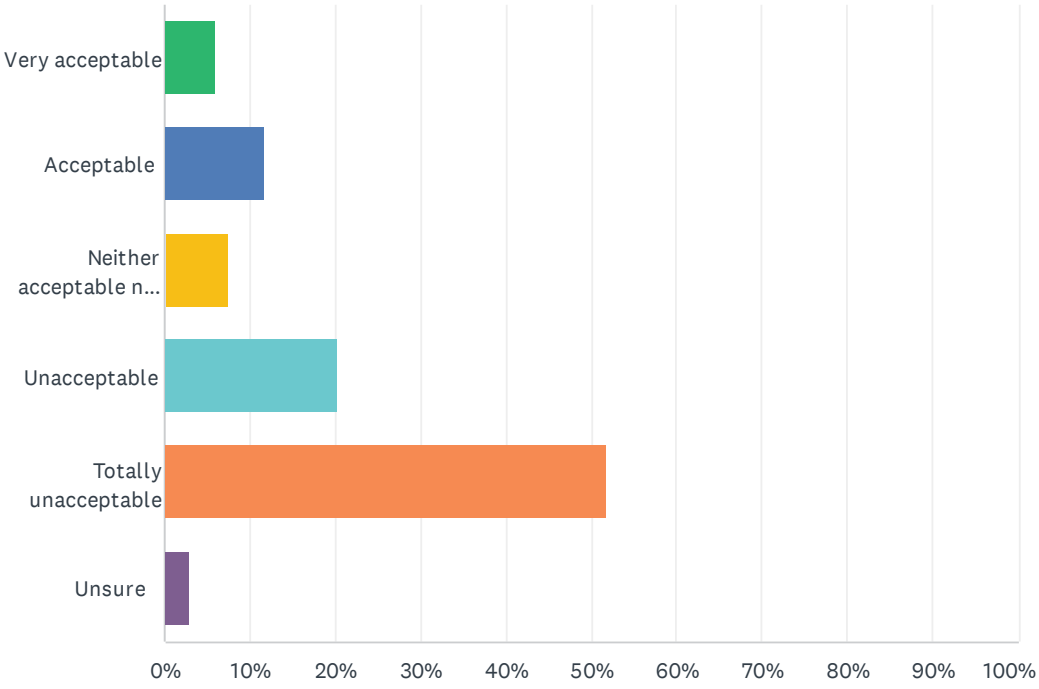

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very acceptable	5.87%	261
Acceptable	11.72%	521
Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	7.44%	331
Unacceptable	20.20%	898
Totally unacceptable	51.87%	2,306
Unsure	2.90%	129
TOTAL		4,446

Q8 What do you think of this option? Is this model of police funding acceptable or unacceptable to you?

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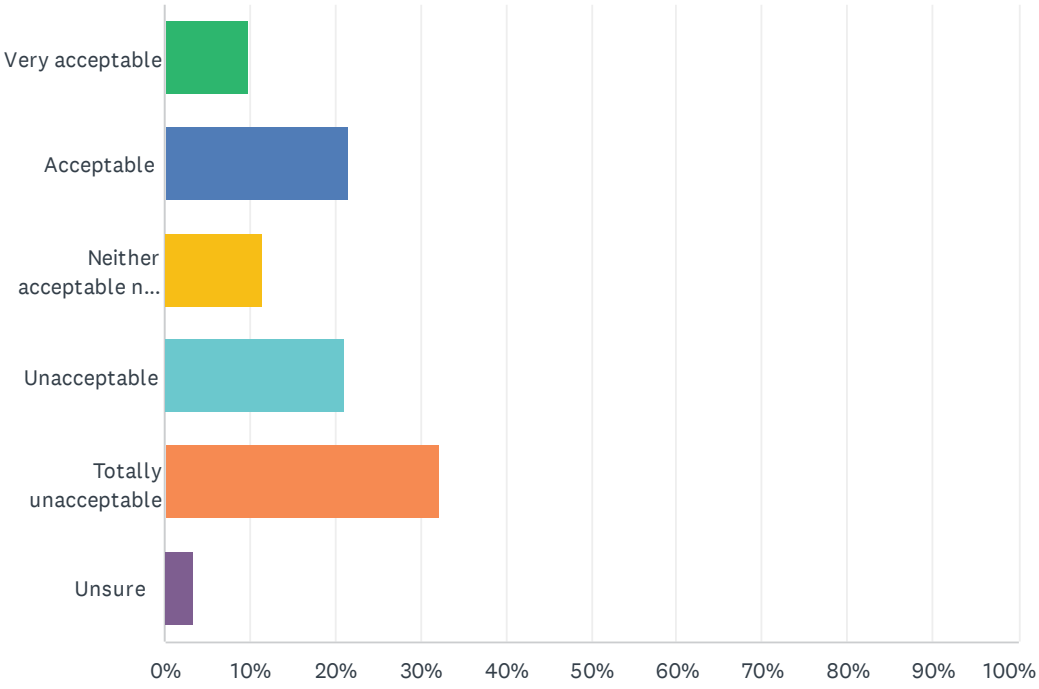
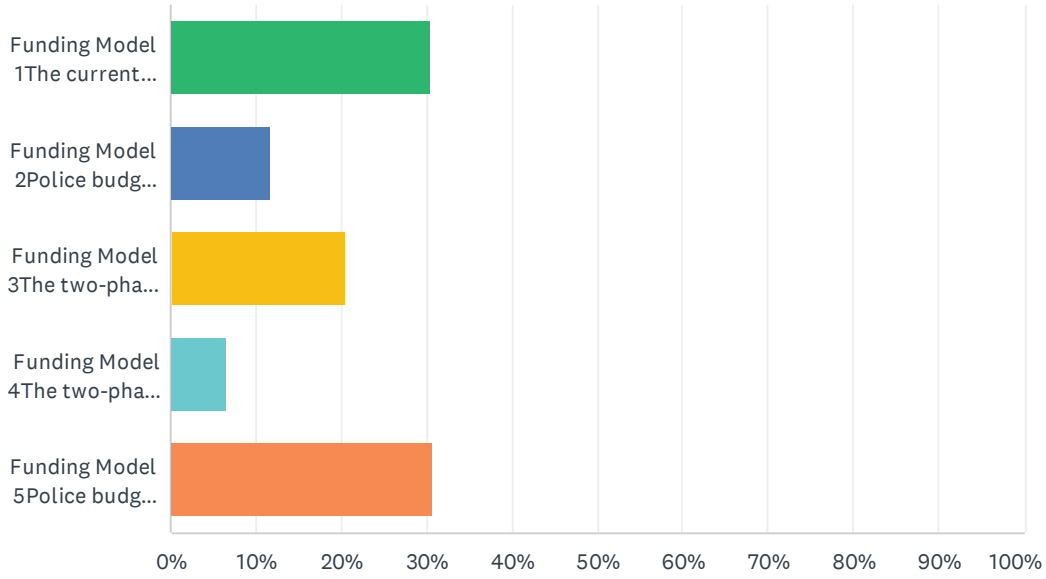


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very acceptable	9.90%	440
Acceptable	21.57%	959
Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	11.58%	515
Unacceptable	21.19%	942
Totally unacceptable	32.28%	1,435
Unsure	3.49%	155
TOTAL		4,446

Q9 Now thinking about the different funding models we've just described, please select the one you feel is the best option.

Answered: 4,347 Skipped: 422



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Funding Model 1The current model - Council sets the police budget every year	30.46%	1,324
Funding Model 2Police budget increases are pegged to inflation	11.73%	510
Funding Model 3The two-phase model - wages are funded as per collective agreements while operating costs are pegged to inflation	20.43%	888
Funding Model 4The two-phase model with a public safety levy to cover additional costs	6.63%	288
Funding Model 5Police budget is pegged to increases or decreases in property tax revenue	30.76%	1,337
TOTAL		4,347

Q10 Do you have any additional thoughts on these options, or any other ideas about the best way to determine police funding?

Answered: 2,431 Skipped: 2,338

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I don't think that any of these options are good ones. Police funding should decrease and more money invested in social services. Let's reduce the need for as much police.	2/2/2022 9:54 PM
2	Any funding model that is chosen should also come along with discussion around providing support services that will decrease the need for police, such as community mental health, bylaw enforcement not reliant on the police, traffic and security services not provided by police, and other services. They could take the strain off of the police service and allow the police to focus on other priorities.	2/2/2022 4:40 PM
3	In no model is there any input from the public or effort to look critically at the percentage of the city budget goes towards policing. No effort to analyze or listen to data if policing is effective or not, no effort to put money towards other safety initiatives. If our minimum wage hasn't gone up with inflation, why should police wages & budget go up with inflation? If an individual taxpayer is paying more money to policing, they should also have a say as to how that money is being used, and actively encourage that input as opposed to just saying meetings are open to attendance & then dismissing calls for defunding the policing budget as 'a small minority' of 'activists' rather than regular concerned citizens who don't believe the police are an effective use of our taxes.	2/2/2022 12:02 PM
4	reinvest some police funding into over policed communities in winnipeg	2/2/2022 12:06 AM
5	i would prefer to see some of the police budget fund community building such as schools healthcare and other community based intiatives to increase winnipegs community health. redistribute the power back to over policed areas	2/1/2022 11:52 PM
6	My thoughts are that my new property tax assessment is totally unacceptable with a 12% increase. I was told that this tax system is based on the selling price of homes in our area. Supposedly I receive the same services as other areas for my $65,000 increase.	2/1/2022 10:01 PM
7	All emphasis is on funding so why are we not talking about controlling costs and bloated bureaucracies! The City cannot sustain the topping up of the Police Pension indefinitely. A big part of this is the pensionable overtime. This is not sustainable to the City or the plan itself. Winnipeg is one of the last major cities to be paying this others have gone bankrupt from it! **redacted** has missed his opportunity to change this O.T. Pension issue twice now and soon he will have a 3rd. Please let's get this eliminated and move on already.	2/1/2022 8:50 PM
8	n/a	2/1/2022 7:22 PM
9	"Police" funding could be increased if a larger proportion of the money went to social services. I think it is important to fund police as part of a broader public safety budget, of which "policing" as we know it would take up a smaller and smaller portion. There are many situations where adding an agent of state (authorized to commit violence) does not improve public safety	2/1/2022 6:55 PM
10	no	2/1/2022 6:10 PM
11	Police funding has become completely unsustainable, and we aren't realizing a safer community for all the money spent. There have to be better ways of approaching the issues of crime, because the current course cannot be maintained.	2/1/2022 4:39 PM
12	Performance should be included. Continually increasing a budget while our crime levels remain high seems irresponsible. If the budget increases, why do the results not increase substantially	2/1/2022 1:49 PM
13	Less funding should be put into police budgets and more into resources that prevent actions resulting in criminal charges. Housing, addictions supports, food security and the organizations that work with this and more need that money. These models have been proven to not only reduce criminal charges but also expenses to the health care system. A diverse model of	2/1/2022 12:20 PM

	working with the public and societal issues including training police to work with these programs is the only way forward. Anything other than moving towards this is systemic oppression.	
14	These are all bad ideas	2/1/2022 7:43 AM
15	Rework their association agreement - this can be done. move the goal post for wages and benefits back for new recruits moving forward as their current agreement in ridiculous on some of the concessions they receive.	2/1/2022 7:15 AM
16	Considering our policing budget is proportionally higher than most other major cities. Adding budget doesn't appear to be addressing the root cause of the issues using police resources. We need to be reallocating police funds into more cost effective proactive measures to reduce the need and make Winnipeg a better place to live for all citizens. I would much rather support keeping police budgets fixed and putting the inflation increase towards programs to reduce homelessness and substance abuse. Since these demographics are a significant cost of policing. Transitioning to one constable patrol cars vs. two constable patrol cars. Like many other Canadian cities already do could reduce the staffing costs and increase response time for lower risk calls.	1/31/2022 10:56 PM
17	We need to have overtime eliminated from calculating police budgets. The idea makes their pension beyond our cities capability. Nobody else does this so why Winnipeg? A mayor needs strength & direction to take this off the plan.	1/31/2022 10:16 PM
18	Lots of crime here and the police are over worked. They need the funding.	1/31/2022 10:05 PM
19	Option one is the only one with clear budget oversight	1/31/2022 7:38 PM
20	None of these options discuss moving some services provided to police to other agencies or organizations that might be better equipped to do the work; same goes towards prevention so less police are needed from the get go	1/31/2022 7:28 PM
21	I think that we need to defund the police and use it for our social welfare system. it is not enough and the police budget is too high. we would benefit from cutting the police funding and giving it else where.	1/31/2022 6:41 PM
22	Police receive too much funding to simply react to crime, not prevent it. The city should spend more on the marginalized individuals in the city. Perhaps a universal basic income.	1/31/2022 6:33 PM
23	The Winnipeg Police Service should be refunded. Their current budget should be re-allocated to a newly created organization with a narrower focus (murder, sexual crimes, assault, trafficking of weapons or high grade drugs (opioids, heroine, meth, crack, cocaine), and minimal traffic enforcement (speeding in excess of 20 kmh and/or dangerously reckless driving). This new organization should include licensed and trained mental health and addiction counseling professionals that are sent out and nearly every call. They're should also be a team of mental health professionals available to the officers of this organization so that we do not have unstable individuals with authority on the streets. You can afford this by drastically reducing the expenditure on equipment such as high powered weapons and armored vehicles.	1/31/2022 4:26 PM
24	There is nothing inherently wrong with the current way we determine the police budget. However, the amount of overspending and wasteful spending by the police is disrespectful to members of this city. Winnipeg police need to be held accountable for their spending, and should be encouraged to underspend, rather than overspend.	1/31/2022 4:22 PM
25	Everyone is working but do not get pay increase by inflation. **redacted**	1/31/2022 2:58 PM
26	distribute excess funds to community based mental health supports and officer training in NVCI and de-escalation techniques	1/31/2022 2:16 PM
27	I think there needs to be a complete overhaul of the funding allocation to WPS. There needs to be more oversight on spending, and detailed reports published to show how the money being spent on WPS is actively reducing crime/harm/etc.	1/31/2022 1:54 PM
28	The WPS is over-funded as it is, which is limiting essential resources in other departments. The WPS should be de-funded over the years. The City does not have enough revenues to cover the high, and unnecessary cost of policing. Council should remain to have the power to (hopefully) de-fund the WPS. I'm not saying we shouldn't have a police service - it just needs to be dramatically reduced in scope and resources.	1/31/2022 1:46 PM

29	STOP allowing them to have pensionable overtime, it is ridiculous and costing taxpayers millions. NO other job allows this	1/31/2022 1:34 PM
30	What do you think of a hybrid model consisting of cross of models 4 + 5, whereby the police budget is pegged to a percentage of property taxes, with a levy imposed upon those properties incurring the least number of incidences reported. The philosophy is to entice the levy-laden population to work to share their burden of this levy with those whose safety could be improved to the point that this crime-laden area would also have to pay into the levy (or not, because the whole city would be less crime-ridden, and more safe and secure.	1/31/2022 11:45 AM
31	Pull funding from rapid transit projects. Total waste of money.	1/31/2022 11:32 AM
32	I was hoping to see some options around restructuring policing so that more use is made of social workers and mental health workers, cutting down on the need for policing ad using those dollars to pay social workers and mental health workers. Also some thought given to preventative measures such as poverty reduction, addiction and mental health supports.	1/31/2022 8:06 AM
33	Cut funding and put in social services	1/31/2022 7:53 AM
34	New police hires pension would be defined contribution.	1/31/2022 7:31 AM
35	Recoup infrastructure costs from new building permits and add to police budget to help balance. Also use drug bust money and other goods obtained by crime. Use some funding to address the cause of crime "poverty"!!	1/30/2022 9:20 PM
36	Yes. Reduce the number of WPS employees. Funding will then solve itself. There seems to be a complete void of political will to achieve this despite being widely observed as a concrete, common sense remedy. WPS is eating this City alive through overstaffing and has for years. Remove un-necessary laws from books, therefore less staff required for enforcement. Fewer laws means fewer crimes. Important - Political class must cold turkey their hard addiction to predatory revenue generation via citations (i.e. an un-authorized tax) across the board using cops as State mercenaries. Cop performance reviews should NOT be tied to how much revenue they generate for the State. Make any ticket issued null and void if not issued by a cop driving a clearly marked squad car, and not one that has been "civilianed" in appearance to be as stealthy as possible to avoid detection to make ticket issuance easier. No one wants to overhear cops boast about how much money they are making, and will be, by having their fully indexed to inflation pensions tied to the last 5 years of duty while serving on traffic detail. Reducing pension padding in this manner will further reduce both the current and long term strain on the taxpayer which WPS places upon them.	1/30/2022 9:18 PM
37	I think the police budget should be largely reduced, with the difference being allocated to public services, such as housing supports, safe injection sites, mental health services, shelters for people fleeing domestic violence, etc. These types of services have been shown in study after study, for decades, to be good returns - investing money in preventative programs saves money further down the line in emergency room visits, policing costs, long term health problems, like..... cmon. start defunding the police. it's not good value for they money.	1/30/2022 5:49 PM
38	The police receive exorbitant amounts of funding in a city where thousands are homeless, 1 in 5 children are affected by food insecurity, and community spaces like SSCOPE Inc. at 865 Main St that address these areas of injustice are forced to close due to lack of city funding. That is challenging to digest; is it a lack of funding or a matter of funnelling funding elsewhere? It is untenable that the City of Winnipeg chooses to fund a department whose members are increasingly ousted by the press as volatile, reactive, and quite frankly harmful. None of these budgetary models are acceptable. Defund the police.	1/30/2022 4:18 PM
39	I worry about long-term fiscal sustainability of the city. Policing costs are enormous, and a levy would at least make it more visible to taxpayers.	1/30/2022 1:12 PM
40	Options 1-4 are all increases to the police budget. This survey claims Option 5 would reduce the police budget but if sometime in the future the city hikes taxes or increases the percentage of tax revenue that goes to police, then the police budget would still increase. The real question should be how to keep spending under control, not how to find new ways to increase spending. Winnipeg's police budget as a percentage of its total budget was 26.8% in 2019, the third-highest in Canada (******* redacted*******). Similar cities like Regina, Edmonton, etc all spend a way lower portion of their budget on police compared to Winnipeg. Higher crime rates are not a good reason to increase police spending, because we should be redirecting funds to community programs, affordable housing, mental health resources, etc, to reduce	1/30/2022 12:11 PM

	poverty, reduce homelessness, which would reduce crime in the first place, rather than the band-aid solution of increasing police funding after crime rates go up.	
41	None of the options are satisfactory because they presume the current base rate of funding is appropriate. It is not. It is too high, we should be working on decreasing the proportion of city budget going to police in favour of funding community services that prevent social crime and injustice and promote community wellbeing. This means only model 5 is acceptable, and only moderately so. It would be more appropriate if it included a way of assessing what the reduction in budget proportion should be and how to plan for that predictably over time. Any option that presumes increases from the base situation is completely unacceptable and counter to an increasing proportion of citizen feelings about the role of police.	1/30/2022 10:59 AM
42	Funding model 2 to model 5 is a no go. I believe that the higher ups gets a bigger pay raise as the budget increases therefore WPS is still in the same position. As a single parent who works, i am already paying so much taxes i can barely make ends meet. I do not get a pay increase as COLA and inflation increases and I am still expected to do my job to the best of my abillty. It is simply the nature of the job, positives and negatives. Crime may continue to increase or stay high because of staffing/placement.	1/30/2022 10:59 AM
43	Policing must be considered within the whole budget as other services are also vital. Do the hard work of finding ways to reduce costs and increase revenues.	1/30/2022 10:46 AM
44	One person cars. End the overtime for excessive crime scene management. But I assure you this topic will NEVER be discussed at media scrums or at city council meetings	1/30/2022 9:07 AM
45	The “Public Safety Levy” is first referred to as payable by “property taxes” and then later (in the survey itself) as payable “by all Winnipegers”. This is confusing and, I think, misleading. Public Safety should indeed be funded by ALL WPG residents - not just property owners - since we are ALL receiving those essential police services. Additionally, police equipment and resources should be separated from HR (wages and benefits should not come from the same police budget as police equipment, since the latter is dependant on many factors such as changing requirements, new technologies, and replacement requirements when/as needed. Thirdly, since the larger “macro” issues have included many unspoken factors, those factors should be assessed and allocated a responsible payee. Where major factors have impacted the city from without, for example, from the provincial and/or federal levels, those levels of government should be assessed a percentage of responsibility and billed accordingly. This would include such things as new or impacting provincial and federal regulations as well as more specific things such as policy, ie, new/changing laws, immigration, and the sheer numbers of people who have moved from other policing jurisdictions, such as residents who have moved from a (MB) rural to an urban setting (in this case Winnipeg). Changes in population should obviously be reflected in changes to police funding.	1/30/2022 6:28 AM
46	I think this is the best model because it ensures that the police budget doesn't grow disproportionately compared to everything else.	1/29/2022 11:46 PM
47	Policing it not a money saving tool. Crime fluctuates and is not a set cost, such as road repair. If you spend more money fighting crime, you will have a safer city, however you have not tried thay in the past 7-8 years. Try saving money on less independent studies about nothing, than the safety of the citizens	1/29/2022 10:10 PM
48	Crime does not care about inflation-if I pick up a phone a police officer should be at more door based on urgency in 4 min or less-more police-less OT for them and side gigs	1/29/2022 6:40 PM
49	There should be an option where a long term plan is implemented to reduce the proportion of city expenses going to the police service.	1/29/2022 4:59 PM
50	The police budget is too high, what we need is more social workers.	1/29/2022 12:42 PM
51	Decrease the budget given by the rate of inflation and add it to community services.	1/29/2022 11:19 AM
52	Manage overtime and omit pensionable overtime.	1/29/2022 9:39 AM
53	The worst is #5. Combination of #1 & 2 may work best. It needs to balanced approach between prioritizing based on city’s needs and inflation.	1/28/2022 10:38 PM
54	Defund the police to fund more resources like mental health, homeless shelters, safe injection sites…	1/28/2022 9:24 PM
55	All of these options suck (there is no actual reallocation of budget funds towards community	1/28/2022 8:32 PM

	supports which would actually help in regards to lowering the crime rate), which is why I went with the status quo. You should actually listen to people like Jennifer Montebruno & Louise Simbandumwe and other police-defunding advocates, because as it is the city is going bankrupt for what is essentially a protection racket enforced by a gang in a blue. I am disgusted by this survey	
56	If you defund the police it will be bad, no one will be safe in an already unsafe city do not do it	1/28/2022 5:54 PM
57	What is more important that public safety? General patrol is severely understaffed, officers are unable to use union negotiated time off, are working forced continuous overtime, are spread thin per shift pattern and are unable to keep up with calls in the queue without skipping meals. This is unacceptable and needs to change!! But rapid transit? Gimme a break. This city is made for rapid transit because there aren't enough police to respond to the criminals riding the bus harassing passengers. You couldn't pay me enough to take a bus in this crime riddled city. I've been assaulted on a bus and had to wait 6 hours for police to respond. Unacceptable. Victims need to feel supported in a time of crisis. Hard for police to achieve that when they have minimal officers working cars, regardless of what the public thinks!	1/28/2022 3:30 PM
58	It's completely unacceptable that OT is pensionable for WPS. The sooner that is changed in collective bargaining, the better. Use cadets and involve social services to a greater extent. Our police have tough jobs, let's use them for the highest level of their skills and training.	1/28/2022 2:30 PM
59	Less police funding, more funding to prevention services.	1/28/2022 2:26 PM
60	Add more support to Police with training in mental health and support with trained mental health professionals attending calls and going to hospital with people in mental health situations so the police don't have to wait with patients. Spend more money so police have training in recognizing mental health situations.	1/28/2022 1:34 PM
61	What makes the city council think they know the dangerous job police are doing to protect the citizens of Wpg? Would they want the job? I'm in my late seventies and I know most people my age would not be able to do this on line survey. We seniors appreciate the police forces efforts to protect us against the scary streets, busses, and walking the sidewalks. Mostly protect us from the people who do not want to obey any laws, including staying in bus shacks and us older folks have to stand outside in the wind & wait. Police try to help the homeless and they get **redacted** thrown in their faces. With all the talk about defunding the police, and our mayor seems to talk police trash, it's surprising that anybody would want the job.	1/28/2022 1:34 PM
62	City Hall needs to be accountable for their decisions. Police Pension holiday and Grievance penalty should not be put back into the POlice Budget.	1/28/2022 12:41 PM
63	The police budget cannot be tied to variable factors such as inflation. The budget must be set based on the objective needs of the service, which is determined by police (or the people operating their finances) and reviewed and voted on by publicly elected counsel members.	1/28/2022 12:39 PM
64	We have a failure that the Police are expected to "fill in" for what should be diverted and funded by other services, particularly those that have a "social harm" basis, like homelessness/forced-"vagrancy", drug issues, child abuse, senior abuse, etc., etc. As well, the Community Policing model where police have offices in communities and get to know the constituents, issues, etc., to "head off" and properly "divert"/head off social and emerging community crises, as well as working with businesses (like they formerly did in areas like Osborne Village), is critical to safety, as well as having a "safe supply" drug system where people who are not yet ready or able to access rehab would have their addictions treated with a medical model, not compounding a social/medical problem by adding social and tax-expensive criminality to the situation. And chase the "Johns", not those forced into selling their bodies for survival who have often been the victims of child/foster system sexual and ageing out abuses, etc. More pro-active focus on violent crimes and protecting citizens and Communities than being forced to respond to situations that they have no training or resources to address. Or stake out for speeding tickets rather than use tech. Let's resource our Communities at the Community base enforcement level, and properly support these officers, rather than discourage them with policies that have created an "industry" of a constant revolving door in the criminalization of behaviors that should have critical medical/social work and Community-based components. It's unfair to them, and doesn't work. especially the material "militarization" of policing that we see starting here and has become prevalent in other jurisdictions.	1/28/2022 12:17 PM
65	All of these models allow to much opportunity for police budget to expand without community oversight/input. Police budgeting should come after social infrastructure budgeting, housing,	1/28/2022 12:06 PM

	transit, mental health supports are all likely to REDUCE crime while policing reacts to crime. Policing is not an early intervention strategy and is not sustainable for our city.	
66	It costs what it costs because all of their functions are governed by prov and federal laws, yet civic gov consistently blames the police for their lack of control on these issues. We need to be safe and they need tools and wages to do their seemingly impossible job - beyond that, the easy job is figuring out how to get them the money they need to do their impossible tasks.	1/28/2022 12:02 PM
67	So much savings could be imposed on WPS but every mayor doesn't approach it. One person cars like every other city, crime scene management. Decrease the amount of officers by half, freeze wages like every other government. Take the union to arbitration and stop playing ball with them. Need a council that's tough on city services instead of making deals.	1/28/2022 11:52 AM
68	I mean, none are ideal and no options are really what I ma looking for. 1. Why is police OT pensionable? Find me somewhere else that has that... 2. Take the extra money from the tanks (that we don't need) and put it into community care. Mental health checks shouldn't be done by people with guns. Invest in social workers, etc	1/28/2022 11:48 AM
69	I would like to see a model of policing that focuses on working together with the community: police officers visiting schools and libraries to discuss safety, foot patrols and bicycle patrols, offices within the community etc. I would like to see a move away from helicopters, military vehicles, flak jackets and other indicia of outright force.	1/28/2022 11:26 AM
70	Il est difficile de contribuer à la discussion sans connaître mieux les défis associés au modèle actuel. Pourquoi l'état actuel n'est pas durable? Également, que se fait-il dans d'autres villes? Et comment le service de police serait-il tenu responsable de son budget dans le cas d'un modèle de financement garanti (e.g., modèles 2-4)?	1/28/2022 11:12 AM
71	Our city would burn without the Police Service. Please do not make cuts to their budget.	1/28/2022 11:06 AM
72	Why has property tax income decreased? There is huge expansion and building everywhere. Tax revenue should have increased substantially	1/28/2022 10:26 AM
73	The fact that the police budget is so grossly overblown and police salaries are the highest in the city is unacceptable. In fact it is obscene that funding for libraries is cut and its professional staff paid the least out of any City staff with a graduate degree (meanwhile police require only high school and receive three figures after 10 years.) The power the police service has over the City council is not relative to the true needs of the public. The fact that question #9 offers no room for suggestions or alternative models reflects the inability for this City to actually listen to it's citizens. I just had to choose an option even though I do not agree with any of them but I had to choose one in order to complete this survey. Poor model for a survey.	1/28/2022 10:20 AM
74	I believe that the current contract the wps has is totally unacceptable. They are the only police force in Canada where their OT is calculated into their best 5 years for retirement. I understand that the city challenged this in court and lost. These city pensions are not sustainable. OT must be completely frozen even if that means some loss of service, or the city needs to lower the number of police on the force.	1/28/2022 10:16 AM
75	Can budget be based on estimating the cost of providing the service? What causes an increase or decrease in the need for funding? Population (ie based on property tax) or other factors. Should the budget be the same amount whether needs increase or decrease...	1/28/2022 10:09 AM
76	Funding Model 4 for Police Services; Funding model 3 for all other city departments/services makes sense!!!!	1/28/2022 9:58 AM
77	Figuring the last several union contract negotiations have provided police members with increases. It is time they make up for those raises and take a 0% increase. Other areas of the city need the money more than they do.	1/28/2022 9:56 AM
78	None of these options are good. A modified funding model 1 is that the city could set a multi-year budget for police. Police funding should be based on benchmarking other similar-sized cities in Canada and on achieving results.	1/28/2022 9:50 AM
79	None of these funding models are really palatable. Have you considered looking at other jurisdictional funding models? Looking at the overall budget, the city is spending ~25% of their budget on policing services and it's increasing. Are there any other ways of decreasing that spend to 20% and having it fixed?	1/28/2022 9:49 AM
80	Defund police. Cut their budget in half at a minimum and fund things that actually help society.	1/28/2022 9:41 AM

	Stop treating drugs like a crime and start treating them as a healthcare issue.	
81	The City should invest in other ways to reduce crime. Increased focus on cultural, sports, integration, visibility, community, infrastructure, education etc.	1/28/2022 9:37 AM
82	None of these are great options.	1/28/2022 9:34 AM
83	Collective agreements should in my opinion be differentiated than operating costs...many events that are uncontrollable by the police service are not factored into these conversations. Majors incidents can blow budgets in a single day, increasing protests and events requiring police to stand by also impact this.....this is something that has become a regular occurence that greatly impacts budget as does COVID and the ability to meet minimum expectations as set out in their collective agreement.	1/28/2022 9:31 AM
84	The police board needs to be more responsible for their own budget. I see many things that could change; use the Cadets more for traffic control, crowd control. When the Police Chief declares state of emergency for Winnipeg Police and then I see them sitting in cruisers outside COVID testing sites and standing around Superstore doing crowd control, something is definitely wrong with their management team. I don't see either of those tasks as emergencies. City of Winnipeg needs to get the Police pension in order, their model is simply not sustainable.	1/28/2022 9:29 AM
85	There should be other resources available instead of Police as they are NOT trained for mental health issues. Too many citizens are/have been at the untrained end of the police services resulting in citizens getting hurt and/or killed.	1/28/2022 9:28 AM
86	The police funding needs to come down, the current percentage of the total operating budget that it is now is so unsustainable. Salaries are way too high plus overtime abuses and we get no results. Winnipeg is still not a 'safe' City. It is time to put funds in the hands of social workers and not the Police.	1/28/2022 9:23 AM
87	Overall, I believe the police budget receives far too much from the city budget. The majority of employees on the income disclosure are police. It is time to better negotiate salaries. Other city employees received far less of a raise than that of the police. Your city can not function without the other employees.	1/28/2022 9:21 AM
88	Pensional overtime has to stop. So far paying a higher wage year to year is not making streets safer. I would rather see more officers hired.	1/28/2022 9:20 AM
89	Funding model 3 is the only logical and obligatory option. CBA and Inflation are not controllable variables the City can control.	1/28/2022 9:20 AM
90	Money needs to be allocated in such a way that "whatever Police wants, they get" e.g. the tactical unit that will never be used, that money could have been allocated to hiring of multiple social workers over several years.	1/28/2022 9:12 AM
91	Separate City Police to private model outside of the CIty of Winnipeg . City pays for service like RCMP in rural .	1/28/2022 9:08 AM
92	Police funding should not be considered in a vacuum. It should be tied to amounts spent on crime reduction (police are not crime reduction - they are crime response). Increased amounts should be spent on crime reduction and decreased amounts on policing.	1/28/2022 8:56 AM
93	The city council needs to stop sucking up to the cops and start doing its job. We give so much money to these guys and they can’t get anything done, rising budgets and falling performance is no way to run a city, we need to cut their budget severely, or at least let Winnipegers accept or reject the police budget by referendum.	1/28/2022 8:34 AM
94	I believe that the police is over-funded for the services provided. There was a time when the police showed up when someone had an emergency. Now, it seems, that they are not available when you need them. It also seems that they are more concerned about revenue than actual service. What happened to "to serve and protect"? I would like to see funding given to specialized services such as mental health, addictions, homelessness, etc. instead of having police resources utilized in these situations. Let's give police 'police' work - get these criminals and petty thieves off our streets. Do the police have any say in the judicial system? If so, this needs to be changed as well. Enough of the 'catch and release' and let's give criminals actual punishment for committing these crimes. I am still shocked that the man who assaulted the 50 year old woman at the bus stop was released immediately - there was no justice here for the victim.	1/28/2022 8:27 AM

95	Tie it with other services (prevention), and slowly shift funds to those other services as they reduce the need for as much policing. Address poverty, and crime will go down.	1/28/2022 7:43 AM
96	Should be the people of winnipeg making the decisions - through a survey majority rules - we dont need a council making decisions on our behalf	1/28/2022 6:39 AM
97	I do not think ticket revenues should be making up part of the police budget. Budget monies should be known available without having to rely on this.	1/28/2022 12:55 AM
98	I think these options are too black and white. What about a mix of options?	1/27/2022 11:46 PM
99	The police budget is too high and police officers are asked to do jobs that they are not qualified to perform in terms of addiction services and mental health issues. It is ridiculous that we funded a police helicopter and we need to get rid of it. My experience with the police is that they generally are called after a crime has already taken place and are not very effective at solving home robbery crimes and car robbery crimes. I do not support any officers in schools and we could take that budget item right out in my opinion.	1/27/2022 7:30 PM
100	Stop sending cops to mental health public health calls. Homelessness and mental illness should be handled by specialized units ONLY.	1/27/2022 7:15 PM
101	Just defund those *****redacted*****.	1/27/2022 7:09 PM
102	Having the police budget reflect a consistent portion of the property tax revenue will ensure spending does not become excessive. The entire rationale behind suggesting spending is out of control and for a sustainable funding model was due the portion of the overall property tax revenue stream being contributed to the police increasing dramatically year after year. This would avoid that. As well by tying to property tax revenue the police budget is indirectly tied to the population in the city at any time, which is the primary driver from the police service for continual spending is that there is not enough police officers to service a growing population. I am a fan of Funding Model 4, however I am concerned of the level public backlash and misconceptions/division between the city public on both sides of the spectrum that having the city police contribution shown directly on each person's property tax statement. Similar approaches are generally not due to state "this part of your property tax will go to public works, this part will go to PP&D" as it will be constantly scrutinized and misunderstood by the public.	1/27/2022 6:45 PM
103	I do not like the idea of tying it to inflation, not sure inflation is an appropriate guide for increases in costs. I am concerned with the amount of OT paid and the fact this is still tied to pension benefits. Is pension benefits part of this budget?	1/27/2022 6:44 PM
104	It should be as much as it's needed to battle crime, while having extra to recruit more people, to handle the meth crisis and shoplifting and break-ins.	1/27/2022 6:14 PM
105	The budget should be set based on inflation with an annual increase cap. There is no industry in the country where wages or budgets have increased by the level of 2020 or 2021 inflation, so I see no reason why the police budget should match that. There is no income to match it and increased taxation creates a deeper hole for the average tax payer vs. their largely flat salary. Therefore an increase that matches inflation in normal years but is capped during high inflation years will better mirror general standards for the rest of our society.	1/27/2022 5:56 PM
106	I think that hiring more constables/officers is a much better idea than utilizing overtime, which is an ineffective HR option.	1/27/2022 5:13 PM
107	I think that safety and security of citizens is critical for our society. All emergency personnel are important, as is proper training to do their jobs effectively and safely. All citizens should contribute fairly towards funding the police etc. Given that poverty, mental health and crumbling infrastructure (roads, sewer system etc.) are contributing to crime and accidents, police need training and resources to deal with citizens in crisis and distress. A cohesive plan to support all emergency services to provide humane response is necessary to improve the quality of life in our community. Along with infrastructure rebuilding, citizens should be prepared to fund the police to improve and maintain peace and security for all of us. The plan needs to include social support in the community and mental health support and training for police personnel.	1/27/2022 4:54 PM
108	Police funding needs to be considered with funding for mental health care and addiction services and homelessness. These are not always best served by police, but they obviously have an impact on what police are asked to do.	1/27/2022 4:17 PM

109	If citizens made more money, such as our wages and salaries increasing with inflation each year, then I could understand also raising costs on the citizens. But we definitely don't get raises equal to inflation and the cost of living is increasing way too much - citizens can't keep up.	1/27/2022 4:15 PM
110	None of these models seem based on need, and none of them address the most significant concern that police receive funds for work they lack capacity and qualifications to do, and which would be more effectively spent elsewhere.	1/27/2022 4:10 PM
111	Police funding should not include monies collected from fines since this leads to predatory policing. Police efforts should prioritize the safety of Winnipeg citizens.	1/27/2022 4:10 PM
112	Increased funding but with oversight. Also all overtime cannot be added to pensionable earnings. This bloats the pension owing components. One other option regarding pensions is to move to a direct funding model vs. the current direct benefit pension model. This model should apply to all city positions going forward.	1/27/2022 3:11 PM
113	ensure proper overtime allocations and ensure oversite and question the overtime requirement. remove overtime clause in collective bargaining contract and have pensions on base salary. I have heard stories of ensuring overtime is high for officers in their final 5 years of work so they can pad their pensions. pensions are based on the best 5 years of salary. Even the RCMP don't have that lucrative deal.	1/27/2022 3:01 PM
114	Police funding needs to be considered within the broader context of funded services. If the police are funded on a multi-year basis, it may be difficult for council to decide to increase mental health services for example. These kinds of supports can address underlying issues that police end up responding to - they are overly expensive and inappropriate resource to use in these instances. I very much disagree with an additional levy or funding based on collective agreements, when other city services will not receive that kind of special support. I would want to see social workers and mental health supports bargain for higher wages and receive that additional funding. If there is a special levy for police, I think the public will balk at having a tank, or helicopter, or any specialized and expensive resources at the disposal to police services at a time when there are calls to shift funding from police to alternate services.	1/27/2022 2:55 PM
115	Divert some police funding to reduce the causes of issues - mental health, poverty, substance abuse, etc	1/27/2022 2:42 PM
116	The problem isn't how the service is funded; it's how the dollars are spent. The union seems out of control.	1/27/2022 2:17 PM
117	I am disappointed that there is not a long term strategy for decreasing the police responsibilities and budget, and providing more funding to community organizations that are better trained and equipped to manage issues that police should not be involved with (e.g. mental health crises, domestic disputes, wellness checks)	1/27/2022 1:43 PM
118	None of these options are acceptable. Police funding should be reduced and put into more important, effective, and safe social services. Police funding should be determined by the public and the public alone.	1/27/2022 1:35 PM
119	if any left over cost from previous year, can it be added to the next budget?	1/27/2022 1:35 PM
120	ensure it's not being wasted. an audit needs to be done on how to reduce the unnecessary spending and waste that is happening in the police service. the "gaming" of the system with overtime is unsustainable. The police service is a black box and you are only hearing what they want you to hear. There are places that the police service could find efficiencies but they refuse to because of the culture in that department, and the sense of entitlement of its employees. Find a new chief who will hone in on the misuse of funds and spending problems in the department and you'll do a lot of good for the taxpayers and the City.	1/27/2022 1:33 PM
121	Include health funding for wellness checks. Shared budgets so police can use more of their budget for actual police work	1/27/2022 1:33 PM
122	Model 1 states "City council sets a budget every year for the Winnipeg Police, balancing their needs against those of other City departments" which is untrue. Police always receive the lion's share of funding to the detriment of every other service. The only acceptable funding model is to freeze and decrease funding over time. Our city cannot afford the police's outrageous, union-driven budget while other depts are continually being defunded.	1/27/2022 1:32 PM
123	The police should be defund to get more accurate services to the population.	1/27/2022 1:31 PM

124	The assumption in all models is increasing police budget. if you want to really review the funding model, you will actually review what policing should be, what services can and should be delivered by others. This survey, without considering what should be funded, is pretty meaningless.	1/27/2022 1:31 PM
125	no	1/27/2022 1:28 PM
126	I think the police union has too much power. I support **redacted** attempt to make police overtime non-pensionable. I think we are spending too much on police officers, when what we really need in many cases are social workers.	1/27/2022 1:27 PM
127	None of these options are particularly useful. Currently the WPS is tasked with providing too many services than can cost-effectively provided by one organization. A wellness check requires different training then an armed robery requires different training than a youth shoplifter. Other organizations and initiatives should be provided the opportunity to build and develop alternative services where appropriate. For example wellness checks or public intoxication. As well, priority overall needs to be funding programs and services that prevent crime from occurring, rather than focusing on purely reactionary structures which will only continue to eat up more of our limited municipal budget. As structured this survey provides little room for actual engagement with the key questions about police and their funding.	1/27/2022 1:26 PM
128	Salary levels for officers are too high. I understand how unions work however would suggest that new officers wages begin lower and follow a new wage scale for all new officers joining. Existing officer wages would have to be grandfathered in however going forward wages could be more reasonable.	1/27/2022 1:24 PM
129	the increasing costs should be carried throughout the municipality and population, however, WPSD budget should be decreased and it's subsequent funds carried over the community programming/assistances.	1/27/2022 1:24 PM
130	more funding for early intervention and social services, less for police	1/27/2022 1:22 PM
131	It is the responsibility of the elected council to approve all civic budgets. If they are unable to do that then they shouldn't have the job. They also approve the collective agreement with the police union so they know well it's impact on the budget	1/27/2022 12:58 PM
132	Pay them well because they are serving the people, and we need them to protect us and maintain our peace and order.	1/27/2022 11:17 AM
133	Put more towards programs and services and housing to help citizens to prevent the level of escalation we are in. Police should have other branches where therapists also work in the field. Police training should be 3 years long like in Britain to properly educate police.	1/27/2022 10:40 AM
134	None of these options seem to address the escalating cost of service. It is time for the City and WPS to look at alternate methods of service provision, including having other organizations provide some services.	1/27/2022 10:18 AM
135	Don't agree wirh levy at all as winnipeg is always "hosting" outside community groups for extended periods of time (flood/fire/ medical evacuations) who drain police resources. I	1/27/2022 9:16 AM
136	All formula based funding models are UNACCEPTABLE. Only the current model ensures some type of accountability and responsibility for how much of each type of city services we want and need and therefore how much we need to tax our citizens. THIS IS ONE OF COUNCIL"S MOST IMPORTANT JOBS.	1/27/2022 8:52 AM
137	None of these are good. Just freeze funding for 10 years so they can be reallocated to other services that are in dire need of funds such as forestry, active transportation, infrastructure, and public transportation.	1/27/2022 8:24 AM
138	It is unreasonable to believe that as police wages and costs increase, that you can maintain a static budget. Budget need to be adjusted to accommodate both increase in wages and inflation, or else reduce the services to non tax paying individuals across the board.	1/27/2022 5:17 AM
139	Virtually none of these options allows for a decrease in police funding (crime response, often disproportionate) and an expenditure in crime reduction (social programming shown to reduce crime). This is not a realistic perspective on crime and public safety, neither of which is actually addressed by an increase in police spending.	1/26/2022 7:50 PM
140	Council has to be involved in the process of budget approval as part of the entire City budget.	1/26/2022 6:40 PM

	It appears to me the governance structure is a significant part of the problem as police costs are barreling out of control and Council cannot weigh-in in the manner necessary for corrective measure. Perhaps The Police Services Act-Manitoba in 2009 has to be re-visited.	
141	I think first of all that there is a real problem with assuming that the funding will constantly go up, basically forever. What about trimming down policing and putting the money into initiatives that prevent crime?? That's what I want to see, but this survey doesn't give me a place to say that. I think given the very real problems with policing in this city, including that it eats up SO much of the budget each year, we really need to be planning alternatives. I look forward to that consultation.	1/26/2022 4:55 PM
142	city council has not done a good job in the past negotiating contracts . special bargaining unit should be established and curtail wage/benefit costs .. **redacted** had the right idea of cancelling the pension overtime to officers and reverting those funds to operating budget... **redacted**	1/26/2022 4:42 PM
143	I'm always concerned about the cost of pensions when it comes to civil servants. When defined benefit plans were "invented" people's life spans were much lower - and they came about at a time when civil servants were paid much less than people in the private sector, so civil servants were promised guaranteed pensions in exchange for lower wages during working years. Lifespans have changed dramatically in recent decades and DB plans are no longer affordable, sustainable or fair in that almost 100% of private business's have moved to defined contribution or Group RRSP's/Pensions. So the only people remaining with any pension guarantees are the people who's guaranteed pensions are funded by the taxpayers. As a tax payer and business owner I resent paying taxes for golden pensions for civil servants and am not supportive of DB plans continuing for any civil servant. I have to admit I am not aware if the police service still offers DB plans to all of their members or if they are being thoughtfully and logically phased out as they should be - and as they ultimately must be. I am in favor of DB plans being phased out over time - and to remain intact for existing members because as a financial advisor I recognize its not fair to prepare for retirement based on one set of rules - and suddenly having the rules change. But the phasing out process has to start some time and keeping DB plans intact for civil servants (the police service included) when pretty much 100% of non civil servants now can only access DC plans - where there are no guarantees - is grossly unfair and I'm tired of funding someone elses guaranteed plan when my own plan - which I fund 100% on my own - is not guaranteed. This is the biggest factor of any civil service budget that upsets me as a tax payer.	1/26/2022 2:50 PM
144	Police funding should be massively decreased overall. The Winnipeg police service is a ****redacted****.	1/26/2022 1:41 PM
145	The options seem limited. Police and other emergency services are needed for a city to operate. To “peg” the budget to something seems dangerous as this does take into account unknown / unexpected costs	1/26/2022 1:06 PM
146	The province and federal government must crack down on crime, which would reduce police overtime costs and keep repeat offenders locked up.	1/26/2022 1:04 PM
147	I think all these options are less-than-ideal because they don’t address key problems. Spending a lot on our police service would make sense if we got good value for what we spend - but we don’t. We have a police service that actively makes Winnipeg a hostile environment if you’re unhoused or have substance use disorders. I would only be open to increasing the police budget if the majority of the budget was going toward social support/nonviolent (unarmed) interventions. As it is now, police don’t prevent crime - they just inefficiently try to solve past crimes while targeting (mostly innocent) people based on stereotypes/biases.	1/26/2022 11:46 AM
148	Council has the ability to override or edit any funding model in place on a case by case basis, and departments can request additional funds if there is a shortfall. This essentially renders the funding model irrelevant. I am comfortable trusting our elected council members to set the budget based on research, economic analysis and stakeholder input as in previous years.	1/26/2022 10:40 AM
149	Funding partially determined by the crime rate.	1/26/2022 8:41 AM
150	The province and federal government should assist in funding of police services across the board. A lot of crime, social issues and limited mental health resources are interprovincially and nationally connected.	1/26/2022 8:21 AM
151	Stop the talk about defunding the police. Call me tp discuss how the police can access my camera system. ****redacted*****. It will save money and allow for precision policing.	1/26/2022 8:08 AM

152	Public levy is interesting but no information is provided to explain how this would work. If it's through property tax, how do non property owners pay their share? Id support the levy is it was an equitable plan for everyone to contribute as the police service supports all peoples of the community.	1/26/2022 6:58 AM
153	There are roughly 1,900 people in the police service. The budget is roughly 320 million... this is more than enough to pay each employee 100 000 and still have about 129 million left over for equipment and maintenance. **redacted**	1/26/2022 6:19 AM
154	I hope that the public saftey levy charges are not too expensive.	1/26/2022 2:26 AM
155	Police services are a necessity. Increase the consequences of committing a criminal act. Fines, community service, restitution	1/25/2022 10:21 PM
156	Defund the police. Use their budget to fund social services, trained mental health professionals, proven poverty reduction methods, programs for youth, and accessible childcare.	1/25/2022 10:12 PM
157	Priority should go to other municipal community services that are proven to promote the health and safety of all (housing for all, harm reduction, parks, schooling, transportation etc). Winnipeg only « needs « increases in the police budget because these services are being cut.	1/25/2022 9:54 PM
158	Trim the fat within WPS. Get rid of the ****redacted**** and find alternate COW positions. Not everyone has a doctors note. Increase funding for general patrol. Calls in the queue equal people languishing in distress. If you're ok instead sending those dollars to rapid transit….than you can thank **redacted** when you're a ****redacted****.	1/25/2022 9:47 PM
159	I feel like we're asking the wrong question and a more wholistic public safety approach, which puts more emphasis on community-based service and engagement of communities, alternative approaches to mental health response and overall prevention. The more conventional style of policing would still be expected to be part of the overall approach but a much smaller portion. The wholistic Public Safety Budget should then receive stable funding to allow for proper planning and resourcing. I don't object to increased property taxes to achieve that, and would prefer that to a separate "levy". I also believe that well supported community infrastructure (libraries, community centres, etc.) can lead to safer, healthier communities, so I would definitely not support stabilizing police funding at the expense of community infrastructure.	1/25/2022 9:35 PM
160	I would have liked to see some funding models that looked at decreased services and expenses and therefore decreased funding. Or pairing the funding to service evaluation or needs.	1/25/2022 9:33 PM
161	Police wages should be pegged to inflation as well. The police (and firefighter) salaries always increase way more than inflation, and way more than other unions in the City.	1/25/2022 9:27 PM
162	The City of Winnipeg needs to also focus on better funding for community services to deal with 911 mental illness issues. Or fund training police officers to better deal with individuals with mental disability	1/25/2022 9:26 PM
163	I don't feel any of them are the best, or even a tolerable option. There should have been an option for reallocation of funds to non-police-based services.	1/25/2022 9:18 PM
164	.	1/25/2022 9:17 PM
165	These options are ridiculous and a complete sham. You know your citizens want the cops off the streets and their funding put to use actually helping the people of Winnipeg. Frankly, you are flushing my tax dollars down the drain, and the more you antagonize your citizens like this, worse things will be for everyone. Maybe you should tie their defunding to every murder and assault they commit. Maybe you should tie it to every time they embarrass our city in the world media. Maybe you should cut them off and let them sell their military equipment to keep afloat during the transition to a decent city. I don't care how you do it, but this tax payer would like you to cut police funding so much that they run for the hills and give our city a chance to recover from the generations of trauma they've inflicted. If you want Winnipeg to be a nice place to live, to have a good global reputation, to get it's reputation back, you'll pull the cops out by their pensions.	1/25/2022 8:48 PM
166	In general, all the option provided is fine and for sure each model will increase the police budget. However, from those models, i prefer to keep the current model (status quo) where the mayor and city council has the final say on the budget request which is usually the standard	1/25/2022 8:45 PM

	practice. This model will provide an overall view to the approver on what was being requested and from there they can review, decide or talk over any items that is not needed or important at the moment before approving. I'm also not in favour of defunding police as safety should be one of our priority and having a great security in our city will encourage investors to invest more in our city. More investment, more jobs and budget and more jobs and budget less crime and better services to the community.	
167	Spend more getting illegal guns off our streets and less on traffic control. Money grab locations (ex. Plessis underpass) just wastes resources and gives a bad image to the service.	1/25/2022 8:43 PM
168	Link police funding with initiatives directed at reducing crime.	1/25/2022 8:33 PM
169	It's a tough call. If I understand it correctly model 2 could eventually after several years lead to a condition where wage increases gradually whittle away at any increase in any other goods or services needed by the police department. Model 3 eliminates the impetus to keep wage increases under control. Model 4 seems to add a different tax creating an accounting headache. Model 5 reduces the police budget. Maybe we should be asking how efficient is our police force? How can we improve? Thanks for including me in the discussion.	1/25/2022 8:22 PM
170	Whichever model is selected should be considered for all other city departments/services.	1/25/2022 8:16 PM
171	Our police are very important. And they deserve our support. I felt uncomfortable with always a guaranteed inflation cost. a. I would assume 70% of Wpg does not receive inflation cost. b. For last say 5 years most Wpg receive a very minimal rate increase .. if at all. So the higher wages continue to receive Higher salary and benefits (with inflation) It would be easier to answer this survey if we looked at WHERE our money is spent and not purely just on an increase . I am not against a levy. I am reluctance to sign a blank cheque . ahh. I can't move forward without doing #9. I picked model 1 - not that I agree with it ... but I want to move forward.	1/25/2022 8:13 PM
172	Great engagement. I came away knowing more than when I went in. Thanks for inviting.	1/25/2022 8:05 PM
173	I believe that the best way to determine police funding would be to have a conference with members of the Winnipeg police service, and have them decide what would best suit their best interests for funding	1/25/2022 8:00 PM
174	Because of the lack of Police availability ; I want Police Presence in my area again !! I also want representation in the meetings as well ! The people need to attend a few meetings with Police explaining the situations ?? I deal with Seniors like myself who are afraid of the riff raff that is here now ?? 2-4 hours for a response is not acceptable !! If we need to pay more ??? So be it !!	1/25/2022 7:51 PM
175	I would like to know that efficiencies will be continuously identified and implemented.This includes service standards and best practices of other municipalities. Also,how how does our police budget per capita compare to other cities.?	1/25/2022 7:50 PM
176	Liked model 3 and 4 on last question. Taking care of our police force is a priority in society to have the staff and the means in today's society....it's a different world that I grew up in and we need our police and emergency services to be a priority.	1/25/2022 7:43 PM
177	Crime rates and community needs fluctuate, therefore the police budget should be flexible. The cities goal should ultimately be to reduce our need for policing, so we should not have a funding model that anticipates indefinite increases in the police budget.	1/25/2022 7:43 PM
178	It should not be operated as a silo, Fire and Paramedic, social services all contribute to the efforts of the police.	1/25/2022 7:34 PM
179	It doesn't matter to me which budget you select, however, I don't want my taxes going up. My taxes go up every year and I don't see any benefits. How about reevaluating how you use the money you are already getting? On the townhall call it was mentioned that the Winnipeg population is growing, why not use those additional taxes instead of increasing taxes more. Taxes go up constantly but wages don't go up.	1/25/2022 7:31 PM
180	There should be a law how is the property tax percentage is set annually. It's unfair to raise the property tax just because the assessed/market value is up. It goes up every year and the tax becomes oppressive to the taxpayer!	1/25/2022 7:31 PM
181	I want police funding to be sustainable, but I want the funding to be less than 25% of the city budget.	1/25/2022 7:28 PM

182	The issue for me is the policies of the police. Foot patrol vs police in cars, community police vs helicopters; adequate non violent intervention training.	1/25/2022 7:28 PM
183	Need to review for redundancy and savings, it is not possible to continuously requiring more money. There is a limit on what tax payers can pay. Police station was a ill-thought out project that has ended up costing tax-payers alot of money and no one is accountable of that. Are there other programs that could be funded to help reduce criminal activity?	1/25/2022 7:28 PM
184	Concerns regarding funding model 5 and that the city would consider increasing property tax SOLELY to fund police. In that case it would be unacceptable.	1/25/2022 7:24 PM
185	Every option seems tied to an increase every year after 2021, including funding model 5	1/25/2022 7:23 PM
186	There is no option for steady defunding. The survey is skewed and created with a pro-police budget. Any answer to question 9 should be void.	1/25/2022 7:21 PM
187	I would suggest that some of the goals we have for public safety in Winnipeg could be carried out in less adversarial ways through cooperation with different professionals (e.g. mental health practitioners) which could be less costly. I am definitely opposed to the militarization of the Winnipeg Police Service using armoured vehicles as an example. Finally, why not examine how better to use our collective resources for recreation, mental health and addictions support, active transportation, public spaces, etc. all initiatives that become less accessible if the police budget takes even more of the percentage of city services. Thanks for asking for feedback.	1/25/2022 7:20 PM
188	The police service is highly valued but does need to be considered in conjunction with other city needs. Collective agreements are required to be honoured, only option is to cover these costs.	1/25/2022 7:20 PM
189	I think funding model 5 is appropriate and any additional funding they may have received additionally in the past should be put towards additional community support services.	1/25/2022 7:18 PM
190	Defund, and use more funding towards outreach workers, mental health workers to cover situations that is not police work.	1/25/2022 7:15 PM
191	Cut the police budget and reassign more funds to social, health and mental programs/ services. I do not support increased funds for the police at all. Are school budgets and teachers wages tied this closely to inflation? If this survey is supposed to gage the publics response to police budgets why are the only options to give the police more money/ raise their budget.	1/25/2022 7:13 PM
192	I sincerely believe we have the manpower and money to properly police Winnipeg I do not believe these resources are used effeciently.	1/25/2022 7:11 PM
193	The police budget should not grow, as state violence does not bring safety and security to the people of winnipeg.	1/25/2022 7:08 PM
194	Look at the pay scale	1/25/2022 6:44 PM
195	Police are the most important people in the city. We need to keep funding the police. Without law and order we have complete chaos.	1/25/2022 6:31 PM
196	Council should be moving money away from police budget and into community resources that deal with ‘crime’ at it’s root cause and are proven to affectively reduce the conditions that lead to lives being considered criminal	1/25/2022 6:31 PM
197	We require the police to keep our children and our city safe. Without police we have chaos. It costs money to have services that keep us safe. Do not defund police.	1/25/2022 6:23 PM
198	Inflationary increases could be added to tax bills. Also, if some services are better handled by other agencies - in cooperation with police - that would be good.	1/25/2022 6:22 PM
199	I don't mind my tax dollars being used for things that actually help the community. Reduce exorbitant police spending and overtime, and instead fund related services such as social work, mental health response teams, addiction centres, etc. to respond to nonviolent situations appropriately and prevent escalation and needless/detrimental police involvement.	1/25/2022 6:01 PM
200	Policing needs to be a top priority We need to give our best support If we look after the police, than we are all taken care of.	1/25/2022 6:00 PM

201	Once you have the money, it is HOW it is distributed within the department. Right now, response time for break ins/vandalism to property are extremely slow and we never receive feedback. Be nice to receive a call to say they caught someone. It would help the taxpayers know you are addressing the problem.	1/25/2022 5:18 PM
202	I think it’s best to invest in community initiatives and prevention rather than just increasing the police budget every year. It’s very reactive.	1/25/2022 4:34 PM
203	Police Funding and deployment of law enforcement resources go hand in hand. I am an advocate for integrated services models of policing in at risk communities. Homeless, addictions, and mental health are escalating in our impoverished neighborhoods. Along with cybercrime/fraud, luring/human trafficking, gang related crimes, mental health are just a few areas that require additional resources. Prevention and proactive strategies need funding too.	1/25/2022 4:30 PM
204	Direct police resources to police duties and stop assigning police assets to social work/other functions not described as a duty in the manitoba police act. CFS should deal with their own issues. Shared health should deal with their own issues etc	1/25/2022 4:22 PM
205	I imagine that council already takes inflation into account. I hope that council consults the police to hear their ideas.	1/25/2022 4:14 PM
206	Decreasing the number of police according to need and population.	1/25/2022 4:02 PM
207	I'm not sure you can fix a budget at all in regards to this issue. Crime is not something that can be held to any specific amount. And one thing that never seems to be addressed is the fact that cuts in funding elsewhere on various levels of government have forced the police to cover areas of service beyond their traditional scope. That money was was obviously kept to whichever services that chose to reduce their service / responsibility.	1/25/2022 4:00 PM
208	Get rid of overtime in the pension, this has GOT to go.	1/25/2022 3:56 PM
209	The Police pension plan should be based on base salary not on salary plus overtime. I belonged to a union for 30 years. In the end my base salary determined my pension. A defined benefit pension I might add.	1/25/2022 3:55 PM
210	Council has the authority to negotiate the collective agreement where the greatest portion of the budget is determined. This is the primary means to manage the budget with accepted inflationary models in mind.	1/25/2022 3:26 PM
211	I believe that the Winnipeg is managed incorrectly. Focus is on wrong things. Very little presents. Cumbersome to contact.	1/25/2022 3:21 PM
212	The important question from citizens is what services and how how they are provided from police.What is the best way to provide public safety services to Winnipeg,not just fund whatever and however services are determined by the Police Service.	1/25/2022 3:16 PM
213	Police Service is not a business, it is a safety. It should not relate to any inflation or tax, and it needs to be financed as needed basis.	1/25/2022 3:05 PM
214	The police budget should be frozen for at lease four years at the current rate until the convid situation has more less resolved itself. after which these questions as to budget for police force could be revisisted atg that time.	1/25/2022 2:17 PM
215	Do not defund police. Instead consider the manner it is deploying resources and where the demands can be shifted and prioritized	1/25/2022 1:45 PM
216	Give them money to do what needs to be done. With call volumes and the needs of people calling reducing officers isn't an option.	1/25/2022 1:44 PM
217	I would like to know more..is the money being used effectively? Involving mental health workers with the police is an effective use of funds and manpower. Having a policeman sit in a driveway in a residential area for his shift to give tickets for driving infractions is not a good use of funds and manpower.	1/25/2022 1:36 PM
218	None of the above. The police are over funded and don't need more funds. I was made to pick an option which does not represent my views.	1/25/2022 1:28 PM
219	Stop funding the police	1/25/2022 1:10 PM
220	All public service are not used equally by all the public. Are all the services that the Winnipeg	1/25/2022 12:57 PM

	Police are providing necessary?	
221	I would far prefer to see police funding diverted to other public services- focusing on supporting people who are at risk of ending up in a bad situation rather than punishing them after they do	1/25/2022 12:43 PM
222	People from the neighbourhood(s) where the majority of the police budget is spent should be involved i.e. The North End, West End/ Downtown	1/25/2022 12:40 PM
223	I am against any purely mathematical type funding model (i.e. options 2 through 5). I believe they would discourage innovation or critical review of the priorities of the different police operations.	1/25/2022 10:46 AM
224	The key challenge is to constrain the strong increase the salaries of police. If collective bargaining and binding arbitration don't work to do that, then ways have to be found to deliver the current set of services by police officers in less costly ways - either through technology or through alternative staffing models that involve lower paid staff.	1/25/2022 10:40 AM
225	Edmonton has decreased their police budget by 11 million dollars we should follow course and relocate funds to other community groups	1/25/2022 8:38 AM
226	Funding Model 5 is the best short-term outcome.It would also incentivize police to protect people and property. So long as this does not give the police too much influence on the decision-making regarding increases in property taxes or levies.	1/25/2022 7:34 AM
227	root cause wages and benefits too generous last three years **redacted**. overtime should not count towards pensions . provincial govt should break the unions grasp on the money purse and wages rolled back into line with the general economy .for services performed . there is no other service which resorts to public air time to justify the job they are performing for the outrageous salaries received	1/25/2022 7:15 AM
228	Is it not possible to allocate the police budget to include more community policing inititatives, non-WPS options for answering mental health crisis situations?	1/25/2022 7:09 AM
229	As salaries make up most of the police budget a review of why overtime is so prevalent and how it can be reduced might identify cost savings that frees up funding. Creating a new funding model may not address the root cause of funding issues for the police or create budget certainty because it won't stop ongoing overtime requirements. That issue, or other reviews on why their budget keeps increasing should be dealt with first before looking at a new funding model.	1/25/2022 5:49 AM
230	Just make it substantially less, and redistribute the saved money into other services that actually benefit and strengthen communities. Instead of just giving homeless camps barrels, create more spaces where homeless people can stay and more affordable housing, lower costs for essential items, treatment centers, etc.	1/25/2022 2:07 AM
231	1) WPS Police Union mandated like the other 5 union groups - police must use holiday time in same year period or gets paid out at year end 2) End current pension calculation that adds all unused holidays 3) Winnipeg Police Board be elected and given complete control over "OUR" police services, a toothless board is an utter waste of time and effort	1/25/2022 1:18 AM
232	Model 3 can work but it doesn't incorporate unforeseen costs, or equipment wearing out. Adding new equipment can be expensive but very beneficial to police and public safety.	1/25/2022 12:35 AM
233	i dont believe in any of these options~ my answer is only because the survey makes me choose.... i dont think any of these get to the root of the problem. all of these just put the burden of paying for police onto something else. the problem is that the policing system isnt effective and is costing over 1/4 of the citys budget. instead of making other people/systems pay we should cut the system and start downsizing it and put the money into social programs that actually lessen crime. social programs prevent crime, police try to deal with it once its happened. we can deal with the cost of the police by defunding the police	1/25/2022 12:19 AM
234	This is completely ridiculous. Each of your answers correspond to some type of increase to the budget in a specific circumstance. None of these options are acceptable, and you provide no leniency to reject all the above. You ask *how* we would increase the budget and not whether we even want to. Instead, you ask us to pick the lesser of five evils. This is shameful. Defund the Police.	1/25/2022 12:09 AM
235	I think their needs to be sustainable increases in budget based on inflationary pressures, which in some years could go flat or trend down, however, it is also healthy that their is discussion	1/24/2022 9:55 PM

	and input from other committee members on how to pay for such increases and that their is considered discussion to that process and not just a tax to cover the increase. There may be input opportunities from others in the discussion processes that also considers creativity on also achieve or seek out savings that can contribute to supporting inflationary cost pressures.	
236	Police funding must be reduced and shifted into social services. Corrupt officers need to be removed from the force and lose their pensions. We are losing faith in the police due to amount of corruption and lack of consequences for abusive behaviour from the people who are supposed to be protecting us.	1/24/2022 9:53 PM
237	Police funding should also look at having “clinicians” specialized in mental health issues and de-escalating to reduce harm or death to people who have mental health issues on hand or on call.	1/24/2022 9:31 PM
238	Why not get funds all those ways. I like the idea of flat fee taxes all around.	1/24/2022 9:25 PM
239	I believe that police budget should be part of city councils decision and re-evaluated annually based on needs of the city and areas of need in the city. Property taxes contributing to police budget is a good idea if the money is pooled and split equally across all parts of the city.	1/24/2022 9:23 PM
240	The City of Winnipeg is a diverse sociological landscape and, unfortunately, those who are of the opinion that they live in "suburb islands" somewhat isolated from the need for a regular police presence and therefore resent the fact that thjeir taxes for policing purposes are being used in what they consider more crime prone areas of the City. It seems that they're proud Winnipeggers in some instances, but certainly not conscious of the needs of the entire City, just the "safe haven" or their particular neighbourhood. There will cetainly be a vociferous outcry from these citizens if Model 4 is adopted, but it might be pointed out that this is ONE City, not several, and that all citizens share in the maintenance of safety, and that crime knows no boundaries and has the pernicious habit of permeating thje artificial boundaries people tend to draw in their minds. The designations "South Sain Vital" or "River Heights" or any other that might be used mean nothing to those who seek to gain by targeting others for their own benefit. Being able to afford a home security system or service doesn't necessarily insulate people.unfortunately, however, most people see crime as prevelant in the "seedier" areas of Winnipeg, because it is more visible in the news. If they don't feel the need for an adequate Police presence in the City, perhaps they're willing to contribute to the work of ending crimes of desperation or necessity and give our Police the time and the funds to prevent and/or apprehend those who are convinced that they can benefit more from crime (or deviousness) than from legal pursuits.. You'll convince me that we need less policing when you convince me that human selfishness and greed have been eliminated.	1/24/2022 9:21 PM
241	Decrease the budget and divert funding to social programs	1/24/2022 8:44 PM
242	Funding Model 3 makes the most sense to be able to cover the increased expense of Covid-19 and the meth crisis for an already stretched thin WPS.	1/24/2022 8:42 PM
243	The problem is the budget is already far to expensive to sustain so any increase is out of line. First reduce wages & benefits and practices like 2 officers per car and once a sustainable number has been reached then we can talk about gradual increases like inflation.	1/24/2022 8:29 PM
244	All these funding models are not ideal. The first one is the best as it should be based on the needs however it very likely just follows a trend and gradually goes up every year. An actually look at the police system and policing efficiency and effectiveness is needed. While incorporating more preventative programs then just being reactive and a slow reaction time from any of my personal experiences.	1/24/2022 8:28 PM
245	Too little information shared on how budgets are put together to understanding how funding show be achieved	1/24/2022 8:23 PM
246	Evaluate police performance against broader, community focused metrics instead of just crime stats and tie their funding to performance against those targets.	1/24/2022 8:19 PM
247	I think serious conversations about defunding the police need to be held. The police in Winnipeg have not shown that they create a safer community for everyone. I think conversations about defunding the police and funding other initiatives and programs that support all individuals and families for our city to be safer is essential.	1/24/2022 8:16 PM
248	City needs to work with the province to find a tax source other than property taxes. Maybe a % of sales tax should come back to the city specifically for police? Or possibly a levy on utilities,	1/24/2022 8:16 PM

	specifically for police	
249	I think that all users of the city need to support the city. this includes those that live outside city limits but enjoy the benefits, eg working inside the city, entertainment, ect.	1/24/2022 8:16 PM
250	26% of the city's budget is far too high to begin with, even if Funding Model 5 is preferred. None of these funding models address the fact that the current allotment is wildly inflated and unnecessary.	1/24/2022 8:13 PM
251	We believe the best discipline for maintaining services in a fiscally responsible way is to use cost of living increases as the metric for managing the police budget.	1/24/2022 8:03 PM
252	Advocate to the province to Address the wage freeze in healthcare before you offer to change the police funding model…	1/24/2022 7:53 PM
253	Safety costs money & citizens' level of safety has noticeably deteriorated over the last couple of years. A person can't stand at the bus stop without fear of being robbed or worse, even in broad daylight and when others are around.	1/24/2022 7:50 PM
254	It would have been easier to decide what is best option if the increase in the police budget for 2021 was indicated. You have asked for an answer without providing all the facts.	1/24/2022 7:46 PM
255	Has anyone looked at well functioning models from other jurisdictions?	1/24/2022 7:45 PM
256	What you're doing now CLEARLY isn't working. Crime, homelessness, and addiction are skyrocketing and this is due to your ***redacted*** desire to hire enforcers to punish crime AFTER it's already happened. You know what PREVENTS crime? Social services like counselling, education, etc. You ***redacted*** need to realize that crime has NEVER lessened after you do you annual police budget increase. Stop wasting our tax money to uniform more officers. How are you all so unable to see that what you're already doing isn't working. "Uhhh, duhhh, we keep increasing the police budget and slashing social services...why isn't crime reducing?" Says the government. "Oh, well, better luck next year! Let's hire more overpaid cops and give the department more money. Never worked before but I bet this will be our year! Brilliant!"	1/24/2022 7:44 PM
257	I would like police funding to go down, and for funding in other things like, trained mental health workers to go up (so they can make house calls instead of the police), I would also like funding to go to safe injection sites, I would like funding to go into poor neighbourhoods so they don't need to be heavily policed in the first place, I'd like the city to house the homeless so the police don't harass them, I'd like the police to have less money and actually have the city invest into the health and welfare of its people. Police should be the last service called, not the first. We can do better.	1/24/2022 7:43 PM
258	Stop giving them free reign for a budget with no critical oversight. Use that money towards infrastructure and actually bettering the city. Why is the return on investment so low if we spend one of the highest amounts percentage budget wise than other cities.	1/24/2022 7:41 PM
259	First off I don’t think the first Model works. I am undecided between 2 and 3. Although model 4 and 5 may have some merit I fear if they are chosen the people of Winnipeg would be empowered to believe the police are run by them and I feel the Police are doing a very good job of running the Police and don’t need to be indebted to the people who feel empowered. Wouldn’t it be nice to see a service finally increased at the rate of inflation, like that never happens.	1/24/2022 7:39 PM
260	Funding model #5 will never work - you can't give a department a set amount and then decrease them in a major way without it affecting the function of the service being offered to the community as a whole.	1/24/2022 7:36 PM
261	Wages are too high including benefits ... overtime should not go to pension benefits overtime should be calculated on a special lower pay scale ***redacted***	1/24/2022 7:35 PM
262	In general, I think there should be a reduction in the number of officers who carry sidearms; an approach anchored on solving problems rather than enforcement of rules.	1/24/2022 7:33 PM
263	Run the police more leanly, it is already over funded.	1/24/2022 7:27 PM
264	Our police budget is totally unacceptable. The money is better spent addressing the root cause of problems that our city faces.	1/24/2022 7:25 PM
265	Defund the police, put funding towards non-police public safety initiatives, social services, housing, etc.	1/24/2022 7:20 PM

266	As the population of Winnipeg continues to grow the police service will as well, so it only makes sense that as more police officers are being recruited to the WPS that their funding would also increase. In order to have a well performing police force they also need to have adequate funding.	1/24/2022 7:17 PM
267	Use non professional staff for some duties esp. Admin duties. Always ask the members for suggestions on lowering costs with the benefit of better equipment and resources,	1/24/2022 6:17 PM
268	I work just as hard as they do & it makes me angry with the pension they have. As a tax payer I'm getting tired of paying for stuff like that. That shouldn't come from our property taxes. If ot does we should have more to say about it.	1/24/2022 5:41 PM
269	Where is none of the above. Defund. Put the money into social programs the actual reduce crime. End poverty and homelessness!	1/24/2022 5:40 PM
270	I am most upset about the present police pension plan. I think it’s outrageous that the pension plan is based on total earnings (including huge amounts of very expensive overtime) rather than base salary. This is completely unfair to the taxpayers and not sustainable.	1/24/2022 5:25 PM
271	Police funding should be based on need, not financial factors. Budgets for increased policing are needed when crime rises. When crime falls off, reductions can be considered. It's not about inflation or taxes, it's about public safety.	1/24/2022 3:35 PM
272	The police serve an important role in the safety of the people of Winnipeg. So must be maintained.	1/24/2022 2:49 PM
273	If the police require more funding, perhaps selling the armoured vehicle or the helicopter or the robot dog. Winnipeg is not a big enough city to support this unnecessary purchases made by police. The answer here is defund and abolish this power structure. Focus this funding back into the community and social projects instead of wasting it on this.	1/24/2022 2:22 PM
274	Collective agreements/unions always exaggerate & demand too much.	1/24/2022 2:20 PM
275	Instead of increasing the funding a great deal, is it possible to distribute the funds differently? Maybe eliminate/alter some services, while giving more weight to others? Example, could the Cadets pick up people who are intoxicated (deal with issues that pose little risk, or guard people in hospitals) thus, freeing the officers to focus more on top priority issues.	1/24/2022 12:57 PM
276	None of the options listed includes a firm, dramatic decrease to the police budget, which much of the public has expressed interest in. I believe the police budget should be drastically decreased and funds reallocated to community services and groups, which are proven to be much more effective in promoting public wellbeing and safety. Winnipeg's police budget is widely overinflated, and I would rather see money going to things like actually-affordable housing for impoverished Winnipegers, physical and mental health support systems, the sustaining of public space and services for low income Winnipegers, etc.	1/24/2022 12:41 PM
277	I would like to see more innovation in determining the police budget. Preferably, less money on police services would be needed and more money spent on underlying causes of crime, such as poverty reduction strategies. I don't want to see other city services cut because of a rising police budget.	1/24/2022 12:25 PM
278	Reduce wasteful spending, wages should be frozen for at least 3 years, change pension funding, eliminate OT from pension, eliminate accumulated sick time, use the police for actual policing and not as social workers.	1/24/2022 11:39 AM
279	Wages for civilian positions within WPS be in line with other City of Winnipeg wages-ex: clerical, IT. Perks such as free bus passes for civilian positions should be removed and stay in line with the rest of the civil service.	1/24/2022 11:33 AM
280	Too much of our overall budget goes to police specifically, and emergency services generally. Forty-five percent of operating budget for emergencies is irresponsible fiscal management, and speaks to the deeply entrenched problems with the WPS. When would this be ok for any business, or family? This indicates a crisis, and is not sustainable in any way. As someone who has also worked for the City, it is clear to me that the WPS are also accustomed to getting the nicest equipment, from gym equipment to chairs and tables, while other departments are used to getting WPS hand-me-downs. The contrast is quite shocking, and speaks again to the culture of entitlement that exists in WPS. Expenses should have a maximum threshold of a % of the City’s operating budget, which should be significantly lower	1/24/2022 11:26 AM

	than our current proportion. A five year plan to cap WPS at 20-25% and emergency services overall at 40% would be a step, in tandem with directing those funds to orgs who can deliver community supports at lower cost. As ***redacted*** has made clear to council on various occasion, systems of community care such as Main Street Project are much better value for the money where they exist; a portion of police funding should be shifted to these types of community organizations, regardless the option chosen.	
281	No more tax increases, and look for cost cutting measures, instead (I'm sure there are plenty of areas that are no-value added to the tax paying citizens)	1/24/2022 11:07 AM
282	I selected model 5 because it's the only option that suggests that police funding could decrease over time. I feel strongly that the city should be looking to decrease funding to the police and increase funding to other social services and supports that are shown to do a better job of actually increasing public safety.	1/24/2022 10:35 AM
283	Rather than begin with the budget, begin with a review of police services paying attention to the crossover into community work such as work with substance abuse, mental health and homelessness. All of these issues take up a considerable amount of police attention but they address the symptoms and not the source issues which are poverty and disenfranchisement of marginalized people such as Indigenous and newcomers. Safe injection sites, more affordable housing and employment training would be more effective ways to address those issues than sending out a patrol car.	1/24/2022 9:51 AM
284	The current model would work if the police were not so self centered and held the power. Every year, they blow their budget with overtime etc and then because the police have the ability to arbitrate their disputes the City is always in a losing position, that needs to change!	1/24/2022 8:56 AM
285	Livy the Provincial Government to allow the Police to fund cost of weapons, cars, uniforms, training through property forfeiture. They seize it they benefit! WPS investigation 80% into WPS fund 20% to the Province.	1/24/2022 12:01 AM
286	The police department needs to be given sufficient funds to operate properly. The City should give #1 priority to the police budget, with the remainder of the departments allowed to split the remainder. The police budget is vastly more important than the current "net zero" initiatives, or the active transportation budget - gut these & divert all funds to policing.	1/23/2022 10:35 PM
287	Why has the city not looked at the RCMP for policing? The Federal govt has all the required infrastructure that Wpg is duplicating, from a training academy to systems mgmt to executive mgmt. Having duplicate policing services and specialized sections/duties in the same province is costly when the rcmp could provide these and the province would contribute more to that funding for the city. As well, the rcmp doesn't have an expensive liability in an "overtime-included" pension plan and have many things funded by the Federal govt. The rcmp would likely save us millions. They successfully police other major cities. Provinces and municipalities are conducting policing reviews. Why isn't Wpg? The rcmp is likely the most affordable option for this city with significant savings that can either be used to lower taxes, improve the city, or fund other things that are underfunded. What could save more money?	1/23/2022 8:30 PM
288	The problem in my opinion is the lax attitude the courts employ in sentencing repeat offenders that take up to much of police resources year after year	1/23/2022 5:53 PM
289	Police funding should be significantly decreased and instead funding should be spent on increasing well-being of marginalized communities.	1/23/2022 5:22 PM
290	Safety is important. They need to be funded to do their job. stop getting them to do other peoples jobs so they can police	1/23/2022 4:52 PM
291	There should be no political interference for or against basic safety services. This includes current looby groups. Service and saftey should be protected	1/23/2022 4:41 PM
292	Why should I pay more for police services using any source or funding method? My job with the province hasn't given me a raise in 7 years, so maybe they should do without funding increases too. The source or method of funding is irrelevant, without having more information about how the money will be spent. For example, I would like to know what percentage of the current budget is spent on dealing with people whose real needs are mental health and housing support, and I would want to know what the plan is for reducing police involvement in those matters so that more time can be spent protecting the general public. I don't want to see any more of my money going into police dealing with mental health, housing and related issues. It seems like there is no traffic enforcement in this city. I can go weeks without seeing a police	1/23/2022 2:01 PM

	car on the roads. Lots and lots of people on their cell phone or smoking pot while they drive. Speeding, driving recklessly, etc. I want police funding to go toward everyday protection of average citizens (maybe some officers outside of downtown would be nice), since not all taxpayer money comes from downtown. I would reject any funding model that does not come with a plan to redirect some services away from policing to other agencies who would be more appropriate to deal with mental health, housing and related issues.	
293	Allow the police service to use or allocate monies, assets seized from criminal organizations to offset the cost of required equipment and rent paid (and repairs for buildings that were clearly unfit for use).	1/23/2022 11:30 AM
294	Options needs to include the option of decreasing the budget for police funding. WPS already takes over 25% of the city budget and are being paid to do tasks that they aren't competent or trained to do. People working in non profits and even health care operate at a fraction of the cost. WPS are policing poverty and money would be more sustainable spent by investing in creating systemic change - $ for housing, mental health and addictions etc.. The cost of the purchase and operating the helicopter is not sustainable.	1/23/2022 9:10 AM
295	There has to include extra funding for the police should the needs of department change in the fiscal year. No one can predict the future and the department may require extra during the fiscal year.	1/23/2022 5:31 AM
296	The wages are out of control for WPS and WFPS. No model is sustainable unless something is done about the number of staff and the amounts they make, or unless the City can find ways to increase revenues. One of the biggest problems for both departments is number of staff. Both would likely want more staff to accomplish more, but that means adding more money to the fund that is already unsustainable. The property taxes should be increased rather than making attempts to keep them frozen. If everything else is increasing in price whether it's house values, groceries, products and services, cars, etc, then it makes sense that property tax would go up too. If this is also the only real way for the City to create revenue to pay for the salaries, then it has to be done and I am ok with that, but new methods to control salaries should be considered during negotiations. A 2% increase year over year isn't much when you're making $60000/year compared to $120000/year. Perhaps the increases could be more for lower wage employees as these are the people who will have a harder time managing the inflation of all other things.	1/22/2022 8:32 PM
297	City funding models need to better incorporate research-based methods of reducing the need for policing in the first place by addressing the root causes of the calls (e.g., poverty, mental illness, addiction).	1/22/2022 8:02 PM
298	I don't mind paying increased taxes for public safety, and also for better maintained public spaces (parks, arenas, pools, etc), and also for active transportation infrastructure to reduce congestion / reduce greenhouse gas emissions / increase physical fitness opportunities / defer building more expensive motor vehicle infrastructure / increase the livability of the city.	1/22/2022 7:25 PM
299	Fund social programs and defund the police. Fund mental health support workers and cut the police force down to a fraction of what it is now.	1/22/2022 7:15 PM
300	***redacted***. Where are the options to decrease funding? Tying to property tax revenue? Really? This is incredibly tone-deaf and the City of Winnipeg should be embarrassed for being so insulting to its citizens	1/22/2022 3:16 PM
301	No options seems good, we should diversity the police budget into resources and services that truly help people in need (mental health, grassroots, education) the police budget should steadily go down each year	1/22/2022 2:46 PM
302	Model is the most acceptable because it leaves open the possibility of shifting soe of the current police budget over to other services to be delivered by other agencies - city operated or NGO operated. It's current problem is that this is not what has been happening.	1/22/2022 1:41 PM
303	Move around some money within the service and winnipeg's budget in general but you can't cut the budget until proper supports are in place. The crime rate is too high to take from the police budget. Focus more on preventative measure before even considering taking from the police supports.	1/22/2022 1:21 PM
304	Calls for service would be a good indicator.	1/22/2022 12:56 PM
305	The police department is over funded. Do they need a helicopter and an attack truck….NO!	1/22/2022 12:42 PM

	Police personnel are overpaid. They make more than the average Winnipegger does. This makes them an elitist force that cannot relate to an average citizen .	
306	There should have been an option discussing a way to decrease the police budget.	1/22/2022 12:08 PM
307	The city of Winnipeg firstly needs to address the issue of paying back the money taken from the police pension. Secondly, defunding or reducing a police budget is irresponsible as Winnipeg has become a violent city and a police presence and action is required - that takes trained officers and money.	1/22/2022 10:17 AM
308	Give the police less money and fund more mental health and addictions resources	1/22/2022 10:16 AM
309	The levy is the most appalling model, does the city or planners not understand it is the same pockets they are stealing from? Manitobans and especially winnipegers cannot afford more taxes or ‘levies”. Budgets like for households should be dependent on what is coming in. I am certain there is bureaucratic red tape that is costing the taxpayer millions of dollars. And decreasing the amount of police has not worked well for states and cities that have done that like Minneapolis, Chicago, LA and so many more.	1/22/2022 9:13 AM
310	All of these models are unacceptable and cater to the police and what they perceive the need to be, rather than the actual need of the communities they are supposed to serve. I believe a better approach would be to increase funding to community social services based on what those organizations say that they need and are lacking. The policing budget should be secondary to this, as increasing services and community outreach programming would significantly decrease the need for police and their "services". These options all INCREASE dangers within communities. People don't feel safe around police, and officers don't act safely around people.	1/22/2022 8:51 AM
311	I’m fine with the current council allocated budget option, but many responsibilities that currently fall to police should be reallocated. The model of what the WPS is responsible for needs to be completely rethought - money should be diverted to social services and mental health supports. Both police and citizens are often put in dangerous situations due to the default option of calling police rather than having culturally appropriate deescalation options.	1/22/2022 8:32 AM
312	Fund adequately as crime goes up. The only way to get ahead of it	1/22/2022 8:10 AM
313	I would like to see some of this funding diverted to alternative response services.	1/22/2022 3:28 AM
314	Put funding into non police response groups such as for mental health cals and wellness checks	1/22/2022 12:28 AM
315	Need to reduce overtime (a major cost and unknown as it adds to what is the negotiated salary as well as pension payments). To further reduce police work load and costs Winnipeg should create crisis response teams (one specially trained WPS officer teamed with one mental health worker) to do health checks and to respond to mental health calls like Hamilton uses. As featured on ***redacted***.	1/21/2022 11:39 PM
316	I'm Interested in models not described here ... Models that see a fresh approach to policing that is more community based and collaborates more with other public services. Interested in that budget being more allocated to community nerds and social needs vs punitive approaches.	1/21/2022 11:26 PM
317	Funding should go to root causes of crime rather than enforcement. Support at risk communities. Support mental health.	1/21/2022 11:11 PM
318	Defund the police and refund social services	1/21/2022 10:48 PM
319	Budget set each year plus inflation and increase to resources as required. There should be NO BUDGET CUTS. Our police have not received the support they deserve.	1/21/2022 8:58 PM
320	A public safety levy is a reasonable response only if it is targeted to the wealthiest. Working people and the poor cannot afford any increased levies or taxation with wages falling and social assistance frozen (no increases here tied to inflation). Do no generalize but instead target the richest Manitobans and large corporations who benefit the most from policing. Use funds these funds to hire social workers and mental health workers to work alongside police during wellness checks and social matters where de-escalation and crisis intervention skills would be more efficacious. Stop criminalizing poverty and mental illness; It will only create more problems. We need a tax base to support eroded social and health services, basic	1/21/2022 8:28 PM

	incomes and living wages. Policing will never be the answer in growing inequity. Only taxation of the wealthiest will do that.	
321	I'm tired of all this defund the police crap. Have these people in this city read the news or seen the stats on crime. They need an increase hands down. Cutting budget isn't an option.	1/21/2022 8:21 PM
322	It is the cities job to provide public safety. The police are hard working men and women who deserve the best available funding to provide safety to the officers and staff as well as the public. The officer burnout rate is astounding given a large amount of criminal activity. They do not have enough support. More money should be spent hiring more officers and giving them resources on the job and providing them more mental health services given the general populations negative outlook largely due to the shootings in America. The officers should be asked what they need to be given for faster response times and what can be done. Officer and public safety should be the number one concern in the city along with healthcare.	1/21/2022 8:18 PM
323	Evaluate types of calls that police waste time on attending.	1/21/2022 8:15 PM
324	Seizure of any money from proceeds of crime should go directly to WPS instead of RCMP or federal government	1/21/2022 8:10 PM
325	Increasing funding to community services would reduce the need for police services in the first place, as well as protect vulnerable communities who are known to be negatively impacted by policing	1/21/2022 7:47 PM
326	Defund police	1/21/2022 7:19 PM
327	shouldn't have to choose a funding model in this survey to continue. defund the police. invest in mental health crisis unit.	1/21/2022 7:10 PM
328	Still need to determine what are the role of policing should be. Then look at the funding.	1/21/2022 6:27 PM
329	Sell the helicopter!!! Sell the armoured vehicle. No military equiprment to be used. DEFINITELY change the way that welfare incidents are handled.	1/21/2022 6:23 PM
330	Take funding away for services that do not need to be managed by police. 911 communication centre and mental health support.	1/21/2022 6:07 PM
331	Decrease the amount of funding they receive. We have the highest funding requirement per capita. Question 9 should allow for a none of the above. This is a skewed question, I do not want to chose ANY of the responses.	1/21/2022 5:54 PM
332	What is currently being used is fine up to a point. We need more police presence especially in certain areas. Maybe some things that police do now can be assigned to other groups of individuals so police can actually do what's necessary to make this city safer. Our crime is rising faster than is acceptable and the downtown is especially affected. Could cadets play a larger role? Bear Clan is also underutilized. Maybe they could be given more responsibilities.	1/21/2022 5:34 PM
333	Stop giving so much money to welfare and social programs. If that happened the city would have lots of money for the police to protect the people of Winnipeg that actually work and pay tax's.	1/21/2022 5:10 PM
334	Stop giving so much money to roads cause they are trash anyway and social programs that don't work and there will be plenty of money for Police Services	1/21/2022 5:06 PM
335	City council needs to push back on much they spend on overtime. Many police officers will stay out in the field on purpose in order to get overtime. Overtime should be limited. Officers should not be able to double their salary in a year in overtime.	1/21/2022 4:48 PM
336	Police need to be defunded. Police do not prevent crime. Funds should be going to community programs, programs that help people access housing, going thru mental health crisis, harm reduction services, access to food programs, education. Police budget needs to be reduced. I also have major concerns with police funding being tied to property taxes. I only selected option 5 because it was the only option that isnt giving the police a budget increase. This survey is giving people the impression that they have a say in this matter however all of the funding models proposed are unacceptable.	1/21/2022 4:39 PM
337	we need to fix this system	1/21/2022 4:31 PM
338	Redistribute funds away from police towards other harm-reduction city services.	1/21/2022 4:28 PM

339	Can the province assist with any of the costs? Why are the costs so high? Police department needs to be more vigilant about their spending.	1/21/2022 4:28 PM
340	I'm not going to rant about defunding the police but let's be honest, police are aggressive. They're trained to view every citizen around them as a potential threat, that fear drives violence in the name of self-defense. The police are the worst response to a **redacted** meth crisis. Diverting funding gradually, over time, towards evidence based decisions with democratic oversight towards housing, addictions help, healthcare, outreach and training for better reaponses to these situations will decrease petty crime and violence. Reserving the police for armed assailants, human traffickers, organized crime and traffic enforcement on this premise would protect citizens from the most violent and habitual architects of human suffering while simultaneously protecting and alleviating the suffering of people going through hard times.	1/21/2022 4:16 PM
341	The WPS provides a valuable service to residents our City -it is imperative that they are provided appropriate wages, and supplies to protect and serve.	1/21/2022 4:04 PM
342	The City needs to take a hard line and start reducing the police budget annually until it reaches an amount that is sustainable. That the police now consume more than 1/4 of the city budget is completely unacceptable, unsustainable and unjust. City politicians have to finally stand up and announce, we're not going to do this anymore. We can't afford to. Police salaries are way out of line relative to other jobs, out of touch with economic realities. This has to stop.	1/21/2022 3:42 PM
343	Public oversight and decision making of the police budget. Expenses and purchases made by wps (tank, robot dog, helicopter etc) should be publicly discussed and approved prior to being done. Review of police budget, expenses, revenue and capital should be done: eg cost vs effectiveness vs efficiency.	1/21/2022 3:24 PM
344	Perhaps the police pensions should not include overtime. I understand this is what is happening. This is not what happens with other collective bargaining units,ie nurses.Would this help with costs?	1/21/2022 3:15 PM
345	Why is the budget automatically increased, why not take the police budget and fund social programs and supports.	1/21/2022 3:02 PM
346	Is there a way to know where police time is spent? Is it in crisis management with street people? Catching law breakers? Could other professionals be involved in the activities that police are currently doing?	1/21/2022 2:54 PM
347	Defund the police over the course of a bit each each, and invest those funds into more advanced social services, and housing and transport infrastructure	1/21/2022 2:38 PM
348	City council needs to listen to the Winnipeggers who are most vulnerable, living in poverty, living with daily racialized violence, who are the most victimized by the Winnipeg police service. City council must defund the police and reallocate funds toward social services including safe injection sites, actual safe and affordable housing for everyone, newcomer services, autonomy for those living with disabilities, free education, health care, small scale food production, and small business.	1/21/2022 2:28 PM
349	I think it's time to FREEZE Police wages for a few years just like they froze the wages of nurses and corrections officers. The Police are very well paid for what they do. A wage freeze for a few years would not hurt them. What would hurt though is to further tax the people of Winnipeg who are already at their breaking point.	1/21/2022 1:44 PM
350	Yes; decrease the police budget and focus on other outreach, such as mental health, safe drug use and harm reduction, education, improved social services	1/21/2022 1:25 PM
351	No	1/21/2022 1:09 PM
352	Efficiencies need to be examined. Are there ways of providing services that could be done without incurring additional costs like overtime and still honor collective agreements.	1/21/2022 12:58 PM
353	There are community needs that need to be addressed in Winnipeg. A portion of Property tax revenues need to be allocated to community response to addiction and safe housing initiatives in Winnipeg. Winnipeg is Policing Poverty. When we can start to address root causes, then the expense of our Police system will go down. It cannot continue to go up. Winnipeg is getting poorer. Policing Poverty will continue to get more expensive.	1/21/2022 12:56 PM
354	In my opinion, these questions miss the most important point to consider as a city. What we	1/21/2022 12:52 PM

	should be asking is: Should we be tasking the WP with all the responsibilities we currently do? If the answer is no, then some of those tasks can be completed by other members and organizations in our community. One result of this would be to lower costs for the WP. Shifting responsibilities to people and organizations better equipped to deal with certain tasks will also result in better city services and better support for at-risk members of our community. The net savings to the city is one of many benefits.	
355	We need the police. Taking away money from them puts our police services in a terrible position. Reducing the amount of police on the streets is a bad idea. With the amount of crime we have in winnipeg and Manitoba we need police	1/21/2022 12:42 PM
356	I think police budgets should be based on need, right now we desperatly need more police, that may change as more police solve issues at a greater rate.	1/21/2022 12:27 PM
357	Police should not be doing wellness checks.	1/21/2022 11:32 AM
358	I was unable to attend the town hall meeting on this issue, but I strongly believe that funding to Winnipeg Police Service should decrease over time. The funding taken from the police budget should be increasingly spent on community investments.	1/21/2022 11:28 AM
359	Police budgets have to be correlated to the needs of the police service and the public who requires them, not the health of the economy.	1/21/2022 11:25 AM
360	This survey is flawed and skewed towards selecting a model that would increase the police budget. The data in the background materials is confusing --- it is hard to discern that Option 5 is actually showing a decrease compared to an increase -- where the net impact is an increase in the police budget when compared to the previous year. I don't have any faith that this is an authentic consultation process and worry that this simply an exercise to legitimize a predetermined outcome.	1/21/2022 11:21 AM
361	All of these options assume status quo in terms of police structure and operations. There needs to be much more robust conversation on the role and operation of the police service overall, rather than just bottom line budget numbers. Come up with and present creative ideas on how to reform police structures and/or other options that would reduce the burden on the current model - then we can talk about how to set budgets.	1/21/2022 11:11 AM
362	The police budget makes up far too much of the overall city's budget. Instead of looking at funding models, looking at how the city is meeting safety objectives needs to be re-examined.	1/21/2022 11:10 AM
363	All of these don't address 2 problems. They don't address the pension which is not by over 50%. It also does not look at how the police choose to allocate officers.	1/21/2022 11:04 AM
364	I want to see the budget decreased and money diverted to community resources. It's very frustrating that that isn't an option on this survey. The police budget is much too big and needs to be cut.	1/21/2022 10:46 AM
365	Determine max salaries for executives. Budget needs to be put to use to assist those who have less. Child poverty and homelessness.	1/21/2022 10:44 AM
366	No police person should be making a salary of over $100 000 a year, just supervisors. Limit over time, to many cops are making way to much money. Its very obvious if you look at the City of Winnipeg yearly salary survey. When constables are making over $150 000 a year there's a problem? They should also not be getting wage increases like everyone else in this city.	1/21/2022 9:57 AM
367	Please continue to look at directing requests for service, that do not require Police Officers, to other agencies, i.e. Community Patrols, neighbourhood advocacy groups.	1/21/2022 9:54 AM
368	Has a zero based funding/budgeting process been considered where the police justify budget from the ground up each year?	1/21/2022 9:46 AM
369	Police funding have to be increase to pegged inflation accordingly.	1/21/2022 9:44 AM
370	Decrease the police budget. Direct funds to community outreach and wellness initiatives.	1/21/2022 9:40 AM
371	I understand special interest groups want to defund police. I do not believe they understand that the criminals are not subject to defunding and end up with sophisticated weaponry. It is easy to focus on hot button topics while not understanding what police functions do until it affects them in a trauma related incident.	1/21/2022 9:40 AM

372	Police increase in wages, overtime and pension plan have contributed to WPS having a very high per capita expenditures as compared to other big cities in Canada	1/21/2022 9:35 AM
373	Elect city politicians that see the value in safety and security provided by the police	1/21/2022 9:31 AM
374	Based on the models proposed it appears that the salaries/collective agreements are the biggest portion of their budget. Would it not make sense to reduce the # of individuals per vehicles, like many other Canadian cities, to reduce the budget for this department?	1/21/2022 9:30 AM
375	Reduce police funding through reallocation of assets to community funded and models.	1/21/2022 9:28 AM
376	None of the above. I do not think the Police budget should be expanding at all. I believe it should be going to fund social services in underserved communities as we have seen more policing does not equal less crime. Police should also not be responding to things like wellness checks, so resources to fund programs that better provide these services should become more of a priority.	1/21/2022 9:22 AM
377	I think its pretty pathetic city council can't manage their own affairs without playing politics in the media.	1/21/2022 9:21 AM
378	I think there needs to be an audit of policing overall and costs need to be reallocated and policing needs to be re-thought	1/21/2022 9:13 AM
379	Why is there no option for the police budget to be decreased and those funds reallocated to community services. A budget freeze or decrease is the best case scenario while council figures out how to allocate funds to community services that are better equipped to respond to some calls vs. the police.	1/21/2022 8:59 AM
380	Funding Model 1 is the best option, but I have not selected it as the city has failed to adhere to this model year over year. Funding Model 6: Ideally, the City sets a FIXED % of the budget for Emergency services. The high powered WPA and UFFW don't seem to care about the taxpayers of this City. This model would still allow for growth as City revenues increase, but provide a limited amount of funds available for collective agreement increases. Politicians have been reckless approving CA wage and benefit increases for Police and Fire to the detriment of the taxpayers, other City departments and employees. Controlling pension costs by altering the bylaw to bring the WPA pension plan into line with the Civic plan is a MUST.	1/21/2022 8:53 AM
381	Commercial property tax should increase to subsidize city costs	1/21/2022 8:38 AM
382	The police receives too much money from the city. Money needs to be allocated to social services that help keep people out of custody.	1/21/2022 8:27 AM
383	Not one of these options does the majority of Winnipeggers any good. In fact it seems that the primary focus of every option is to make it easy for City Hall to allocate funds instead of doing the hard work of finding out what needs to be funded. ***redacted***.	1/21/2022 8:25 AM
384	These are narrow minded funding models. Also, there should be an option to choose none. This questions forces people to choose between 5 horrible options.	1/21/2022 8:12 AM
385	Defund the police and provide the funds to other social and wellness sectors. If main things force is necessary in the present time, determine it based on population. And have far fewer police per capita than you currently do.	1/21/2022 7:48 AM
386	I think the budget needs to be based on need and best responses to problems that police are currently being asked to solve when they aren't qualified nor interested. Policing should be about actual crime, not poverty, mental health, or nuisance calls. These questions and models don't reflect that.	1/21/2022 7:47 AM
387	Rather than assuming that police funding needs to be increased annually, why don't we make them raise their own money by, for example, selling off some of the military style equipment they've acquired or actually introducing some efficiencies, accountability and common sense into the work that they do do - including removing responsibility for things that should not be done by cops, e.g., mental health checks.	1/21/2022 7:24 AM
388	Question nine should have none of the above on it. Also there should be a claw back of funds to be allocated towards low income housing, addictions and more mental health professionals to tackle wellness checks	1/21/2022 7:22 AM
389	- the industry I work in hasn't received an increase in almost a decade. Why should the police index to inflation if the rest of us are experiencing austerity. - the goals of the police budget	1/21/2022 6:33 AM

	should be to shrink the police service and redirect those funds to systems that truly make us safer and problem solved poverty, mental health and addictions without violence. - if the wealthy want the police service to be glorified rent-a-cops who guard their property then let them pay for it. The current model has low income Manitobans paying to guard property they don't have access too and for services that don't benefit them. At the very least it's inequitable. -raises should be tied to measurable success using non-violent crisis intervention and de-escalation techniques.	
390	We need to tax businesses more and use those taxes to pay for the WPS. WPS is an essential service that maintains peace and decorum in our communities. They need proper funding! Do not pull the rug out from under them. No police = Chaos in our city!!!	1/20/2022 11:54 PM
391	I don't understand why the discourse is solely around policing. Policing is reactionary, not preventative. Money should be redirected towards long-term, preventative, sustainable options that improve the overall health and safety of our community. Policing is an outdated system derived on a power structure and hierarchy that has clearly proven to be ineffective, and costly. We should be replacing that system with ones that actually make a tangible difference.	1/20/2022 11:27 PM
392	We pay taxes for services such as police, fire, transit, water and waste, public services we don't pay taxes to bank roll organizations that do not provide services to all the citizens. You can't keep coming to citizens as their income isn't progressing and increasing at the rates that the city keeps increasing costs of services. The crime rate in Winnipeg is getting worse and as for community based involvement all I see is no decrease in issues just the same if not more money being wasted. This city and province needs to make people who break the law be held accountable for their actions and the tax payers shouldn't have to pay the price.	1/20/2022 11:24 PM
393	The police budget should be decreased, and these funds should be moved into community-based safety programs (i.e. Bear Clan) and poverty alleviation efforts (e.g. housing first initiatives, safe confumotion sites, etc.).	1/20/2022 9:34 PM
394	I am in support of the police aircraft being stopped, reducing the budget significantly, and also strategic and effective movement of the aircraft amount plus about 20% more - over the next three years - of police funds being shifted over to community / mental health / poverty reduction and other services that address the root causes of crime.	1/20/2022 9:15 PM
395	Safety, response times, updated technology and reduction in crime should be city's #1 priority - if this means increasing %age of city's budget to police, I would support this.	1/20/2022 8:02 PM
396	The time to cut funding to the Police is not now. They are very needed.	1/20/2022 7:55 PM
397	For question 9; None of the above should be an option. So please remove my answer and change it to none of the above.	1/20/2022 7:21 PM
398	Lawsuits against police should be partially paid by taxpayers and partially by the officer being sued	1/20/2022 6:45 PM
399	should adopt the concept of social enterprise where non profits are paid to work on social issues like addictions, homeless issues, crime prevention. Positive results in this could be measured which would result in savings in emergency services like policing, 1st responder calls, etc These savings would be used to reimburse the non profits and come out of the corresponding budgets resulting in overall savings over time	1/20/2022 6:30 PM
400	All of these options assume an increase. There is no comparison to other cities of this size, crime rates, the need to address social issues that require different skills and remedies than law enforcement.	1/20/2022 6:13 PM
401	You haven't mentioned that most of this money is going to early retirement for these officers they've been doing a lousy job they won't come to your house if it's broken into they can't even stop people from using bus shelters as their residence plus they're also after Joe public and rely too much on traffic tickets and rip off radar. the choices you gave us in this survey weren't exactly Fair there should be other options than what you have provided	1/20/2022 5:29 PM
402	Funding should be decreased in favour of supporting housing, mental health supports, etc	1/20/2022 4:15 PM
403	no matter which option, we need more police to address the raising rates of incidents that are occurring,, and we need more "boots on the ground" patrols	1/20/2022 3:37 PM
404	A better option would be to defund some services and increase funding to social service agencies. As well, there should be significant changes in the negotiated salary and benefit	1/20/2022 3:30 PM

	contact: Overtime should not be counted in salary for the purpose of calculating pension; outside jobs (e.g., security for private firms) should not count toward salary for pension; early retirement provisions should be modified; police officers' pension contributions should increase and the city's contributions should decrease	
405	None of these are suitable models. The entire structure needs to be re-worked, from the top down. I personally know far too many officers making in excess of $100,000 per year before overtime - and that doesn't even factor in their time worked vs time off (some work less than a 30 hour week), annual leave, sick leave and other bank time options, along with annual uniform points (which most of them do not need each year). The perks are endless, the pay outrageous and the pension is far more than most people working make in a given year. It has to stop - it's simply unsustainable.	1/20/2022 3:18 PM
406	Inflation and if needed a public safety levy make the most sense to me. Care needs to be taken when dealing with unions because they can hold the public hostage and do not always work in the best interest of the majority of union members or the public	1/20/2022 1:16 PM
407	all funds recognized through the sale of confiscated property(as a result of crime) become the benefit of the Police Service(for the use of additional equipment only)	1/20/2022 12:59 PM
408	Police shouldn't need an increase of wages equivalent to inflation every year as no other city department receives inflation equivalent wage increases. Our city is too small to have a continuous increase when crime rates aren't sky rocketing year by year. It's disgusting. Also pensionable Overtime should be cut out. Last department that has it and for an officer to get pensionable double time to show up to court on their normal day off for handing out a ticket is ridiculous.	1/20/2022 12:29 PM
409	I would like a breakdown of HOW that 301 million is spent in order to better answer this survey.	1/20/2022 11:35 AM
410	Negotiations will determine wages/benefits... over 85% of budget is wages/benefits. To use Model 5 would be clear suicide by the city... Do an audit of the specialty units for how many really are working on average in their unit. Example, if you have 10 members on a platoon in a specialty unit how many on average are working per day when the audit looks at the entire year? If only 5-6 is the average for a particular unit why need 10? drop it to 7-8 members and you'd still have the average number found in the audit. Those 2-3 members you found could be added to the front lines that are so understaffed which would bring down the crime rate. If not added to the front lines then you could save 2-3 officer's salaries. Really, check it out and you'd be surprised if the audit is done correctly.	1/20/2022 11:23 AM
411	I AGREE WITTH NONE OF THESE. you ***redacted***, stop giving money to police and BUILD COMMUNITIES AND HELP PEOPLE ***redacted***	1/20/2022 11:06 AM
412	Where is the option to defund the police service? So much money is given to the police service for them to handle things that would be better taken care of by other Departments.	1/20/2022 11:02 AM
413	invest in the north end.. south end has more than enough at north end's expense.. walking/biking trails/ water parks more than abundant in south end but absent in north end.. no wonder theres so much **redacted** crime here. **redacted*	1/20/2022 10:45 AM
414	Stop Police Officer Overtime from being considered pensionable service. Pension should be based on base salary.	1/20/2022 10:37 AM
415	Cap overtime hours allowed	1/20/2022 9:50 AM
416	Reallocate a portion of funding from police to social workers, addictions treatments, etc. Funding the police more is not a sustainable way to alleviate crime in this city. Funding should be focused on preventative measures (family violence centres, addictions treatments, front line workers)	1/20/2022 9:41 AM
417	I like model 5, as I believe never again will property taxes go DOWN.	1/20/2022 9:08 AM
418	Start investing in our communities through grass roots efforts and mental health services. People do not have a positive view on police in Winnipeg and this is not a coincidence.	1/20/2022 8:51 AM
419	Police services have to improve. We have decided not to undertake any further capital investments until we see improved services.	1/20/2022 8:30 AM
420	We have the most overpaid, corrupt, and underworked police force in North america	1/20/2022 8:27 AM
421	Put policing back into the police service. Metal health concerns, homelessness, aboriginal	1/20/2022 4:16 AM

	issues, and public health concerns should NOT be a part of the policing model. Traffic tickets, catching bad guys/women, fraudulent investigations, and arrests, that should be the ONLY focus of our police service. Community engagement??? Leave that to our elected officials, not they people we need to actually protect us/Winnipegers and our families.	
422	Cap police pension to a reasonable amount and reduce benefits, and tax relief.	1/19/2022 11:22 PM
423	Police Funding moved to outreach and social programs	1/19/2022 10:07 PM
424	Consult criminologists and sociologists.	1/19/2022 9:52 PM
425	It would be of the city's best interest to cut down the budget and reallocate it somewhere else where it's deemed more progressive as well as help with the city's growth	1/19/2022 9:49 PM
426	Criminal asset forfeiture should fund policing, too. Impose stiffer fines on those convicted, and have those funds go to policing. Alternatively, defund the police and empower and arm civilians to handle matters on their own.	1/19/2022 8:47 PM
427	I would like for there to be more preventative policing and community outreach/services through the police. So not much to say about how the funding is determined, but feel strongly about how those funds are spent.	1/19/2022 8:25 PM
428	Defending police is a bad idea	1/19/2022 8:02 PM
429	Make the police service more efficient. For example, when responding to a call send less police. I've seen 6 officers show up to a call that would have required only 2 (comparing to what was done in the 1980's). Also, hire larger officers, which makes them more authoritative - today they are smaller, which might be a factor as to why you have to send many more.	1/19/2022 7:44 PM
430	The level of waste towards the police budget is absurd. I chose the first option but it ONLY works assuming the council has the power to decrease the budget to fund more important areas of the city government	1/19/2022 7:07 PM
431	Cut costs on spending for rapid transit, the human rights museum and other unnecessary expenses. Taxes are too high due to extensive squandering.	1/19/2022 6:36 PM
432	The City of Winnipeg police budget is unsustainable. Its taking too much from other departments, which are suffering from lack of funding	1/19/2022 6:15 PM
433	Defunding the police service is completely unacceptable and experienced officers will just leave for another agency. How about decreasing council wages and put money towards hiring and training more First Nations people in law enforcement. I'd like to see and hear how First Nations people would like to see improved policing before I'd accept councils proposals.	1/19/2022 5:30 PM
434	Renegotiate the contract and eliminate the overtime to their pensions. Also the Province should assist in more mental health professionals, services and structures to combat the use of police for these types of calls	1/19/2022 5:22 PM
435	Simply changing the funding structure does not address underlying issues with policing itself. To fund something that is inherently ineffective or unsustainable is to pre-determine every funding structure for it as ineffective or unsustainable. The point of changing the structure of funding the police to change how policing is done, to figure out what parts of policing need funding and what parts don't; and to figure out what new initiatives deserve funding. This survey is designed to produce an answer that no one is seeking. If policing could root out its systemic racism, it wouldn't matter how much money you gave them because it would have become an institution everyone respects. I chose the option that reduced funding because, as it stands right now, the institution that is policing in this city and country is not one that i think should be funded at all. It's a broken system and needs reform.	1/19/2022 4:11 PM
436	We should be cutting funding for the police and transferring these resources to support services for communities that diminish the need for police .. At the same time work at changing the police culture .	1/19/2022 4:02 PM
437	What duties are the police going to give up when their funding is maintained at current levels or is reduced?	1/19/2022 3:58 PM
438	These people are paid WAY too much for the nominal skillsets and basic fitness levels they bring to the table. I understand that this is a, potentially, dangerous job...but, when there are THOUSANDS of OVER-qualified people CLAMOURING for these jobs...they are OVER paid!! This *needs* to be reduced before any of the go-forward funding models are put in place.	1/19/2022 3:41 PM

	Traffic violation revenues *need* to be removed from the police general ledger. This is a MASSIVE conflict of interest for an already power-hungry and greedy cohort. WHY is the tax-base going broke DOUBLE funding police pensions?? I have no problem with the police receiving a pension. I have no problem with the tax-base matching employee contributions...but why are we DOUBLE-MATCHING employee contributions!!?? This *needs* to stop!!	
439	Winnipeg Police have been involved in gang violence, drugs, and other questionable activities. Its not safe. A complete overhaul of the system is required in order to sustain public trust.	1/19/2022 3:11 PM
440	The WPS budget has grown far too large as a percentage of the City budget and will be very difficult to reduce - the only method I see presented is tying it to property tax revenue. Other departments have been starved for too long. Reallocate WPS partially to appropriate roles to do a much better job and save money.	1/19/2022 2:32 PM
441	What we need is more foot patrol officers who walk the beat in the higher crime areas. This benefits not only the people who are worried about crime in their area but also children and teens who grow up with police around them. I have seen these foot patrol officers working with "street" kids and making a positive impact in their lives. This will only help with FUTURE crime. This is what shoukd be funded whatever means necessary.	1/19/2022 2:21 PM
442	It is time for the City of Winnipeg to get control of the Police (and other) costs, specifically benefits. The exorbitant pension costs and overtime costs have got to be brought under control. Why not grandfather the existing staff on their pension but all new staff get different pay rates and far less benefits? New civil servants get lower salaries at the City of Winnipeg why not Police and all staff. The current pay and benefits are not sustainable.	1/19/2022 1:59 PM
443	Cut the ridiculous social spending and put it into our infrastructure and services. If money solved societal issues then why do we have multiple generations of the same family on welfare? It’s not Winnipeg's responsibility do solve those issues	1/19/2022 1:51 PM
444	Start with honest people evaluating wps needs. I am a great citizen and I have only seen bad policing in the north end. I would immediately join a class action lawsuit against the city and the wps. Maybe the day will come.	1/19/2022 1:37 PM
445	All 5 are garbage. Let the tax payers decide on models, not the Police Force. They are bankrupting our city. Police don't reduce crime, they react to it.	1/19/2022 12:56 PM
446	Sorry, I do not feel qualified to respond	1/19/2022 12:49 PM
447	Need to focus on lowering costs of policing and redistributing funding to other services with professionals trained to attend to needs of marginalized in our community -- rather than over-policing them. Helicopter, armored vehicles, body cameras, and other technologies typical of US policing should not be purchased.	1/19/2022 12:04 PM
448	We should be seriously reconsidering the allocation of funds within the city and question why the WPS receives such a large share. Almost all of these options increase the policing budget without any evidence to support that this funding is warranted or effective in keeping communities safe. We should be investing in alternatives to policing such as safe housing, mental health services and harm reduction initiatives for substance use. Please support your city budget with evidence instead of values. We need to move towards utilizing other avenues to look after our communities.	1/19/2022 11:53 AM
449	There should be more options to refuse police over funding.	1/19/2022 10:47 AM
450	None of these models say anything about the right of the taxpayers and in fact all residents, to have input into what the budget is used for or what the savings would be dedicated to. Therefore, I found it hard to decide on a preferred model.	1/19/2022 9:55 AM
451	It would be helpful if you parse out the costs involved with adding mental health supports to respond to those types of calls. I support progressive tax structures and not regressive tax structures. The harms that have increased due to worsening social determinants of health have resulted in more calls for police assistance with homelessness and problems with substance use and this needs to be addressed as to how the city will respond	1/19/2022 8:17 AM
452	Policing is important, but funding isn't a blank cheque either. The current form isn't sustainable. Middle class families like myself are planning on moving outside the city, but will continue to use the city's infrastructure, resources, benefit from the city's policing, and not contribute	1/19/2022 7:53 AM

	financially to any of it due to where we live. Bottom line, police and fire funding HAVE to be made sustainable and brought under control.	
453	We elected are city councillors to make decisions, not play politics.	1/18/2022 8:53 PM
454	I don’t think that we need to pay for high paying positions in the police and fill pension. Most private employees in the city don’t have any retirement yet we pay for full pensions and overpaid admin positions in the police. Cap salaries and consider taxpayers.	1/18/2022 8:48 PM
455	The growing costs of the police budget is unsustainable. The police cause harm to our community and utilize precious resources that would be better spent on social services and harm reduction. Pensionable overtime should be negotiated out of the next collective agreement. Politicians should stop being fearful of the police union.	1/18/2022 7:51 PM
456	The last model is the most acceptable because the police budget is too large as it stands. They are serving areas that shouldnt/don't need to fall under police jurisdiction.	1/18/2022 7:45 PM
457	A model that reduces police funding on a yearly basis needs to be proposed and enacted. The police budget as it is, is to large and needs to be redistributed.	1/18/2022 7:22 PM
458	The "public safety" levy does not make any sense. Police have very little to do with public safety, rather community supports increase public safety. This questionnaire ignores the publics calls for more funding for community organizations and less police funding.	1/18/2022 7:17 PM
459	All these options assume annual increases in funding are necessary to increase or maintain public safety. I believe the police budget must be reduced in proportion to increased funding for social services that mitigate the need for police services. There appears to be little relationship between the significant increase in funding of police services in recent years and real public safety.	1/18/2022 6:56 PM
460	There is barely any option presented here to reprioritize. This unscientific survey exists almost within the realm of Incapacitation Security. Look, most people accommodate expansion of Incapacitation Security so long as it hamstrings Indigenous people. But if you promote, as you have done with this unscientific survey, an infinitely expanding police budget along with a background of repressed other incomes and working-class-only taxation, sure, it's fun for the Chamber of Commerce. But it moves quickly into the police incapacitating the entire working class, the majority of the people. What if Winnipeg decisionmakers prioritized funding capacitating security--childcare, education, health, recreation? Then it would incentivize Manitobans to train and educate themselves for constructive jobs. Stop fighting the war against Indigenous and other impoverished people. Start investing in human development. No one should care if men in policing feel like that will shrink their ***redacted***. Value humanity.	1/18/2022 6:24 PM
461	Definitely not Property taxes. Not everyone owns property but everyone is entitled to police service. Pension and overtime should not be factors in determining budget	1/18/2022 5:43 PM
462	I'd like to see at least a 10% funding cut to the WPS budget every year for the next 10 years. That funding would be better spent in service to creating community safety if community services had that money.	1/18/2022 5:33 PM
463	There is no de-funding model, therefore no best option.	1/18/2022 5:28 PM
464	* THE POLICE CANNOT BE TRUSTED TO MAKE THEIR OWN BUDGET	1/18/2022 5:11 PM
465	Please do not undermine City Council's control of the police. City Council's discretion to allocate resources to services that proactively foster public safety rather than reacting is important.	1/18/2022 5:01 PM
466	- Budget should be set based first and foremost on an agreed set of priorities for police responsibilities, which may change from time to time, and should change based on public consultation, changing needs and council decisions - Inflationary increases are a separate matter and should be determined in concert with, and perhaps using the same methodology, as for other major city operational expenditures - The questions in this survey seem very oddly out of step with other city budgeting and appear to suggest a special case for policing without proposing any reasons - It is clear that inflation may affect different operational areas differently however that is a normal expectation and should be dealt with in normal budgeting processes across all activities in comparison, without making a priori special cases	1/18/2022 3:55 PM
467	defund the police entirely and redistribute their budget to crime prevention, wellness and access to housing and essential services	1/18/2022 3:25 PM

468	They shouldn’t recieve so much funding when the snow can’t even be shoveled and disabled people and children are struggling to get to places they need to go. Community services should be first and foremost, police are just bullies in uniforms	1/18/2022 3:13 PM
469	All of the models assume increases in spending on police. Police budgets should always be a political decision, not an automatic one. We should be transferring things police don't do well (wellness checks, mental health calls) to other publicly funded groups. Police should be encouraged to sell off militarized equipment (armoured vehicle, helicopter) to cut additional costs. Police unions shouldn't be allowed to lobby the public either, via warnings about what will happen if their budget isn't increased. Police also need to keep working on their training & culture. (I have relatives on the force, but also live in a heavily policed neighbourhood so I'm trying to see both sides.)	1/18/2022 2:04 PM
470	Police budget should not go down or stay the same when population is growing and crimes are increasing.	1/18/2022 1:48 PM
471	We need to view police as part of how we support Winnipegers and their needs, including poverty reduction services. Therefore I would like to see our police budget gradually be reduced as we gradually increase funding to service agencies. As we strengthen the capacity of all citizens (employment skills, mental health services, social services and housing,etc) we should see a reduction in crime and violence so would need less of our current policing. Talking about the police budget separately doesn’t help us see it’s place in our social services network.	1/18/2022 1:05 PM
472	We need to look at all the waiting that police do. Work on eliminating waste	1/18/2022 12:40 PM
473	You cannot put a price on public safety!! The police are a necessity and we must allow them to do their jobs	1/18/2022 12:39 PM
474	Police budgets have spiraled out of control due largely to high salaries. Why can't the city take some of the services away from the police and have them provided by private business at a lower cost. Less complicated situations. Some social services and radar traps as a couple of examples.	1/18/2022 12:17 PM
475	None of these models addresses the urgent need for Winnipeg to review the appropriateness of police as first responders to all situations. Rather than merely accepting the status quo, Winnipeg should undergo a thorough review of the need to expand the expertise of those who attend at calls such as mental health emergencies, wellness checks, and domestic disturbances to consider whether other people, with different training and expertise, should be attending at those calls. The failure of this survey to even consider that change is deeply disappointing.	1/18/2022 12:14 PM
476	Police funding must be done within the context of funding other programs that may have a direct impact on the need for police funding. That is, many social service programs, if properly funded, could in fact result in reduced police funding and improved services to citizens. Arresting people who have serious mental health concerns is not a long-term solution. Addressing issues related to poverty through increased policing doesn't reduce the number of people living in poverty and the associated crime rate. This is well established in research.	1/18/2022 11:51 AM
477	The amount of money our city spends on policing is absurd and should be decreased drastically. These funds could be used in much more useful ways that can actually work towards fighting poverty and preventing crime, rather than just reacting to it after the fact. Housing, social services, and compassionate options for people with mental illness or fighting addiction will always be far more useful than our police.	1/18/2022 11:50 AM
478	We need less police and policing, and much more poverty reduction and social work. The police are being asked to do far too many things. Time to move to a different service delivery model.	1/18/2022 11:44 AM
479	None of these options include defunding... why?	1/18/2022 11:42 AM
480	None of the options except #1 actually contemplate a reduction in share of the overall budget being allocated to police services. And #1 has not historically achieved that result, meaning that the WPS budget has grown, as a % of the budget, from around 16% in 2000 to 27% now. Why would we choose, as our starting point for options 2-5, that specific share of the budget as the right one? I am not opposed to an inflation-indexed funding formula (#2), or to locking in a share of the city budget (#5) but the baseline amount or share should be the subject of democratic deliberation, not just the amount or share that we happen to have in 2021. Except	1/18/2022 11:26 AM

	for option #1, all of the formulas take the current level or share of funding as a floor. This is totally unacceptable, as other public services are in desperate need of increased funding, and have been diminished over the past two decades relative to the WPS budget's share.	
481	Funding of preventive, community-based, restorative programs will bear more fruit in the long - run.	1/18/2022 11:25 AM
482	Police pension costs could be reduced by way of an agreement with the WPA to apply for solvency funding relief. All other civic employees have worked with the City and done this, so to should the City and the WPA. The City itself sought the arbitration system it currently has to settled wage and benefit talks with the WPA. The City should learn to operate within the arbitration system or get out of it. Lastly, services like the Police Helicopter and the military assualt vehcile, while some argue these are desirable, they are not critical to the functioning of the police service and these police services shoudl be ended.	1/18/2022 11:11 AM
483	I believe that the police organization should be audited. Not financially, but training and equity wise.	1/18/2022 10:57 AM
484	Redirect funding away from the police to social services and supports.	1/18/2022 10:56 AM
485	I think it's important to keep the police budget under the direct control of City Council, so that they can set the police budget based on the needs and desires of the citizens of Winnipeg and in response to new developments. Automatically calculating funding, as the four new models suggest, would result in citizens having less say over policing in their city, and I think would just result in budgets that don't reflect the actual needs of the city and the police department.	1/18/2022 10:56 AM
486	funding based on the high crime rates in our province allow the force to do their job based on crimes being committed No special treatment being given to some criminals dictated by the city. Let them do their job and pay them accordingly	1/18/2022 10:44 AM
487	Have lower paid civilians do some clerical work police do now, ie take reports at police station, take criminal record checks etc., have the police do the work on streets not paperwork.	1/18/2022 8:48 AM
488	you need to look at other jobs within the city of winnipeg like 911 and other service that are overpayed by thousands	1/18/2022 8:46 AM
489	None of these options are good or in the best interests of taxpayers. What about the impact on all the other city services, which have seen massive reductions as a result of excessive spending on police and fire services. Budgeting should be in line with other jurisdictions; and considering wages and benefits account for a huge amount of the polic budget this should be examined (eg pensionable overtime is ridiculous and police salaries have increased substantially more than other city depts and most of the private sector. Why is that? 27% of property tax for policing is not acceptable as a tax payer or sustainable for our city.)	1/18/2022 7:36 AM
490	You can't put a price on safety...Winnipeg doesn't have the greatest track record, not sure I want to see what it would be like without well trained, acceptably equipped police.	1/18/2022 7:17 AM
491	I believe the brave officers deserve at least 10% raise	1/18/2022 7:14 AM
492	City Council needs to be accountable for funding the police and all other services. They cannot offload the responsibility to some formula.	1/18/2022 5:26 AM
493	The problem with an inflation-based model is that it is disconnected from the taxpayer - we do NOT get inflationary increases, but an inflationary funding model will put pressure on property taxes that are paid by taxpayers. Police need to manage their spending just like the rest of us, in good times and in bad.	1/18/2022 4:28 AM
494	These options amount to different ways council can deflect responsibility for keeping police budgets accountable. There should not be automatic increases to any service model. The role of the police should be addressed here. The Police Service receives more and more funding year over year, and salaries and overtime skyrocket, but the department produces questionable results when it comes to improving lives of citizens. Their budget should be frozen for the foreseeable future while instead investments are made in other agencies and models to take the burden off police. Police officers are working hard but doing far too many things outside of proper scope. Mental health response units, drug harm reduction sites, funded housing programs, community reconciliation projects are just some of the areas that deserve the investment that otherwise keeps getting poured into law enforcement without sufficient return on investment. The City must also push the province to reform the	1/17/2022 11:59 PM

	Independent Investigation Unit (IIU) to have true authority to discipline or remove officers responsible for violence, racism and discrimination, etc.	
495	Go with the recommended funding but then look at heavy civiianization and degrees of danger pay. A Police Officer in SDO should not make the same wage as one in GP. Reduce full pension age to encourage senior officers on the street to retire rather than be put on jobs off the street that don't require their expertise.	1/17/2022 10:46 PM
496	All the ideas are terrible and lack the deep analytics required to come up with the best solutions. - wage increases for everyone making over 100k should be imposed until all officers, vehicles are equipped with cameras. Cameras need to be used NOT only when abuse is suspected, but should be used to also assure the public is getting great value for the dollar. Traffic enforcement is one of the main tools law enforcement has, and one of the main things it should be doing, yet Winnipeg has the worse traffic enforcement, and the worse drivers of anywhere in Canada or the USA. Bad traffic enforcement and bad drivers go hand-in- hand. So, not only would VERY heavy traffic enforcement make for safer streets, but would also lower our insurance rates, and provide millions of dollars in revenue for the city to fund the police. Some people say no one thing can solve the police budget issue, but they are wrong. Heavy traffic enforcement could bring in 10s of millions a year and would allow easy covering of the police budget with future inflation coverage.	1/17/2022 10:27 PM
497	Officer are paid to much. There should be a wage freeze for a couple years to compensate the growing budget	1/17/2022 9:54 PM
498	The Winnipeg Police Services must work closely with the City administration and the Province to develop a crime reduction program that will work beginning with poverty reduction all the way through to effective judicial actions	1/17/2022 9:49 PM
499	The city is run by incompetent EPC	1/17/2022 9:44 PM
500	A community cannot thrive if it's occupants feel unsafe. Police are required to be adequately funded to maintain peace and order.	1/17/2022 9:33 PM
501	Overtime hours should not be included in pension calculations. **** There needs to be a better solution to paying officers overtime to attend court hearings. Costs need to be controlled.	1/17/2022 8:05 PM
502	Police are inefficient, 8 hours to analyze a single car accident on Main St ?	1/17/2022 7:38 PM
503	Defund the police. There is so much more the city could be doing with the money that goes to police, that would have such greater impacts on poverty, homelessness, addictions, violence, gangs, and all of the other issues people who 'need to be policed' are struggling with. A minimum 25% cut in my opinion, and incrementally looking towards more cuts as community safety initiatives (alternatives to police) improve and strengthen over time.	1/17/2022 7:17 PM
504	Get the police pension under control. Whichever mayor allowed for pensionable overtime really hurt this city.	1/17/2022 4:48 PM
505	The status quo isn't working. Didn't we hear about how council doesn't actually have a lot of say in the police budget? when council asked the police to cut their budget, the police didn't? So i'm really not sure if Funding Model 1 is even accurate in the way this survey described it. There should be an option that decreases the police budget and increase community service budgets. Police should not be responding to wellness checks - police should not be responding to mental health concerns. Police have taken on too much. Police do not prevent crime, they respond to it. Without sufficient funding for housing, addictions support, Indigenous lead housing and supports - our city will not get better and our neighbours that struggle will continue to rotate between police, jails, shelters and the street. Do better winnipeg and be bolder winnipeg city council.	1/17/2022 4:43 PM
506	I am totally against automatic increase models. The WPS must provide a budget and stick to it not different than all other departments.	1/17/2022 3:56 PM
507	Coty council needs to take care of their own backyards first before trimming the police budget. You already fudge the numbers with rent and pension payments as it is.	1/17/2022 3:35 PM
508	next contract freeze on wages, no pensionable earnings on overtime. no paid overtime only time off at department heads discretion.	1/17/2022 3:23 PM
509	Restore trust in the communities and maybe people would be in favour of them.	1/17/2022 2:46 PM

510	police had no respect in their community's for a reason they definitely don't need anymore funding than they already have. Until they actually restore trust and safety why would you want to award them for horrible behaviour.	1/17/2022 2:14 PM
511	Cops are ***redacted*** and they shouldn't have big budgets considering they do absolutely nothing in this city. personally I think the whole police department should be defunded cuz there's no trust in community's based off what has happened in previous years.	1/17/2022 2:05 PM
512	In addition to Model 4 an annual lottery similar to the hospital lotteries now in place; a police gala each charging business per table; have a police hockey game against the Jets, Moose, etc. or even the media. These were common years ago. Also have huge stolen property garage sales annual at the convention centre.. That's a start!	1/17/2022 1:34 PM
513	The city continues to be held hostage to the police due to the escalating crime that they are encouraging through incompetent, machiavellian manipulation. Horrendous police services at enormous cost is unsustainable.	1/17/2022 12:08 PM
514	We really desperately need to make a real effort to fund the kinds of things that reduce crime, like social services and housing and addictions/mental health support. If we spend less on police, the difference absolutely must go to these things. The research is abundant about what is needed. The final ingredient is action.	1/17/2022 10:55 AM
515	Police funding should be reduced and given to support mental health. Too many times an officer is called to a mental health issue	1/17/2022 10:37 AM
516	I believe the police and law enforcement system needs to be totally reimagined. These approaches continue with more of the same - when we need a full change in structure, approach, purpose and then funding to match. I believe police services should generally be going down in funding and that that money should be used in community building, social work, etc.	1/17/2022 10:02 AM
517	Nope	1/17/2022 9:23 AM
518	Have the department look for ways to save costs. I don't get a pay raise every year and i figure it out. The department should have to show where money is going and why more is needed.	1/17/2022 8:41 AM
519	Our city needs the wps. They require financial aid to safety and effectively protect the people of our city	1/17/2022 7:43 AM
520	There has to be an option added to flat out reduce police budgets for Winnipeg and reallocate to other services. As a born and raised Winnipeger I can say that I am getting sick and tired of the Winnipeg Police seemingly never taking responsibility for their actions and manipulating situations (such as this survey) to completely disregard innovative options for funding models or otherwise. These types of surveys make Winnipeg a laughing stock of the Nation and further erodes the confidence and trust citizens have in the police. This is a point the WPS and other decision makers don't get. There are consequences for having sham processes like this, which are erosion of confidence and trust in the police. I am repeating myself on this because decision makers are not getting it.	1/17/2022 7:27 AM
521	I want budget to go down but that choice is not included. This is a poorly designed manipulative survey	1/17/2022 7:15 AM
522	Funding Model 5 sounds okay. Maybe think about cutting certain units. For example, I don't know how effective Sex Crimes Unit is after they released all those names and tactics this summer to the public Thanks for asking survey and good luck with results	1/17/2022 4:20 AM
523	I think police funding of over 25% is excessive. I've read in various sources that improving community services - which includes cooperating with existing nonprofit organizations that exist to serve various community needs - has been shown to decrease the rate of crime by diminishing its causes - and is a more practical, and ethical way to go. Police focus more on just dealing with the symptoms of inadequate social services for those who really need them. If city, provincial, and federal branches of government will cooperate more to take a holistic approach to dealing with poverty and the criminal activity that it causes - society would be much better off. Large increases to taxation on the super rich could fund the increased costs for comprehensive ethical social services. The governments, at all levels, have been increasingly shaped by the super rich - and the politicians who pander to them for personal gain - over the last 50 years. Those super rich like the idea of more police to suppress the	1/16/2022 8:47 PM

	predictable consequences of gutted social services, but it is neither ethical or sustainable. I don't particularly like any of the 5 police funding options above, as they're all just geared to HOW to pay the ever-growing excessive amount that is spent on policing. PLEASE do what you can to divert some police funding toward bringing changes that make our society more just. I know there are many intelligent, sincere and dedicated "activist" organizations that could help the various levels of government bring about the holistic social changes that would benefit communities, and hence the greater society that is comprised of them. I've read that Edmonton has done much to address poverty. Please take heed of the good examples - of whatever nature - that have been created by various cities to make their communities more just, healthier, and viable.	
524	Fixed percent of city budget	1/16/2022 8:26 PM
525	no.	1/16/2022 8:25 PM
526	The current model could work if the counselors sitting at the table had a unbiased appreciation for public safety. At this same table you require a person from the police finance area. If that is happening that wasn't specified or clear.	1/16/2022 7:12 PM
527	So much of what the police do has to do with so many factors out of their or the citiy’s control.	1/16/2022 6:53 PM
528	**redacted** The CoW is asking the wrong questions. To reduce the expense of the WPS, the focus should be on how we can more effectively address many of the calls for service by the police through other less-costly, more effective measures.	1/16/2022 5:03 PM
529	Yes - police overtime should not be allowed to be credited toward Pension Benefits.	1/16/2022 4:42 PM
530	Determine it based on how many and what types of calls they receive. If crime increases funding needs to be increased.	1/16/2022 2:05 PM
531	Yes: decrease the funding DRAMATICALLY and start funding social programs to address poverty, homelessness, and addiction.	1/16/2022 1:13 PM
532	Shift funding from policing to social services, the current model is not sustainable. The police budget is already proportionally too large compared to other cities, yet we are a murder capital -- current model is NOT working. Also shift focus to community policing with more walking and interaction with community members instead of driving around and being unapproachable to the public. Would do wonders for your image too, I bet.	1/16/2022 12:46 PM
533	Cut funding! Restructure the police force. This survey is brutally dishonest if all models are looking for a way to increase the budget.	1/16/2022 11:43 AM
534	The proportion of the annual budget the police budget takes up must go down. This should be priority one. I would be for increasing property taxes so long as the police budget was pegged at a lower percentage of the budget going forward. We need more money for parks, community centres, after school programs, homeless shelters, affordable housing, transit, arts and culture, etc. Until we prioritize people over police and cars (not part of the current conversation but still important to address) our city will not thrive. Frankly, reducing the police budget to 20% of the total budget while maintaining current funding would mean increasing the budget from 1.195B to 1.595B. That’s a lot more money. If we’re unwilling to pay more taxes then it’s time to cut the policy budget, or a mix of budget cuts with tax increases.	1/16/2022 10:07 AM
535	Wps receives too much money and doesnt provide anything to impoverished community. If you want crime reduced then increase funding to community services. The rich areas shouldnt only be getting new arenas and community centres, these should be available im the core areas. Engaging youth is the way to reduce "crime". I am not going to say anything further because i am getting upset!	1/16/2022 5:25 AM
536	Clearly city council and mayor trying to find easy way out of having to make hard budget decisions on police funding by trying to invent a formula and pass the buck. The city has an increasing crime problem requiring more funding for police and keeping city safe. Mayor and councillors need to stop directing tax dollars to feel good and nice to have tax dollar wasting things and direct money where it is needed. Clearly as crime is increasing, violent crime increasing, sections of the city growing into slum like areas, more tax dollars are going to be needed for police.	1/16/2022 12:02 AM
537	These models mostly assume that police funding should increase every year. Why is there not model that is evidence-based and linked to the WPS achieving the supposed results it exists to provide?	1/15/2022 11:56 PM

538	This survey is rigged. The question is framed as though MORE police spending is the only alternative to what we have now, an overblown ***redacted*** police force that harms the city and protects property, not people. Sell the tank, sell the chopper, get rid of the cadets, and defund the police. We need community resources, not security guards	1/15/2022 6:47 PM
539	I DONT AGREE WITH ANY OF THESE MODELS. I was made to pick one to continue the survey. Defund the WPS and invest in community services	1/15/2022 6:43 PM
540	There are other ways to save costs with the police budget...decrease the number of positions of Inspectors and Staff Sgts and Sgts. Far too many higher paid wages when we need more general patrol officers.	1/15/2022 6:20 PM
541	I don't particularly care how it is funded. What I care about is how much funding it gets (which is WAY too much) and how it is spent (which is poorly).	1/15/2022 6:08 PM
542	Reduce overtime costs for police and negotiate less expensive benefits. For example overtime counting towards pension matching is something private companies don't offer.	1/15/2022 2:37 PM
543	The police use too much of the CITY budget and should be reduced. The police union has too much power. There should be a phasing down of the police budget and a corresponding increase in support service and other ways to decrease crime. A preventative approach is way overdue and has the support of many, perhaps most Winnipeggers	1/15/2022 1:54 PM
544	reroute the police budget funds to social services that actually help people. For example, if someone is having a mental health breakdown, the police have no experience in handling this, send in a crisis counsellor and get the person the help they need.	1/15/2022 1:47 PM
545	Abolish and defund the police. Put less money towards police and more money into community services that deal with the roots of issues like addiction and homelessness.	1/15/2022 12:33 PM
546	It cost money to fight crime and save lives. No definite price can be put on that as the need constantly changes. Whatever the police need to do their job they should get.	1/15/2022 12:09 PM
547	We are already paying exuberant taxes to the City of Winnipeg. These taxes increase annually. If population growth continues, there should be adequate tax dollars proportionally available to cover increase service costs in relation to inflation and union-induced wage increases. Does the city of Winnipeg planner's office and finance departments really have no clue how to manage? Perhaps start with the cuts there… or hire personnel that are competent and can do their job effectively and in budget. These surveys are asinine.	1/15/2022 12:01 PM
548	None of the options you present consider re-examining how we actually conduct policing. Do we need police officers tied up at Walmart? Is there a different approach rather than having police tied up sitting outside a courtroom waiting hours to be called? Can we replace some officers with admin staff? Can we make use of replacing some officers with social workers? Can we hire analysts to better examine what we need and where we need it? Can we better target problems to bring them to resolution rather than just hoping to contain them? (Get a copy of the Boston Gun Project case study to see how Boston Police worked with truancy officers, courts, social workers, school principals to combat and drive down youth gang shootings). The questions you ask all assume the status quo for policing - and before you ask about funding you need to determine are we doing things right?	1/15/2022 11:44 AM
549	This survey is biased and political. The best "funding model" is to completely defund and abolish police. Forcing respondents to choose between these 5 options is **redacted**.	1/15/2022 10:04 AM
550	The levy could be a flat fee or a percentage thereby portioning the cost based on home market value.	1/15/2022 9:32 AM
551	Winnipeg has a large criminal element. Charging a levy to the Federal govt or community responsible for those criminals that are children of the queen could offset some operating costs. Those in charge who profess "self-government" should contribute.	1/15/2022 9:28 AM
552	Crime trends, technology & equipment and manpower requirements to combat crime are hard to price into a budget. But inevitably criminals get more savvy over time and have better tools than police. Police need to at least catch up if not exceed the criminal element.	1/15/2022 9:21 AM
553	Winnipeg is a dangerous city with a large underworld of criminality. This is the one place not to short change.	1/15/2022 9:16 AM
554	All of these models concern incremental changes based on the status quo. The problem is that	1/15/2022 8:49 AM

	the WPS is tasked with way too many kinds of services, most of which are aggravated by police intervention. The WPS should be halved in size. They do not need helicopters. It's ridiculous.	
555	None of these address the issues of a collaborative care/service model. WPS has TWO social workers who are M-F 9-5. They do a good job, we need to look at integrating Mental Health professionals into the WPS budget. Their OT is pensionable!!! My pension as a nurse, also essential is pegged to my position, not even additional shifts to make FT. Are WPS necessary, of course. The model is horrible, and before we can talk funding we need to talk service delivery. I am not interested in any of this discussion right now.	1/15/2022 8:28 AM
556	Find ways to reduce overtime, slow down increases to wages and in particular the pension. Lots of taxpayers have neither of these so funding them for civic employees is hard to swallow.	1/15/2022 8:04 AM
557	Its not police wages that need to rise, but training and programs need more money.	1/15/2022 12:43 AM
558	These are some terrible options to solve this skyrocketing expense. The service has too much money now and it is not used effectively. No industry, anywhere, maintains the level of overtime and pension accrual that the police do. Rebuild it from the ground up.	1/15/2022 12:15 AM
559	Create a Special Operating Agency for traffic enforcement that funds itself from the proceeds of traffic fines.	1/14/2022 10:29 PM
560	Funding should: (1) balance with other city needs, with overall costs remaining in budget - balanced budgets, except for emergency needs (e.g. pandemic, severe flooding) (2) address issues systemically, rather than through government silos; preventive and root-cause measures to address crime may be more effective than punitive measures that often lead to recidivism, leaving communities unsafe. (3) not be assumed to grow continually, as there should be internal efforts to improve policing efficiency (new technologies, databases, best practices) that reduce costs for the same level of service, or maintain costs with improved service.	1/14/2022 8:45 PM
561	I want to see the police defunded. I would like to see budget reduced by at least 30% in 2022, and reduced further in subsequent years. You can meet this reduction in budget by selling the armoured vehicles, helicopter and robotic dog.	1/14/2022 8:44 PM
562	All of the stayed options are offering more money to the police, the largest suck if the city's budget. There needs to be further thought, planning, and consultation around shrinking the budget, holding police accountable for their actions, and bringing police salaries in line with other public sector workers. There is ABSOLUTELY no reason bloated police salaries and pensionable overtime earnings should be something that continues to be supported.	1/14/2022 7:50 PM
563	Unless the relationship and function of the police union / association makes a fundamental re-think the budge should be cut by $8.0 million. And resources re- allocated or this process is **redacted** re-affirming disfunctional services.	1/14/2022 7:37 PM
564	Transition towards defunding police. There are many academic and non-academic sources that explain the merits of reallocation of funds into public social services, which in the longterm reduces the overall costs the city spends. The police cause harm and don't reduce "crime" in our community ("crime rates" also decrease as social programming increase). The Winnipeg Police Service is both cost ineffective and more damaging than what's being paid into.	1/14/2022 6:47 PM
565	Look into the extra costs eg overtime, court appearances and how to reduce those costs	1/14/2022 6:44 PM
566	The percentage of our budget that goes towards policing seems unreasonable when in comparison with other cities. It seems that there's some kind of monopoly going on in this department, despite how important it is. Whereas other apartments are having trouble buying office supplies to keep going.	1/14/2022 5:57 PM
567	Too large a portion of the police budget goes to inflated defined benefit pensions for senior officers. The City needs to negotiate with the Police Union to determine a more reasonable approach to funding these pensions and move to a defined contribution model only.	1/14/2022 4:46 PM
568	Bigger issue is how the funds are allocated.	1/14/2022 4:32 PM
569	All the options are poor/incomplete. The need for policing in any given area is directly related to the funding and effective execution of social services, adequate housing, mental and physical healthcare, and other areas of community care. There should be a desire and a	1/14/2022 3:03 PM

	motivation to reduce funding for the police in favor of alternative options for care where police interventions only cause more harm, ie. responding to mental health crises, drug overdose, houseless community members, and petty crime. There should be a desire and a motivation for the removal of lethal force from community policing practices, in favor of deescalation trainings, trauma-informed trainings, and other non-violent conflict resolution techniques. Funding for the police must not only be a number, but actually used for the goal of reducing harm in our communities. That means less guns, less force, more compassion, and more expertise in human connection.	
570	I would like to see a qualified person or firm conduct a value-for-money analysis of the police service.	1/14/2022 1:40 PM
571	#3 is in effect, double dipping. #4 is basically adding a tax even thought current taxes are supposed to pay for city services. better approach, cut spending on non-essential city services like grants to various groups. Focus on necessities.	1/14/2022 1:35 PM
572	the police wages are way to high in relation to other services In particular the pension amount should NOT include overtime Need a better system of negotiating police wages they are an essential service and can't strike so why such generous pay increases In terms of getting recriuts at a lower pay there is always a line up to become a policeman/policwoman	1/14/2022 1:24 PM
573	There should be absolutely ZERO increases in funding for the police. It’s unacceptable the percent of budget they already receive. Figure it out with what you already get.	1/14/2022 12:55 PM
574	Any savings from police budget reductions absolutely must be redirected into improving community services, and reducing crime through other means, such as eliminating homelessness, providing community support, and potentially safe injection sites.	1/14/2022 12:45 PM
575	Most of these models will increase the police budget. They are all predicated on the idea that the police budget should increase every year. I believe the police budget should be decreased along with their role in our society. The only acceptable funding model for the Winnipeg Police Service is one that decreases their budget allocation every year.	1/14/2022 12:27 PM
576	I think Funding Model 5 will cause property taxes to be driven up to cover run-away police funding. Property taxes are already too high. Funding model 1 has the problem of allowing lobbying to play a bigger role than it should for determining police funding. I'm not sure any of the funding models 2 to 5 account for the changing needs of an evolving city. For example, if the city grows in population, inflation does not account for the extra taxes collected and the increase in operational cost to keep the growing city safe. However, given that the police budget is already too high, these models would force a gradual decline in police funding and bring us more in line with other cities.	1/14/2022 12:20 PM
577	part of the WPS budget should be moved into costs of response social workers and anti-gang programming.	1/14/2022 12:11 PM
578	It is difficult to make a decision based on these questions. With increased crime, there is increased risk by officers; with increased population, there is also a need for more officers. As well, there has been an increase in expectations of officers. Perhaps a combination of Funding Models 1-5 is best.	1/14/2022 12:08 PM
579	The options provided are insufficient. Costs for policing need to come down and funding to social services to reduce poverty needs to go up.	1/14/2022 12:07 PM
580	Police funding is out of control and public faith in the WPS is poor. Changing to a sustainable funding model is essential. Whatever measure is taken, forcing the WPS to trim the fat on their budget and hold firm against the outrageous demands of the union is crucial to the future of this city.	1/14/2022 11:39 AM
581	The mayor always tries to ***redacted*** the cops. ***redacted***, it takes too long for them to do anything when we call.	1/14/2022 11:37 AM
582	Freeze police funding and implement programs that tackle the root causes of crime and the social service issues that police get stuck with because the needed supports aren't there.	1/14/2022 11:25 AM
583	Yes, cut the police budget and redirect it to services that actually improve community safety. The WPS receives a larger share of the city budget than does almost every other police service in Canada. Why when other departments and services are cut, does the police get a perpetual blank cheque from City Council? Statistics Canada released a survey in 2020 that found the lowest trust in the place in all of Canada in Manitoba, where the WPS in particular	1/14/2022 11:00 AM

	have shot to death many Indigenous and Black residents in the last couple years alone. Does City Council have any independence from the WPS at all or is this a kind of soft police state where the cops call the shots and elected representatives do as they're told? Any commitment to reconciliation, to poverty reduction, to safe housing is a farce while the WPS swallows more than a quarter of the city budget and gets increaeses every year. If City Council categorically refuses to listen to community input from those harmed by the police, the defunding movement will only grow stronger and faith in the Mayor's office will continue to crater.	
584	police overtime counting towards pension is ridiculous . outsiders hiring police thru the city should be curtailed.	1/14/2022 10:39 AM
585	If community infrastructure and supports are not receiving the same funding considerations, police funding should not be increased. Defund the police and reinvest the money into addiction services, housing, emergency shelters and food sustainability.	1/14/2022 10:38 AM
586	The gov should take some funding provided to indigenous groups/ services and redirect it to the WpS since they are the one causing the majority of crime. I would like to see an amount set dedicated to traffic police as well to deter poor driving habits.	1/14/2022 10:38 AM
587	You did not provide an option to eliminate funding the police and funding actual productive alternatives instead, question 9 should be disregarded	1/14/2022 10:37 AM
588	Pegging increases to inflation as a starter. The City still needs to make meaningful changes to reduce the budget of the WPS and use the funds to fund programs that help with addiction and affordable housing. Step 1, remove overtime from pensionable earnings.	1/14/2022 10:04 AM
589	I have many concerns that money is going to policing but not enough is going to community organizations that provide supports that lead to preventative crime. I'm very disappointed that the City does not make these things a priority, for instance the Community Space at Millennium Library that has lost all it's funding in the upcoming budget.	1/14/2022 9:44 AM
590	Not many of these options are great. I believe salaries should increase for inflation, however, not across the board. Council needs to se a police budget that is balances with the needs of the city as a whole. But it is up to the Police department to manage their budget, increase wages appropriately, and only staff what their budget allows. There are significant gaps to the scope of this project. I was hoping the City was interested in engaging with citizens about the allocation of police budget and modified models that may reallocate funds and responsibility from the Winnipeg Police to important social services.	1/14/2022 9:32 AM
591	WPS continually use the # of calls to justify increases. This does not meet the rate of crime statistics, which should be the defining standard.	1/14/2022 9:07 AM
592	Realistically none of the funding models listed are very good. The first order of business is to address the way the Police budget is used. The city needs more feet on the ground and less bureaucracy. This is especially true in the downtown area and a couple of other areas (they know where they spend the majority of their time). It's my understanding we have one of the best paid police forces in Canada, but we don't seem to be getting the best results for that spending. The police, the city and province have to get together and implement policies that will make the city safer. The city and province have to stop relying on "traps" like photo radar to generate revenue to offset costs. There is so much waste in the current system and a reluctance to implement any real change at both the funding level and overall structure of the police force I doubt a viable funding model exists. A quick search reveals that the Police are already almost 27% percent of the cities budget. This number is already excessive and cannot continue to increase.	1/14/2022 8:58 AM
593	I am a 100% police supporter, but the current yearly skyrocketing increases are unsustainable. Being a police officer can no longer be viewed as a golden ticket to as much overtime as an officer wants without cutts appearing somewhere within the department to cover those costs.	1/14/2022 8:34 AM
594	I do not have any stats to back up my perception, however it seems to me that the Majority of police activity is in the core of the City., which is the area frequented by homeless and "visitors/ transient residents" from other parts of Manitoba. If this is true, perhaps the City should be seeking funding contributions from the Province, Feds and the MMF ! In a similar vein, without any details to back it up, I don't trust the City to control costs of capital items . How the heck did we go from a loose facade on the PSB to a $250M Postal station rebuild ???? I am still bothered by police overtime being counted for pensionable time. I know the City has been trying to change this but without success. Is the City looking at staffing levels?	1/14/2022 8:30 AM

	Again no data to see..if Overtime is huge on a long term basis, maybe staffing levels need to change?	
595	What needs to be considered is training and education. A significant amount of their budget should be dedicated to that.	1/14/2022 8:29 AM
596	We need to stop the runaway expansion of the police budget. I am tired of our city council refusing to look at alternative options to deal with problems in our city. The police are not the solution to every problem in our city!! Stop funding them like they are. Start allocating police funding to other solutions, even if these are traditionally "provincial" responsibilities. Think outside the box. If the only tool you have is a hammer, then every problem starts to look like a nail. Please, diversify our tool box.	1/14/2022 7:57 AM
597	TOO GENEROUS PENSION	1/14/2022 7:19 AM
598	Police can put on fundraisers for themselves like other businesses do. Police aren't there to protect people. They protect property. So, their revenue should come from property taxes. ***redacted*** The issues in the city are stemming from mental health concerns, which lead to increased immoral behaviour. We need better solutions to the drug epidemic besides brute police force. If you add a new job category such as "Incident Reporter" for those wanting a career in policing, you can limit the time police spend on documenting calls. Out of all the calls I had dealt with police, almost all of their reports were inaccurate. Inaccurate reporting costs the city money. This new job category will (a) limit time for documentation - police will initial the event from the recorder and (b) police will be able to respond to a higher volume of calls. Police also need to undergo training in what domestic abuse / narcissistic abuse situations look like. 3/3 of my police calls to protect myself, the police sided with my abuser which led to the inaccurate reporting, which puts the victim in further danger in the future. Before the police ask for more money, they need to reorganize their structure and provide ongoing mental health supports for their own employees. There are multiple studies linking facts to my suggestion to improve the system of policing. Reform is needed. Psychology is one of the newest sciences and if police are allowed to use psychological techniques to do their jobs, then they should at minimum, have a psychology degree to be a police officer. They make more than a lot of nurses risking their lives daily and every one of the police officers makes more than Health Care Aides who have as much formal training as police time-wise dealing with mental health calls. Inaccurate reporting may have something to do with the approximate 30% solve rate for the police. Police can further specialize in specific calls they attend. Narrowing the scope of practice will help with the officers stress levels as they respond to similar calls often. " The reported crime rate in Canada has been dropping steadily over the past two decades, from its peak in the early 1990s. However, notwithstanding declining crime rates, police have been increasingly called upon to address a wide range of non-criminal calls for service, including social and mental health incidents (Statistics Canada, 2011)." - ***redacted*** The city needs mental health supports. Not the police. HCAs have more training with mental health than police do.	1/14/2022 7:14 AM
599	Accountability and transparency. Program costs need to be reviewed by third parties, and reports to the public issued, free from any influence or interference by the WPS program managers. As an example, the Winnipeg police helicopter program, although a valuable service, has been run at excessive expense, compared to similar private sector services. Third party review of the program, carried out at significant cost, was too heavily influenced by the WPS prior to release to be accurate or of any value to the City and the taxpayer.	1/14/2022 2:45 AM
600	You can't spend money you don't have! Police management should be tasked with efficiently managing labor & equipment costs!	1/14/2022 1:11 AM
601	the emphasis in winnipeg on policing as a solution to community problems is atrocious. There are so many better ways to spend the money.	1/14/2022 12:33 AM
602	Why doesn't the WPS take out mental health professionals out to calls that are revelent? Otherwise we are going in a circle.	1/13/2022 10:51 PM
603	Do not like any of the 5 options, s city council should be working harder on this problem,	1/13/2022 10:38 PM

	because it is a major problem.	
604	The WPS is critical to my personal safety and my property's safety. Therefore, any situation or condition that decreases their funding, is unacceptable. WPS is as critical to my safety as our province's healthcare is critical to my health — and we all know what a shambles the latter is in due to service- and funding-cutbacks. I do expect WPS admin processes to be streamlined and simplified, so that my police-funding dollars are utilized as much as possible, to protect Winnipeg citizens. Re an idea: Reward police members who come up with an idea that will save cost while improving service.	1/13/2022 10:27 PM
605	The City has messed several contracts ,there is a need to delete certain points in their contract to reduce their high end financial wins .	1/13/2022 9:37 PM
606	I am not knowledgeable enough to speak to this. My questions that I can't answer are What are the sources of current funding Do they get proceeds recovered from criminal activity How can you say "all Winnipegers" will pay, which to me means people on fixed income poverty levels, social assistance. I have mixed feelings on this What portion of court fines/tickets go to policing Etc	1/13/2022 9:33 PM
607	Police are paid way too much money. There are too many police officers.	1/13/2022 9:29 PM
608	Alternatives to traditional policing are necessary. We need a plan to wind down our reliance on policing. Please focus on poverty, addiction, and mental illness instead. The proportion of our municipal budget that goes to policing is obscene. Funds should be directed towards meeting human needs instead of the consequences of letting them go unmet.	1/13/2022 9:16 PM
609	Reduce the police budget significantly and redirect those savings towards other community needs, mental health supports, alternative crisis intervention etc.	1/13/2022 9:05 PM
610	Have council make realistic decisions regarding funding of all departments. No more **redacted** assumptions ie: challenging pension bylaws and assuming your going to win when you don't have A sliver of hope, Not meeting contract proposal deadlines and so on.	1/13/2022 8:34 PM
611	Something between Model 1 and 2 seems appropriate. The police should have a 5 year budget plan and council should stick to it. Some years they may not see increases as high as inflation, but they wouldn't see any budget CUTS either. revenue fluctuations should be directed elsewhere.	1/13/2022 8:27 PM
612	The police pension is far too generous, but that's not the fault of the current administration. We need the police service. They need funding.	1/13/2022 8:06 PM
613	Not at this time. Thank you.	1/13/2022 8:04 PM
614	Stop moving further in the direction of military and real-time operation surveillance state models. Do more community-based programming and supports. Actually deal with racism and toxic behaviours within the ranks by removing bad cops, not protecting them.	1/13/2022 7:57 PM
615	Considering that over the past 25+ years, other agencies providing social services to Winnipeg have reduced their service and the result is added responsibilities being directed to the police service. By far, the largest culprit was in the area of the Province of Manitoba Health and their reduction of mental health services. This resulted in people suffering from mental health crisis, were forced to rely on their own decisions and/or family input. As well, this resulted in the people in need of help migrating to Winnipeg to seek help. No family support system at all.	1/13/2022 7:46 PM
616	I think a large portion of police finding should be by the federal government. my reasoning is that the provinces that have large ***redacted*** populations seem to have increased issues with persons leaving ***redacted** and coming to the larger cities thus contributing to increased crime/homelessness/drug use/prostitution/mental health issues/etc. Some of those are underage or more vulnerable than others. If ***redacted*** are the jurisdiction of the federal government then where those people reside is where the finding should go to help them with the issues they may have. The funding should either flow through to the police budget or work in unison with the service by having the applicable agencies work with them. That way the costs won't sky rocket each year. When a police budget becomes too large for a city to sustain then you have trouble.	1/13/2022 7:41 PM
617	More police less fluffy community programs.	1/13/2022 7:37 PM
618	Move to social support models. Less funding for cops - who don't mask and block IIU investigations	1/13/2022 7:35 PM

619	If less money was spent on proposals at a cost of $75,000.00 then we could properly manage our policing needs, Furthermore, cut all the grants and you would find that money wouldn't be as much of a problem. So no grants and no more spending proposals would save us money so we could afford infrastructure, policing and maintenance in Winnipeg.	1/13/2022 7:29 PM
620	I think one option that maybe should be here that isn't (and I know there is no easy way of doing this it would require a lot of planning and research) but why not break out Winnipeg police services even further and give the budget away to social services? Basically make it soak the Winnipeg police service doesn't respond to anything but crime or domestic disturbance or things of that nature rather than social service calls? The training needed for both of those fields are entirely different and I think expecting the Winnipeg police to do both roles is setting them up to fail.	1/13/2022 7:23 PM
621	***redacted*** Not happy with Winnipeg services!! Contract this service out too	1/13/2022 7:13 PM
622	It is difficult to peg one specific service. There might be a year when more funding is needed for a specific project. Police can look at other sources of revenue. The current camera network can be increased and instead of out-sourcing to the United States, bring it home. It doesn't have to be in-house, but the data must stay in Manitoba. Officers don't need to rely on cruiser cars all year. With more multi-use pathways we properly could use more officers on bicycles to cover those trails. I would also like to see more officer walking around.	1/13/2022 6:58 PM
623	One person cars! No mayor has tackled this subject. This model would decrease hiring and put this model in line with other bigger cities in North America. Also take the union to bargaining. Zero increases like other government agencies. This subject will NEVER be discussed NEVER!	1/13/2022 6:40 PM
624	Would be good to review services done by police to see how much could be done by other, less-lethal means.	1/13/2022 6:03 PM
625	Police funding should be partially redirected to social and preventative services	1/13/2022 5:45 PM
626	The drastic reduction of the policing budget and the reallocation of budget money to fund community-based support is absolutely necessary for the betterment of the most vulnerable - and often neglected and forgotten, citizens of Winnipeg.	1/13/2022 5:39 PM
627	Thank you for consulting with the public. I trust that city council will not blindly peg the budget to any of the above. It is evident that the current police structure does not meet the needs of the community so continuing to fund the same structure is illogical. Please change the structure to meet mental health, homeless (please stop using police to make homeless people move as that is not helpful) and poverty issues. Policing/safety personnel are for violent situations.	1/13/2022 5:33 PM
628	Learn how to manage your money better. Stop using police to harass regular citizens for traffic, and instead focus on real crime.	1/13/2022 5:28 PM
629	Determine how much value you place on peoples safety and lives. That should be the only considerment.	1/13/2022 5:10 PM
630	The police should not have to wait hours on end at hospitals. They should be released from accountability for that person/persons being taken to hospital as soon as possible. There should be a resource point available that the police can take people in need of non-medical social help which would then free them to do what they have been highly trained to do.	1/13/2022 4:22 PM
631	It is difficult to know if police funding is too high or too low without having a full appreciation of the "real" need. Police budgets should be adjusted by council (up or down) according to requirements and requirements should be determined by what is necessary to provide reasonable levels of public and police force safety, crime stats and other contextual drivers (not just by the level of inflation of what the unions are demanding) Of course, police funding is very important and should take priority over some but not all other funding needs. The public deserves a lot more detail before agreeing to tax increases - how much? for what exactly?	1/13/2022 4:20 PM
632	My objection to an extra levy for all Winnipeg property owners is based on the fact that police work is not equal in all parts of the city. Factory owners and businesses should pay more. Absentee landlords should pay a large extra fee because their properties cause more work because of unsupervised occupancy and firefighting. Speeding and DUI fines should be much larger. We may have to impose larger sales taxes on nonessential items especially alcohol. Alcohol and drugs fuel a lot of crime and this should be reflected in purchase price.	1/13/2022 4:19 PM

633	The current police budget is ridiculously high, accounting for 26.8 per cent of the city's total 2022 budget, according to city documents. The vast majority of that goes toward salaries. The funding model needs to consider how the police budget can shrink so that other vital community needs can be addressed. The police do not need a helicopter, robodogs, or armoured vehicles. We need a better solution for our communities than the increased militarisation of our police services. The police budget needs first to shrink, and then expand at the same pace with other vital community services.	1/13/2022 4:18 PM
634	funding should be based on need. If the police need a higher amount based on a special purchase or need they should be able to ask for it.	1/13/2022 4:03 PM
635	there was not an additional option to increase community funding to replace and or offset community response in place of additional police funding	1/13/2022 3:42 PM
636	They need to stop spending money on boys' toys instead of boots on the ground.	1/13/2022 3:40 PM
637	The police budget is far too large and the majority of these options are about increasing the police budget not decreasing it. Additionally, the budget should be tied to other key performance indicators NOT property tax or inflation- what if property tax and inflation go up but the need for policing goes down?? That doesn't make any sense. The city of Winnipeg must choose wisely about where it spends its limited budget to get the most for citizens and with this approach, a decrease in police spending would most certainly make the most sense.	1/13/2022 3:40 PM
638	Absolutely no levy. We pay enough taxes and a portion should be going towards police already. Keep funding the way it is.	1/13/2022 3:39 PM
639	The city needs to do a better job at allocating funds for mental health related calls which directly affects the police call volume and budget. Police overtime needs to be changed, for example having a bunch of police getting paid double time to stand at a jets game or a concert is silly. If the staffing increased instead you could schedule in shift police for these duties instead of paying overtime to them.	1/13/2022 3:33 PM
640	Fund non profits to engage positively in the lives of those struggling so that there is a decrease in the chaos of their lives, resulting in dramatically reduced need for police intervention. Prevention. Think long term.	1/13/2022 3:33 PM
641	I would have no problem with Council's funding if the Police pension did not take overtime into consideration. I know of no other pension plan that includes income earned by overtime. Mine was based solely on my wage without overtime!!!!	1/13/2022 3:31 PM
642	The Winnipeg Police Service should not be treated differently from other departments. We seriously need to reconsider our priorities in this city, starting with defunding the police and putting that money into transit, food security, community services, and all other life sustaining services.	1/13/2022 3:24 PM
643	We need answers as to why Winnipeg has the most expensive police force in the country well as the most officers on a per capita basis. Many groups are saying that Winnipeg is over-policed compared to other cities. Whether this is true or not, it needs to be publicly addressed.	1/13/2022 2:56 PM
644	The WPS budgeting has grown was above inflation and has no link at all to Winnipeg's ability to pay. Salaries and pensions are way out of hand, a joke in the public's view. Find a better way, defund some functions. We have too many police per capita doing too little work for too much money.	1/13/2022 2:55 PM
645	Increase fines for burglary and mischief. I just moved from the west end back to st vital where it's safe. On Home street and Notre dame there are thieves everywhere going around the neighborhood stealing everything that isn't nailed down.	1/13/2022 2:49 PM
646	The Police is an outdated institution - we need very few "law enforcement officers" and a great many social workers with reasonable caseloads, public affordable housing, family competence interventionists, and a basic income for all.	1/13/2022 2:44 PM
647	Police should be paid solely from general revenues and traffic fines should only go into general revenues. That is,police should not depend on fines to meet their budget.	1/13/2022 2:32 PM
648	When is city council going to start taking pay freezes (4 year minimum) or pay cuts (3 year minimum @ 8.5 %), it seems they due a lot of preaching, but won't step up to the plate. Remember everybody has to do their part, step up or step off!	1/13/2022 2:30 PM

649	Funding Model 3 plus an % increase to be determined on growth of the City. More area to cover, requires more funding other than inflation and benefits.	1/13/2022 2:19 PM
650	Total funding needs to be shifted away from police and to other more effective social services	1/13/2022 2:18 PM
651	a yearly review on spending to weed out mis spending and focus the dollars on actual Policing	1/13/2022 2:17 PM
652	try and think of it not as budgeting police (which assumes the solution to a safer city = police) but as budgeting for a safer city, which would include redirecting funds currently used for police to emergency mental health units or other ways to proactively rather than reactively address crime.	1/13/2022 2:11 PM
653	The cost seems to be more reasonable though I might be willing to go along with Funding model 3.	1/13/2022 2:04 PM
654	All of these options do not lead to defunding the police, a stance many Winnipeggers hold.	1/13/2022 2:03 PM
655	I don't support any of the funding models. I believe that WPS should see a significant decrease to their budget, and there should be an increase to the budgets of other community services in the city that support people and do a much better job of crime prevention and supportive crisis response. I believe that the WPS should be more of an on call service (like WFPS), where they respond when needed, but there is not a need for ongoing patrolling of areas. My idea to help with the decrease in the police budget would be to identify current police officers that have multiple disciplinary incidents on their file related to use of inappropriate and/or excessive force and either encourage them to leave the force or put them in strictly administrative (not leadership) positions (with a pay cut) where they will not have direct contact with the public. In addition, I am in support of a longer education program for new officers (2-4 years of post-secondary education, addressing topics related to trauma-informed practice, reconciliation, culturally safe practices, de-escalation techniques (non-violent crisis intervention), communication skills, mental health, addiction supports) so they are better equipped to respond to call related to mental health or substance use crises.	1/13/2022 1:35 PM
656	This is a hard decision, no matter if it's for police or for any other kind of city service.	1/13/2022 1:31 PM
657	I think Council is the best to decide, as they have a rep on the police board, and they know the overall picture of the city's budget.	1/13/2022 1:29 PM
658	No	1/13/2022 1:22 PM
659	I believe that Police funding needs to be increased an Police ought to have dash cams at the very least but also body cameras as well. Their safety is paramount and has been lacking for years. Their mental well being needs to be addressed by greater assistance to them and increasing funding for police is paramount. The city needs to charge a fee per use or a ticket to those citizens that abuse the 911 system by being chronic, frequent callers for unfounded calls. The 911 system needs to be protected more and calls for service lowered due to an over abundant call volume that is not sustainable given the minimal police presence currently.	1/13/2022 1:18 PM
660	Other services should be well funded to try to decrease police workload and keep police to their own scope of practice	1/13/2022 1:15 PM
661	Do not defund the police or use any other arbitrary method other than what they say they need. There is a thin blue line out there that has to be maintained.	1/13/2022 1:06 PM
662	Whichever model is decided upon, there should be a decrease in funding planned out over ten years. If the current policing strategy was working, crime would be decreasing and so would the need for funding. Planning for a decrease in funding and tying it to crime metrics would ensure that the police service is working to make Winnipeg safer and not just inflating their budget.	1/13/2022 1:05 PM
663	These options are very limited. There is no mention of looking at best practices of reducing crime through environmental design and social development ie. cptsd (crime prevention through social development) and cpted(crime prevention through environmental design). The choices provided are limited and steering. There has been no evaluation as far as taxpayers know about cost benefit analysis of various approaches and combinations relevant to our demographics which are also somewhat unique in wpg. There is no exploration at wiser uses of resources! Ie stop flushing money down drain with helicopters circling for hours and disturbing neighbours! Use drones if you must	1/13/2022 1:04 PM
664	money should be allocated to more important things in the city. such as infrastructure,	1/13/2022 12:59 PM

	homeless shelters and schools	
665	In my opinion Model 2 or 3 would be the best for both the police force and the citizens of Winnipeg. We pay enough in taxes etc without adding additional levies. What would be even better if the city would actually put the money they receive from the other 2 levels of government in the correct category instead of putting it into general revenue.	1/13/2022 12:59 PM
666	Less weapons, more work & training towards peace keeping and de-escalation of crises.	1/13/2022 12:59 PM
667	I am curious about how the funding is allocated once it is determined. Other than wages, which are obviously negotiated, what bodies determine how the money will be allocated within the Winnipeg Police service? I am a strong supporter of much that the Winnipeg Police service does around Winnipeg, but I am also very much against certain enforcement. I know it is not possible to contact me, as this is a survey, but my interest is piqued, so I will try to find this information for myself.	1/13/2022 12:52 PM
668	The police service is understaffed and overworked. They deserve maximum funding.	1/13/2022 12:48 PM
669	Overtime Should NOT be pensionable. This would be a "saving" to taxpayers. Overtime for Federal and Provincial servants were NOT pensionable.	1/13/2022 12:31 PM
670	the police force should get a percentage of their funding from elected politicians....the working class people are taxed enough already	1/13/2022 12:31 PM
671	Cut upper management, less supervisors to more boots on the ground field employees	1/13/2022 12:28 PM
672	I don't think focusing solely on the police budget without considering the budgeting of other services will work. We need the city to review all services and determine appropriate funding for all services considered. Fixing a budget to inflation or other means without considering where other funds are being directed to is illogical.	1/13/2022 12:27 PM
673	As long as the funding goes to training, addiction recovery programs and more feet on the streets	1/13/2022 12:22 PM
674	Split the police budget to allow for more social services. They’re overfunded as is and underperform.	1/13/2022 12:16 PM
675	Defund WPS and reinvest in a vision of public safety that includes economic and social security for the most marginalized in our city.	1/13/2022 12:16 PM
676	Some areas of Winnipeg require a much higher police presence. Many of these are in lower income areas where residents are likely to pay less taxes and receive subsidies from all government agencies. Would it be feasible for our police force to receive budget subsidies in those areas?	1/13/2022 12:13 PM
677	Police funding should not increase-funding should be used in programs for prevention of crime instead of enforcement. Anything that decreases funding is better than what we are doing now	1/13/2022 12:01 PM
678	Why not Cut the budget?	1/13/2022 11:57 AM
679	The needs of policing have outpaced the ability to fund them in large part because the police have been asked to take on more and more responsibilities that should rightly be shouldered by other parties. This is especially true when it comes to addressing ongoing addiction concerns, domestic disputes and mental health check-ins. All of these things are essential and need to continue, but the police are a "reactive" body that rightly respond largely when crises have already occurred, and are not the proper mechanism. Direct more funding and resources to preventative programs and community groups that have the appropriate training and background to deal with these concerns proactively - stop treating the "symptoms" of the problem, take some weight off our police's shoulders, and empower others to prevent the root causes of the issues.	1/13/2022 11:56 AM
680	Defund the police. They aren’t qualified to be first responders. They are only qualified to be violent responders. They require no education and arrive on scene to medical calls that trained medical professionals with actual degrees and years of education are ONLY qualified for. People are dying when they require medical intervention	1/13/2022 11:47 AM
681	Base on needs.have better funding allocation. Have an addiction councillor and mental health workers as part of police teams. If you had a ticket camera that could be easily moved and installed in various vehicles, you could rent cars from the public for a small amount instead of	1/13/2022 11:41 AM

	buying veh's which have high cost, and maintenance of those vehicles, again very costly to budget every year	
682	There should not be an assumption that everything must be the status quo as far as how the police budget is developed. Negotiated wages are untouchable but having other employees do additional tasks to either reduce the number of police officers or allow police officers do more relevant tasks. Paying overtime wages seems ridiculous. Enforce traffic laws and generate more revenue to reduce the overall budget. Have some an efficiency committee developed to find alternatives to reduce the high level of the City's budget directed to the police department.	1/13/2022 11:41 AM
683	Decrease the city councillors wages plus put a cap on financial waste with spending. Dissolve the school board and trustees. Use all the money for the increase in cost of living!	1/13/2022 11:40 AM
684	All of these choices presuppose that the amounts and nature of crimes are fixed. If the cost of policing is increasing, maybe better questions are "why?" than "how do we pay less while preserving our right to be as ignorant as possible?" How much police resources are consumed by chronic offenders? How much police resources are consumed by minors? Could the Province pay for initiatives that assist is reducing poverty? In any event, the right funding model should be that Winnipeg receives a larger share of the PST collected from its citizens and/or implements a municipal tax on goods and services delivered within the city. If the Province refuses to allow Winnipeg the funds to alleviate poverty and maintain public safety, then a municipal tax and following PST tax credit for citizens is the only way for Winnipeg to fund itself.	1/13/2022 11:37 AM
685	Police officers do a difficult job and deserve even more than their current salaries. No many people go to work and have a legitimate fear of death. So yes, the city should allocate whatever amount is necessary to maintain.	1/13/2022 11:36 AM
686	These are all poor options, none of which consider active budget freezing and defunding as desirable outcomes, and this feels like it is being used to manufacture consent for unavoidable increases in police spending.	1/13/2022 11:23 AM
687	Collective agreements should be completed without the threat of the Police not doing the job because they do not agree with agreement. Police should always be on duty.	1/13/2022 11:23 AM
688	Police take up an unacceptably large portion of the city's budget. We need to invest more in crime prevention such as recreation, libraries, outreach, social workers, and supports for the homeless population.	1/13/2022 11:21 AM
689	No	1/13/2022 11:20 AM
690	Winnipeg spends more than any other Canadian city on policing. We have to explore alternative approaches to this which has led to an over-militarization of the police. I fear that the police are also not held accountable for their actions because of their strong union and bad practices go unaddressed. I also think an effort should be made to hire only Winnipeggers for the Winnipeg Police Service. I don't like the idea of out of town commuters coming in when they don't really care about our community.	1/13/2022 11:20 AM
691	We need a critical review of what police services would be better covered by other agencies/organizations, as well as a decrease on top end salaries for police officers.	1/13/2022 11:19 AM
692	Based on community impact based on metrics to measure level of impact and determine increase/decrease in funding based on performance and merit, rather than just "oh it's more expensive to service you now."	1/13/2022 11:17 AM
693	Is there not a way to charge bedroom communities that use city services daily a charge somehow.	1/13/2022 11:10 AM
694	I work for the police, on lots of police projects, with white shirted executives. I have seem them light atrocious amounts of money on fire. There are substantial savings to be made by hiring educated civilians instead of promoting cops (who have never worked in a public industry, have never had to be accountable, and basically have a mail order degree in business) to executive level. The whole WPS as a business needs to be deconstructed, re-organized, and re-built from the ground floor. The city has no oversight, there's zero control, Winnipeg can't afford this colossal turd that years of mouth breathing collective bargaining has created. It's a giant boys club, filled with old men that want to keep the status quo so they can keep getting their 2% bi-annual increases, pensionable overtime, and enjoy their estates outside the city limits.	1/13/2022 11:09 AM

695	I think the agreements negotiated are not inline with other government sectors	1/13/2022 11:08 AM
696	raise the PST by 1% now everyone pay's. The increase would be for Police only, and would be more than enough to fund the police service's. Raising property tax's is not a fair way to raise more money for police services, as this put's the increase on property tax owner's only.	1/13/2022 11:06 AM
697	We do not need to determine how to fund the police service, we need to determine how to reduce funding by preventing crime. Will any of these proposed funding models actually reduce crime in Winnipeg? Is our current police funding model having any appreciable effect on crime in Winnipeg? Are Winnipeggers seeing any positive changes? Are we actually preventing any crime? Are complaints being brought to the Crown consistently? Police funding should be considered in the context of scholarly literature, practices in similar cities, and practices in larger cities. The city (and province) need to increase spending and resources in preventative measures against crime. Drug and alcohol use, mental health issues, domestic violence all need to be addressed by government and health care workers. Health care workers should be leading these initiatives, with police available for assistance but NOT playing a lead role. Furthermore, there are jobs within the police service that could be done by civilians who do not require the same level of compensation (for example, data entry). Police funding needs to be frozen or decreased. The police cannot respond to every situation, nor should they be expected to do so. Police spending could be decreased by removing some responsibilities that the police currently have. Mental health crises do not need two or more police officers. Send a nurse, a police officer, a paramedic and a social worker to mental health crisis situations. The police officer would not lead the team. They police officer would be there for one purpose, to respond to violent behaviour only. In this way, police funding is reduced while spending is increased in other areas such as health and community outreach. Reduce the size of the police service significantly by converting duties to civilian roles. Finally, remove pensionable overtime. This is an unsustainable pension model that is rarely available to any other emergency or essential worker.	1/13/2022 11:06 AM
698	Police funding should be decreased and more funding should be used to support community programs that reduce crime and improve quality of life for all Winnipeggers. Recreation for teens and kids for example. Improving housing for underhoused ppl, etc	1/13/2022 11:04 AM
699	The options presented - should include the following options as choices - police reducing their expenditures and no increase in budget. police reducing expenditures and budget is shrunk by 5% until it becomes sustainable at 2015 levels of income. the police budget has grown in a disgusting manner and yet services provided have not become better. petty, property and violent crime has not decreased. the city should negotiate that OT is not pensionable. this should be a priority and would help to regulate the ballooning costs. note: none of the options in question 9 are acceptable in my mind. yet I was forced to choose an option.	1/13/2022 11:04 AM
700	For the terrible service we get from the police I personally think they need to receive some cuts because the service isn’t there	1/13/2022 11:03 AM
701	The funding should be based on the needs, values, and expectations of the citizens of Winnipeg.	1/13/2022 11:03 AM
702	Stopping dangerous truck drivers and handing out extremely large fines could go into the budget. Yeah, I now. Constitutional rights,eh? There is your problem, right there. Talk to the federal government about this.	1/13/2022 11:03 AM
703	Remove pensionable earnings on all overtime work. This is outrageous.	1/13/2022 11:00 AM
704	Thank you for considering public safety. People of low income rely on security and the police come when we are in crisis. Do not abuse our police for petty issues like covid violations, which humiliate our Officers and divide citizens and waste more funding than it's worth. In 2022, we will need to focus on balancing the budget and refining our expenses. Some things will have to be cut like the covid program. Instead other preventative and actual community safety protocol will need to be in place. Police should only be used for actual emergencies. e.g. murder, rape, assault, theft, robbery. For things like mental health concerns, do not waste our valuable Officers. Instead have community supports like 24/7 drop in counseling, safe housing, safe spaces to deal with trauma, and reallocate health funding to these services in the community, which will in turn save the budget from unnecessary wasted expenses. Our Officers put their lives on the line everyday, are deserving of respect. Who else retrieves old ladies' purses, rescues kittens, saves vulnerable women from rapists, resolves domestic disputes, and has to put up with fake media devaluing their work? We grew up where our veterans, soldiers, police officers were respected. "There is no greater love than this: to lay	1/13/2022 10:58 AM

	one's life down for one's friends." John 15:3. Even when I was in trouble, and even offended, the police were respectful. We need more supports for them, like counseling, breaks and rewards in front of the city. Thank you for doing the right thing, leading in truth, justice and righteousness. God bless you, give you wisdom, strength and endurance and through your work may our LORD Jesus bless and rebuild this city.	
705	I feel the police budget should account for much less of the overall city budget. Money removed from the police service should be provided to social services that would help alleviate the burden on police. Just because they have continually received LARGE amounts of our tax dollars in past, does not mean the budget should maintain those levels and keep adding year over year.	1/13/2022 10:57 AM
706	Some of the police funding should be redirected to other supports that are more effective and less costly (both economically and societally), as they have done in Hamilton with a Mental Health worker paired with Police for mental health crisis calls. This would save money on Police and legal and incarceration costs and more than cover salary increases pegged to inflation. I do not think you are asking the proper question here. Police salaries can go up with budget and overall cost going down. This is the way forward.	1/13/2022 10:55 AM
707	Why do we continue to increase the funding for the police instead of allocating funds to other social services which greatly reduces the need for policing? These police do not already enforce laws accordingly and instead of placed in racialized and low income neighbourhoods to be monitored instead of assisting those that need assistance. We should be putting funding in to our social systems instead of in to policing. This coming from someone in the military sector.	1/13/2022 10:50 AM
708	Overtime pensions should not be allowed. Creates unethical practices in the service	1/13/2022 10:50 AM
709	I am disappointed that none of these funding options seem to contemplate a sustainable method for decreasing the policing budget over time and redirecting those funds into mental health and other desperately needed community supports that are better equipped to respond to the needs of at-risk people in our city.	1/13/2022 10:50 AM
710	there should be an option to reduce police funding. Police funding takes up 27% of the city budget. Clearly, we are doing something wrong.	1/13/2022 10:49 AM
711	The budget should be set and assessed based on needs, full stop. There must be a balance toward cost saving while also recognizing the need to invest in training, development and equipment. One cannot determine the funding police need based on taxes or inflation. This is a crucial area where innovation and development (anti-bias and anti-racision training) are crucial investments to protect the safety of all. focus firs on sustainable models of policing, then determine the funds needs to achieve those goals. There are other civic departments whose activities may lend themselves better to inflation based increases than the police. Setting budgets for anything (departments, houses, projects, etc) based on a % increase over the prior year is a dated approach, and the best way to ensure proper analysis and creativity is completely overlooked. I am shocked that this approach would even be suggested.	1/13/2022 10:49 AM
712	All cops **redacted** and I hope for your abolition	1/13/2022 10:48 AM
713	Funding for expansion of military level vehicles and equipment is unnecessary. Further arming/armouring the WPS distances them from the general public and ultimately creates an "us against them" situation.	1/13/2022 10:48 AM
714	Very few of us get wages pegged to inflation and levys and increases to property tax are the last thing this city needs with so many barely getting by as it is. Keep things they way they are!	1/13/2022 10:47 AM
715	Funding should be aligned with goals the city wants the police to accomplish - ie. major investigations into drug and gang crimes need a lot of resources. You need to find what you want to make happen.	1/13/2022 10:46 AM
716	The biggest burden on the police budget is awarding of salary increases in excess of inflation. These should be capped always. We should retroactively decrease increases of last 20 years.	1/13/2022 10:46 AM
717	Police budgets should not be based in any way on ticket revenue. These funds should go to the cities general revenue.	1/13/2022 10:46 AM
718	Overtime pay and pension costs need to be adressed as soon as possible.	1/13/2022 10:46 AM

719	Reduce funding until public safety actually improves. They are getting more and more money and crime has gotten worse.	1/13/2022 10:44 AM
720	Reduce discretionary spending in other areas to offset policing costs.	1/13/2022 10:44 AM
721	I am all for paying for whatever is needed to keep pollice safe in their jobs, but when you see things like that 350K armoured vehicle purchase, or the polic helicopter it makes you think that some fat can definitely be cut.	1/13/2022 10:44 AM
722	The police service is very necessary and should have the funds to ensure it can run properly.	1/13/2022 10:44 AM
723	I tagged model 4 as most acceptable. However, I believe this should start by shrinking the police force so that their budget decreases significantly to begin with. This would involve moving some of the functions of the police force to other service areas. An example would be wellness checks, and community outreach.	1/13/2022 10:44 AM
724	Peg the police budget to the rate of crime. Allowi g for inflation is great but the rate needs to reflect the reality of usage.	1/13/2022 10:36 AM
725	Council members must revisit and understand historical documents and agreements prior to making these decisions. The City of Wpg is solely responsible for the sad situation it finds itself in. The WPA on behalf of it's members negotiated in good faith - typically modest increases in salary and benefits - and Council of the day agreed with and approved. None of your proposed models allow for growth, staff increases, or purchase of new equipment. Rather they all focus on decreases in funding or blaming WPS members for your funding problems. The number of patrol cars has barely changed since the 1980's **redacted** Just 1 more thought: the 311 call system is **redacted** useless and ineffective and needs to be scrapped.	1/13/2022 10:33 AM
726	Yes. Many of these questions don't cover what the real problem is. The problem is what the department is spending their budget on. Case in point. That tank they'll spent money and was it necessary And the chopper. R these things we really need in a city of this size. Wages of officers have skyrocketed under Sam Katz. That is something city council has to deal with the department on. You don't wNt to say they r overpaid as it is a thankless job but how do our wages compare to other Canadian cities across Canada. As I said the way the department is spending the money. Maybe it's time to have a top cop line in the US there is a police commissioner. Somebody had to stop the department when they want to make huge spending sprees on items like the cop chopper and the para military tank they have. These r very expensive items to buy. At the top end of the department wages r very high from what I read in media. I am sure our regular officers r the best pay in Canada. You want to pay them good but comparable to other Canadian cities of our size. As I stated it's not so much the funding model the public is concerned about it's the way it's being spent by the department. That is where the city should focus. Somebody who answers to the politicians about whrr et r the department is spending. And they can veto that if they feel the expenses r not in line with what tha public wants.	1/13/2022 10:14 AM
727	Stop over thinking this. Fund the police appropriately **redacted**	1/13/2022 8:28 AM
728	Council needs to have the flexibility to increase the budget based on the experiences of front line police officers. If there's a spike in drug use, this leads to an increase in crime. Officers need access to tools and resources to apprehend, deter and prevent crime. Option #1 gives counsel the ability to allocate funds as required. The other options won't necessarily cover cost overages.	1/12/2022 10:45 PM
729	Yes the pension is killing us so starting next contract new Officers pension will not be included in pensions related to OT !	1/12/2022 10:23 PM
730	The people who have outstanding warrants should not get federal or provincial aid unless they show up for their hearings then they can resume their financial aids. Also there should be a levy for repeat users of police services when they are bogus calls etc.	1/12/2022 9:37 PM
731	I personally feel more of the budget from the city should be allocated to community health services (non profits) and towards road maintenance and transit services. I feel the WPS is allocated too much money and they have too many avenues to increase their budget (property taxes, goods taken from crime at auctions, ticketing). Less money needs to be put into the WPS and more into the communities. Although model 5 would have decreased the budget, I did not put acceptable due to the fear that increase in property taxes in the future would	1/12/2022 9:13 PM

	increase WPS budget. As well as fear of purposely increasing property taxes to increase WPS budget.	
732	There needs to be an overall review of police budget. We need to cut it substantially and re-allocate into 24 hour warming and support, housing, social workers to go to mental health calls, and community services. Imagine a world where we fund free activities and nutrition and keep teenagers out of the justice system all together. Police cannot fix our social services crisis - we need to relook at the entire model and re—allocate funds to libraries and community services. Scope needs a million to keep people housed - let's take it from the police budget.	1/12/2022 8:53 PM
733	Ask professionals!!! People who actually know something about policing and the benefits of divesting in police force and investing in things like proper care and housing for those experiencing homelessness. Rather than having uneducated police (without masks on) using brute force on people who are just cold on the street looking for food.	1/12/2022 8:48 PM
734	These are all atrocious options. None of them suggest downsizing of budgets and they are altogether tied to forcing Winnipeg gets to expend more and more money on a service which consistently harms them.	1/12/2022 8:47 PM
735	If this city can't afford these increase's and not only police departments , all government posts. I would like one simple answer Where is the money all coming from ?, and for how are we all going to service this uncontrolled debt.	1/12/2022 8:42 PM
736	Police budgets should be set the same as any other city department. The idea that we should give them special treatment makes no sense whatsoever.	1/12/2022 8:33 PM
737	Police funding in this city has grown three times faster than inflation with no end in sight. You have a lot of officers riding desk at a very high salary rate until they hit 25 and retire with a full pension for 30 years until they die millionaires. 1. Change the way you handle burnt out cops and the pension. Someone with 15 years of service can certainly transfer out to another department and serve til they are 60 or 65 if they are done with the dangers of policing. Likewise someone in their 20's and no higher education shouldn't be given a gun and sent out to the streets making over 80k and retire in their 40's with a full defined benefit pension. 2. Be more intelligent with asset purchases. Why do police have guns? A helicopter? Why not a drone instead? You could probably staff multiple drone units for half the budget of one helicopter. 3. Narrow the scope of policing and expand the scope of units like the cadets. Use cadets as an exclusive prep for police work 4.greater civilian oversight of the police budget 5. Set an ambitious target to reduce the cost of policing. 6. More low income outreach. 7. More community policing/self policing. 8. End BIZ zones, BIZ zones are just ways of letting businesses decide how their tax dollars are spent, but clearly we need those tax dollars to afford police! All of these funding models are simply other means of saying you're waving the white flag on police affordability - and year over year policing will continue to outpace inflation.	1/12/2022 8:02 PM
738	The police funding model should be based on a) what the city actually needs the police to do b) if they do a good job c) crime goes down Tie-ing the police budget to any sort of pro-rated or pre-determined system seems incredibly counter-intuitive and not at all results-oriented. What does the effectiveness of the police service have to do with property taxes or inflation? Absolutely nothing. This survey feels like a ... wait for it ... cop-out to avoid very real public concerns over how much money the police receive, and the quality of service we (and I mean ALL Winnipeggers, not just the wealthy) get for the money we're spending. Furthermore, the police takes up a pretty massive amount of our budget. Why have they not been tasked with the same cost-cutting measure demands that other departments have been? And lastly - and most importantly - if we ACTUALLY dealt with poverty, education, housing, mental health and trauma in meaningful ways - the police would have so much less to do. ISN'T THAT THE GOAL? Instead of surveying us about how to tie their funding to irrelevent benchmarks, how about ask us what we want out of a police service and if we feel we are getting value for our money. Because that is a much different conversation. And you need to stop avoiding it, because its going to bankrupt our city and continue making it un-livable.	1/12/2022 7:51 PM
739	If we increase the police budget, we need to reflect that in the standards to which we hold officers. More funding should translate to better, more all encompassing training of officers. Every officer should be trained paramedic. We should pair officers with mental health specialists and invest is substantial community outreach programs. Also we should abolish quotas for arrests and bookings.	1/12/2022 7:09 PM
740	More money needs to be diverted into social services. ie sending social workers and substance abuse professionals to certain calls.	1/12/2022 6:36 PM

741	We pay for police services through taxes. It is time to reinvent “for profit service” to cover any increases. Eg private event services, service fee recovery eg Alarm attendance, criminal collection for services, Permit fees, more cost effective levels of services - more cadets to attend to non urgent calls. Professional CBA negotiation that see reallocation of $ for more services	1/12/2022 6:35 PM
742	Request Federal Funding to address significant crime, violence, break and enter and property crime in Winnipeg	1/12/2022 6:09 PM
743	Funding should be reallocated from police to social programs that would improve situations that lead to current police resources being used. I.e housing, poverty, mental health and addictions. Once reallocated police budgets should also be reviewed against the required need and or key performance indicators.	1/12/2022 5:56 PM
744	Operating costs MUST be scrutinized, but should also align with agreements and inflation.	1/12/2022 5:43 PM
745	We cannot afford any more taxes. Everybody must be able to live within their means. That includes the 300,000.00 Christmas tree	1/12/2022 5:40 PM
746	Redistribute funding to other departments to help with prevention. Allow full transparency when discussing the budget and allow for external audits to be made annually. The police should absolutely not get more funding, money does not mean that safety will decrease. Stop stealing fund from public services that are actually needed.	1/12/2022 5:24 PM
747	I believe none of these options are adequate and that police budget should be measured based on effectiveness in communities.	1/12/2022 4:49 PM
748	How about funding based on "results". If crime (preventable) goes down, we fund the police at the status quo rates. If deaths by police/ crime goes up, we re-evaluate and decrease police funding. Results- driven funding can then modify how police killings / effectiveness of police service on crime stats/ will determine funding policy. If we, the tax payer, can see the positive (or negative) effects of the service provided, we can increase or decrease funding yearly as appropriate.	1/12/2022 4:46 PM
749	I believe that there needs to be a change to the Criminal Code, as the consequences for crime are not deterring or stopping repeat offenders. I believe that crime is steadily increasing, and we need more jails. I think we should privatize future jails and bring back hard labour. Work never hurt anyone.	1/12/2022 3:20 PM
750	This survey is massively flawed in that it doesn't provide an option to reduce WPS funding as a share of the overall budget. This isn't just a funding issue. The WPS needs a MASSIVE overhaul. 1) The system needs to move from a quasi-military model to a community-based model. That means doing away with the dark colors, helicopters, armoured vehicles and bringing back lighter colors, community police stations and foot/bicycle patrols. WPS needs to engage and work with communities 2) The current salary schedule is unsustainable. It's not unreasonable for a constable to be earning > $100,000, but it is unreasonable for a constabble, after 5 years, with only a high school education, to be earning > $100,000. This needs to change. As well, shift changes need to be adjusted to 5 x 8 hrs, with court appearance time being included in that amount. This will allow for more officers to be hired as less overtime will be paid out. There should also be some sort of accountability where officers write questionable quota tickets. If a questionable ticket is written and gets thrown out, the officer should not receive OT pay for court appearances.	1/12/2022 3:03 PM
751	If not already done, some type of program review should be undertaken to determine how the budget is allocated within the department. Are there some functions that could be best done by another agency (ie wellness calls)	1/12/2022 2:26 PM
752	Public/community feedback should be gathered and considered.	1/12/2022 1:49 PM
753	Police funding should not be tied to the growth of the city. A portion of the budget should be diverted to social services and away from the police and cadet program. More social services and less police. The funding for social services is supported by all three levels of government, police are municipal funding only. The current WPF funding model is a financial burden on the city that grows more out of control each year.	1/12/2022 1:09 PM
754	Transparent interaction on using the Lean programs, trim top level positions, while reviewing current resources use	1/12/2022 12:33 PM
755	Too much of the city budget goes to policing at the expense of everything else.	1/12/2022 12:25 PM

756	This survey does not include the cost factors incurred by the WPS. Nor does it speak to the increase of tax revenues anticipated due to projected growth, leaving us blind-sided to make a fact-based recommendation.	1/12/2022 11:43 AM
757	police overtime should not be factored into pension	1/12/2022 11:35 AM
758	Outcome-based funding should be explored. As in, reductions in funding if the duties of police are not being fulfilled (i.e. crime, drug abuse is not being successfully reduced)	1/12/2022 11:30 AM
759	I did not like any of the models shown. I feel that police wages should at minimum be frozen. They are paid too much for what many do not have university degrees/ higher learning. I do however feel the city needs to ensure we have enough police resources. I have seen a decline in road safety issues and crimes. I miss having local police stations. It has contributed to my dislike for most officers. Decrease their pay especially starting wages. Put them back in the communities and you would see a decrease in offenses, not needing as much money to fund. Find ways to create revenue within our city services that can fund at least part of the police budget. I must add I don't agree to this defund the police movement crap. I wish we had more prisons, more enforcement. Maybe those who speak out against the police have never been victimized.	1/12/2022 11:22 AM
760	None of funding models are acceptable, budget is overblown and more resouces need to go to proactive services like walking the beat, public good will and move to remediation instead of enforcement	1/12/2022 11:16 AM
761	City should look into alternate programs that aid winnipegers experiencing poverty, mental health issues & other circumstances rhat are currently “handled” by police but would be better handled by alternative programs	1/12/2022 11:05 AM
762	Police funding should be reduced so that we can fund services that actually help our communities. Everyone I know under the age of 50 is afraid of police and I'm a regular white lady. I can't imagine life for minorities. It's disgusting that companies that help support the homeless or drug addicted are losing funding left and right while police officers who spend more time unmasked in McDonald's than on the beat make 100k a year.	1/12/2022 10:57 AM
763	I think police funding should be reduced or come with tangible results. Money could be better spent investing in community resources and outreach programs which would directly reduce the required police involvement and lower costs. Defund the police.	1/12/2022 10:47 AM
764	these models are only relevant if the police stick to their budget. so far they exceed the budget and ask for more every year. we spend way too much on police and they have little effect on crime. there are cheaper ways to prevent crime that actually benefit people.	1/12/2022 10:33 AM
765	Levy or additional property tax increases are not acceptable	1/12/2022 10:31 AM
766	Look for ways to use mental health services to reduce cost. Polk e should not be responding to mental health crises and many cities have reduced their budgets, deaths by using other services to respond to crises.	1/12/2022 10:27 AM
767	A levy would make the most sense. The more transparent the costs of the service, the better. In my view the entire police cost should be separate line on the tax bill.	1/12/2022 10:04 AM
768	Funding Model 5 would need to be based on legitimate property tax revenue as many individuals do not report improvements and therefore do not pay their share of taxes. As well, police funding could be changed so that police cadets are used to provide services, such as traffic control when traffic lights stop working, to reduce costs. More police officers are needed, and less overtime should be used. Paid overtime should not be included in determining pensions. Pensions should be totally based on the set pay amount for different categories of police officers. Police officers are paid well and those who do their jobs deserve every penny they have been paid.	1/12/2022 9:44 AM
769	I have had dealings with WPS- paid way too much. $100k average salary for an officer after 4 years????? The overtime connected to their pension? How about one person instead of two person vehicle patrols? One third of the city budget to police is unacceptable. The function is important but balance must be achieved. 80k for an annual salary is certainly appropriate. We can’t afford to continue this cost without adjusting the budget. The union has to conform to current realities.	1/12/2022 9:35 AM
770	If some of the funding is tied to their pension plan then option 1 is the only option that makes	1/12/2022 9:29 AM

	sense. Their pension plan is fantastic only to the Police Service and is an anchor for the City and the people of the City.	
771	the police budget is tied to aprox 27% of our taxes, the highest in canada and we have a high rate of homicide per capita. The budget needs to be modified to increase funding to fixing the reasons why this is the case and less on policing. mental health, poverty reduction, increased housing and better transit systems. Drug rehabilitation,etc.	1/12/2022 9:24 AM
772	Police funding is insanely high in Winnipeg. This money could be going to many other things, including social services for the people whom the police harass on the streets daily. **redacted**.	1/12/2022 9:07 AM
773	Pour s'attaquer à la criminalité, il faut réduire la pauvreté, adresser les problèmes de santé mentale. Indépendamment de la manière de le faire, il faut réduire le budget de la police.	1/12/2022 9:00 AM
774	I don't like any of these models. I'd like police funding to decrease and funding for social supports like addictions, housing, food accessibility and mental health to increase.	1/12/2022 8:53 AM
775	Question 9 is clearly biased in only offering options to increase the budget. The police funding should see cuts and the WPS should seek to provide service with less funds - many other departments are able to do this - so can the police.	1/12/2022 8:49 AM
776	Some of the funding for police should be redirected to social services that support addiction treatment, mental health supports and housing for the unhoused - as they are root causes of activities requiring police.	1/12/2022 8:46 AM
777	No increase at all. Use all of the extra money to add social worker supports to your regular services so non-police related calls have someone appropriate to respond.	1/12/2022 8:23 AM
778	Police funding should be based on a preventative model of some sort. External for-hire self-funding should be banned, as it introduces an irresoluble conflict of interest.	1/12/2022 8:15 AM
779	Police funding is already too high. We should redirect a larger percentage of those funds to crisis support, such as mental health workers, as well as finding support for the homeless. My only experiences with the police have been them dealing with people who have mental health issues or are homeless. Neither of these are situations the police are adequately trained for, nor are they the right resource to handle it. These frequently end in violence or escalations.	1/12/2022 8:08 AM
780	Tell your agents to stay off social media. Too many of our undercover agents are compromised.	1/12/2022 8:06 AM
781	Would like to see a chunk of the budget should be invested in other things such as addressing poverty, addictions, mental health and homelessness which would in turn reduce the need for police services.	1/12/2022 7:30 AM
782	• Hiring freeze, let's start with 5 years • Tie salary increases so it can't exceed inflation, have next two contracts at max inflation-0.25% assuming WPD are willing to forfeit other items, if not increase the deduction from inflation • Make OT non pensionable • Shift funding saved on previous points into social programs like homeless shelters, mental health and addiction ect	1/12/2022 7:11 AM
783	I feel that the police department has too much funding, and other programs such as paramedics, out reach programs, safe injection sites, initiatives to help the homeless, would be money better spent.	1/12/2022 7:03 AM
784	Defund the police to find social services that are better equipped for conflict resolution	1/12/2022 6:41 AM
785	Our city should be reducing its police budget. Out of major Canadian cities, we pay the highest proportion of our budget to the police, and we still have one of the highest violent crime rates in the country. Any other city department with such dismal performance would see significant restructuring. Why not WPS?	1/12/2022 6:40 AM
786	When our footage of police harassment is made available to the public **redacted**	1/12/2022 3:04 AM
787	In times of belt-tightening, WPS should have to share the same proportion of that burden as other City departments.	1/12/2022 2:37 AM
788	I don't necessarily have a problem with city council setting the budget, however we give way to much money to the police and see next to nothing in return, so I'd like to see a portion of there budget redistributed to services that would go to actual crime prevention.	1/12/2022 1:57 AM

789	I think it's absolutely ridiculous that the council can justify a budget that includes a helicopter and a tank	1/12/2022 12:55 AM
790	The focus with regards to funding models is fundamentally flawed. A greater emphasis needs to be placed on transferring funding to improve social issues that are related to crime. Sadly this is completely missing from future approaches highlighted in this survey which a poor reflection on the WPS's ability to see crime for what it actually is....a social issue.	1/12/2022 12:53 AM
791	Reducing overtime and increasing the force would reduce the stress on the officers which would also reduce sick leave.	1/12/2022 12:02 AM
792	The fact Winnipeg spends the highest per capita on police yet our crime statistics remain above average for a Canadian city I find it appalling that this survey only gives the options of how to find the police instead of addressing the root cause. No matter how the police are funded, there remains a glaring issues which needs to be addressed: the efficiency of policing. I believe there needs to be a ground up funding review with more emphasis on support programs as opposed to an ever increasing budget. I believe police should end the massive conflict of interest of radar cameras and goods seizures going to fund their operations. I would like to see the funding instead directed towards education and support programs. Lastly, I believe the police union has entirely too much power and the pensionable overtime should be again reviewed and removed. It is clear that the policing model has not worked for many years yet continues to get more funding.	1/12/2022 12:02 AM
793	The percentage of taxes going towards policing is unacceptable. I believe in the importance of policing as a service but also have read the research that suggests policing doesn't actually address problems. The police budget needs to be dramatically reduced and quickly to find programs that actually give us systematic returns on our tax money.	1/11/2022 11:47 PM
794	This is not an exhaustive list and a poor way of conducting a public survey. Thousands of winnipegers have called to defund the police and intentionally divert funding towards good social services for our community. INVEST IN GOOD SOCIAL SERVICES AND YOU DONT NEED SUCH A MASSIVE POLICE BUDGET.	1/11/2022 11:22 PM
795	What about funding for resources that are designated for WPS use that is not law enforcement. Resources that will compliment what police officers are being expected to do and alleviate the stresses that they are put under. Since our WPS are not required to have a higher education in social services, they need to be supported with WPs designated resources to aid in these areas. For example, child and youth care workers, disability experts, addictions councillors, etc.	1/11/2022 11:09 PM
796	Our Winnipeg Police Service Is severely overfunded considering how inadequate they are at doing their jobs. they mostly seem to be concerned and preoccupied with traffic violations.	1/11/2022 11:07 PM
797	Pay them whatever they need. They do an awesome job	1/11/2022 10:57 PM
798	More social services needed. We need trained individuals who are able to perform wellness checks without escalating situations (something like the Main Street Project outreach van)	1/11/2022 10:50 PM
799	Stop giving the police money all together. Defund the police and put that money into social services and harm reduction programs	1/11/2022 10:26 PM
800	We do not need to increase police funding. These proposed funding models are terrible because it just asks for more money. What we need to do is to increase funding for crime prevention such as better social safety nets and programs to stop homelessness and only then will crime go down.	1/11/2022 10:25 PM
801	None of these are sustainable for creating meaningful change within the police department. You clearly do not want a lower amount of money directly moving to the police department. These options are all meant to increase policing. This money should be diverted to programs to help people or employ crisis counselors to help with mental health checks. Also paying for the amount of court cases against Winnipeg police officers for DUI should not come from public money.	1/11/2022 10:17 PM
802	Instead of constantly giving them more money for little results, the root cause of Winnipeg crime needs to be addressed. Poverty is not going to be solved by any more robot dogs, emergency response tanks, or helicopters. There needs to be better accountability by the police for their requested funding levels. A survey asking if we should just give them the same amount or more is not an adequate solution to this issue.	1/11/2022 10:03 PM

803	Look comparatively at other cities - the percentage of the total city budget spent on police in Winnipeg completely outpaces many other Canadian cities. Look at how other cities who have reduced and reallocated police spending have approached budgeting. There are many models within Canada and the States to choose from.	1/11/2022 9:55 PM
804	Get rid of expensive toys like the police helicopter. And get rid of most overtime. Also re work the pensions and don't let the force do their own hiring.	1/11/2022 9:46 PM
805	Our model of police services is outdated and does not reflect any research or models on how to reduce the root of our major issues. Please consider police reform.	1/11/2022 9:46 PM
806	More accountability to what percentage of the City budget is allocated to services means no allowing special interest groups including Unions to use their power to repeatedly draw increased tax revenue without independent oversight. Linking the budget to something like property tax revenue ensures spending does not run wild the way it obviously has.	1/11/2022 9:39 PM
807	The cost of policing in this city is too high. Every other municipality in Canada manages to police as effectively at 30% less than it costs Winnipeg.	1/11/2022 9:36 PM
808	**redacted** Dismantling the police and funding real programs that promote public safety is the ONLY path forward. **redacted**	1/11/2022 9:35 PM
809	We don't get nearly enough of a return from such a high police budget, ever increasing to an unsustainable level. That means simply tinkering with the funding model isn't enough. I'd be much more comfortable with focusing a portion of funding to prevention, poverty reduction, mental wellness, better practices in rehabilitation etc.; than continuing to add more and more on top of a reactive pile.	1/11/2022 9:24 PM
810	Like any other businesses. If the company isn't doing well, they get lean and cut the fat. The WPS takes too much of the tax payers money. They should allocate some of the funds on other things.	1/11/2022 9:20 PM
811	Police funding must decrease. Wages are too high, overtime is excessive and unnecessary purchases (robot dog)	1/11/2022 9:20 PM
812	Defund they police. Instead of increasing funds, funds should be diverted to other social programs that address the root causes of crime rather than support an institution that does nothing to prevent crime.	1/11/2022 9:20 PM
813	Honestly, all of these options are trash. The current budget, which allots 27% of the budget to WPS is NOT taking into account any other department **redacted**. Also, how can you have a survey on a department that is grossly overfunded without having options to allocate some of that 27% they're already taking to resources that actually reduce crime? The audacity to have a "two phase model" to give the WPS ever MORE money without taking into account the fact it is a reactionary service rather than preventative is appalling. We have winnipegers sleeping in BUS SHELTERS. This survey should have been about cutting the budget to the WPS, and what we would feel comfortable losing and where those funds should go instead. This is the smallest city I have lived in, with the highest police budget and still, they don't respond to service calls. **redacted** The best way to determine police finding? Easy. 15%. Hard stop. If they need more, guess they had best figure out how to come up with it. Enough is enough, city council needs to **redacted** here.	1/11/2022 9:18 PM
814	Stop giving the police whatever they want. They suck an unacceptable amount of the city budget, and are not accountable to anyone.	1/11/2022 9:13 PM
815	I don't like any of these options. I think that the police budget should be decreased and the money should be put towards having more mental health services, as that's the core issue in our city right now and most crime is attributed to untreated or un acknowledged mental health issues. I also think that at the very least, if you were to chose any of the funding models above (which I don't think that you should, I think you should reevaluate by talking to minority groups ie: Indigenous peoples, black people, a person who identifies as LGBTQIA+, Muslim people on what their opinions are) I think you should have training courses for police on mental illness and racism. These programs should be operated by a person (or group of people) a part of a minority group (for example: an Indigenous person, a black person, a person who identifies as LGBTQIA+, a Muslim person.)	1/11/2022 9:08 PM

816	Use model 1 but defund the police and use that money for sustainable policing alternatives. Or model 5 because if they do their job correctly then the city will improve	1/11/2022 9:05 PM
817	none of these alternatives look at the value proposition that the current funding model gives while consuming almost 30% of the city budget. other services are suffering from this bottomless pit and it is unsustainable.	1/11/2022 9:03 PM
818	The WPS is massively overfunded. A significant reduction in funding and using the savings to fund social projects is the best way forward. No community should be spending over 25% of their budget on policing, especially when we are not actually seeing public safety increase with that level of spending. So something else	1/11/2022 8:56 PM
819	I chose model 5, but in reality I think it's garbage. I am most interested in any option that decreases police funding and puts that money into social programs in their place, either that or re-trains police force members to serve in a different "social worker" capacity within the community.	1/11/2022 8:55 PM
820	The police are overfunded. Funding education, childcare, and social programming is what prevents crime. Police budget is bloated and they are ineffective. Police funding should be determined by their effectiveness at preventing and solving crime, and reducing crime rates. They are not effective at this.	1/11/2022 8:50 PM
821	These options suck. Our budget for police is way too high. I would rather a large chunk of the current budget go towards proper social services. We don't need cops performing wellness checks.	1/11/2022 8:41 PM
822	The overall police budget is totally unsustainable. Typing it to property tax is a good option however the overall budget needs to decrease.	1/11/2022 8:36 PM
823	Less funding. Reallocate funds to social services to prevent crime risk factors.	1/11/2022 8:32 PM
824	Funding crime prevention happens at the social services level and is much more cost affective then just increasing the police budget	1/11/2022 8:29 PM
825	Not directly tied to funding, but I think that there is a discrepancy between how much police are making and the amount of education they receive. I do realize it's dangerous and complicated work, but that just reinforces that more training would be beneficial.	1/11/2022 8:17 PM
826	Listen to your community and fund things that prevent crimes instead of pouring money to a police department that has been an able for years to make a difference in Winnipeg. I am in favor of anything that lowers their budget.	1/11/2022 8:02 PM
827	There is no plan to down scale the present funding. None to redistribute response options outside of armed officers to all calls.	1/11/2022 7:55 PM
828	I believe the police budget is ridiculously high and should be drastically reduced. Yea the police have a job to do, however the millions of dollars that are currently budgeted to the police force is grossly high for the quality of service the public receives. The police budget should be drastically reduced and the funds to be redirected the social services that will actually benefit the citizens of Winnipeg.	1/11/2022 7:53 PM
829	Listen to marginalized communities. Fund more community development. Prevent crime by ensuring communities are healthy. Defund or abolish the police.	1/11/2022 6:55 PM
830	Police funding is WAY overfunded. I don’t trust any model that does not look at alternatives to policing. Abolish homelessness with affordable/free housing, safe consumption sites FIRST.	1/11/2022 6:49 PM
831	City council shouldn’t be setting the budget for the police. Money needs to be redirected to help organizations help people out of poverty. Also pensionable OT !! Who ever heard of a Thing.	1/11/2022 5:58 PM
832	I think they deserve less and more to mental health services. Put professionals on the streets to help	1/11/2022 5:22 PM
833	We need to reallocate a large part of the police budget to social services that will actually support citizens. This will help to prevent crime rather than react to crime. Police don't prevent crime, they attend after the fact, and regularly make situations worse.	1/11/2022 5:20 PM
834	Defund the police and use those funds to invest directly into the root causes of crime: poverty, homelessness, mental health, addictions, etc. In 2019 Winnipeg’s police budget made up the	1/11/2022 5:09 PM

	third largest percentage of city budgets in Canada. This is unacceptable. Out with policing and in with social supports.	
835	If minimum wage does not increase with inflation, **redacted** over funded WPS shouldn't either. Money should be diverted into addressing the root causes of crimes like establishing safe injection sites to help combat addiction	1/11/2022 5:06 PM
836	Ultimately, all of these options are garbage. Cops do more harm than good, regardless of their personal moral compass (for those that actually have one). It's been proven that violence and crime rates go down when funding is directed to resources that SUPPORT and SUSTAIN communities. Police accomplish neither of these things. Defund the police and redirect the money to other areas that actually care about the community.	1/11/2022 4:51 PM
837	This is assuming status quo with the way policing occurs within our city. The question is not 'how should we increase the budget going forward', we should be looking at crime reduction strategies outside of the realm of policing and funding it through a reduction of police budget overtime	1/11/2022 4:49 PM
838	How about the services provided are heavily scrutinized and those things that police respond to that are not within the capability of police handling properly are directed to other groups that have the expertise to handle those situations. The budget the police recieve should go out the door along with those services. Also how about we invest in youth and kids to provide safe, accepting communities and childcare rather than fund to police issues arising from the lack of support we have for community. While we are attitudes, how about we stop developing the outskirts of the city and providing city services to those fringe areas and preserve the budget for where the greatest density of the population lives.	1/11/2022 4:34 PM
839	Police funding needs to decrease and the money should be rerouted to community services that focus on prevention and support for marginalized groups.	1/11/2022 4:31 PM
840	Defund the police. It is absurd that this is not an option.	1/11/2022 4:10 PM
841	I'm disappointed to see that decreasing funding to police/allocating funding to other social services such as mental health, addictions, homelessness, youth services, etc is not listed as an option here. As a CFS worker, I'm extremely disappointed to see that. While the police do have a role in some areas, I find that there are many areas lacking/could use more support. Increasing or maintaining the status quo does not respond to those needs. I highly recommend and believe that decreasing the funding to police and allocating it to the other services I have listed would be best for the health, safety and well being of all people living in Winnipeg.	1/11/2022 4:09 PM
842	The city council *should* determine the police budget. Currently, the police determine the budget. The existing system isn't working and has created a wasteful and overinflated police budget.	1/11/2022 3:36 PM
843	The amount of funding the Winnipeg Police Service gets for what they provide is completely out of line and would be better spent elsewhere. Funding should be realistic and tied to outcomes and currently the outcomes in our communities as it relates to crime are poor. We've tried this for long enough, try something else.	1/11/2022 3:32 PM
844	The current model would work if the city prioritized community care over police. The police do not prevent crime. Funding should be put into programs that help our most vulnerable communities.	1/11/2022 3:26 PM
845	While I have selected "funding model 5" from question 9, I would note that none of the options for the funding models are acceptable to me. It is interesting that given the support for de-funding police to provide additional funding for social and community supports that not a single funding model given would directly REDUCE the police budget. The only option amenable to me would be one that not only reduces the City of Winnipeg Police budget, but also one that diverts those funds to additional housing, community, and social supports for people who live in the city. Policing should be reduced not expanded, and honestly the audacity of asking this question about increasing the police budget, when you had to ask for even more money this year for the police budget. The police budget should be cut and those funds used for supports that will enhance safer communities, that will in turn reduce the need for policing. So your funding models are all completely unacceptable and there is absolutely NO reason at least one option of specifically reducing the police budget was not given. This survey is completely flawed because of that - as you will not accurately be able to see the amount of Winnipeg residents who actually support defunding the police - and there are a lot of us. So you can choose not to listen now, but we'll keep talking.	1/11/2022 3:26 PM

846	None of the models listed above are acceptable. Set a budget with City Counsel and make the necessary cuts to stay on/under budget.	1/11/2022 3:25 PM
847	The helicopter keeps our family up at night on a regular basis and has our police force ever used the tank? Why does our police force need such expensive, state of the art equipment? It makes no sense for a city of this size! Please focus on reforming things like how and by whom mental health checks are performed as well as how to properly reprimand veteran officers who've been known menaces to the public for years now e.g Kevin Smith (1849)	1/11/2022 3:23 PM
848	I think in general there is too much money going to the police. There isn't an option in this survey to decrease the funding and importance we put towards police to something else like mental health services. Quite frankly, I don't care about the funding models, let's just go with the option that gives the police the least amount of money. Make cuts if we have to.	1/11/2022 3:21 PM
849	The Winnipeg Police service is GROSSLY over funded for the services they provide. These **redacted** funds could better help our community with more mental health services, and trained professionals that do not carry weapons, or hit first, ask questions later (we've all seen the videos) The Winnipeg Police service should be defunded completely. We, as tax payers, are not benefitting from Police officers taking joy rides in a $5000 per day helicopter. It's a useless cost and service that does nothing but prevent people from sleeping in the middle of the night. I absolutely refuse to foot the cost of an increased Police budget when health care workers and teachers are going half a decade without a pay increase or contract. The Winnipeg Police DOES NOT need more money. The Police do not keep us safe. They do not benefit our community. And they do not deserve the disgusting 6 figure wages they recieve.	1/11/2022 3:18 PM
850	I believe the focus should be on creating safe communities through providing other services than policing such as proper housing, addiction treatments, decriminalizing all drugs, more metal health supports etc	1/11/2022 2:56 PM
851	defund the police, invest in community	1/11/2022 2:55 PM
852	I think the fact that 1/3 of our municipal budget is going towards the police is absolutely ridiculous and a waste. We don’t need more policing, we need more social services. Community led social services and other forms of crime prevention that don’t involve a militarized police force, should be made a priority. Divert a large portion of funding towards these social services so that we can actually address the root causes of crime, I.e. poverty, systemic racism, lack of mental health support and cross response services, and more. It is remarkably irresponsible for the city to continue to give the police force such an exorbitant budget. Especially considering recent incidents of the police force clearly using the budget irresponsibly. Including one incidence of utilizing a tank to break down a garage door, to arrest someone who had multiple parking violations. Such a slap in the face to tax payers.	1/11/2022 2:40 PM
853	Cut the budget way down, and fund community projects like health, wellness, fitness, arts, crafts, easy mental health access to all, safe housing, food, shelter and water for all. And create a program where police are paired up with mental health workers to attend calls with the police.	1/11/2022 2:29 PM
854	I don't think any of these models are appropriate. Sustainable communities start with redirecting money and resources to street level organizations, especially those run / led by BIPOC and/or 2SLGBTQIA+.	1/11/2022 2:27 PM
855	I wish that the funding went to community projects, housing and basic need support. This would have a larger effect on crime than the police	1/11/2022 2:25 PM
856	These options are limited, and don’t consider the public desire to see police funding reinvested in social services. Winnipeg faces intersecting crises of housing, addiction, mental health and poverty. Addressing the root causes of crime will lead to a better and healthier city for all. Mayor **redacted** stated he wishes he could have done more to address homelessness. This is your chance. Defund the police. Build housing. Support wraparound services and invest in people not policing.	1/11/2022 2:02 PM
857	This is a terrible survey as it leaves out a sixth option: decreasing funding or defunding altogether, and allocating the funds that would have gone to WPS to community programs and nonprofits supporting marginalized communities. Shame on The City of Winnipeg for not giving Winnipeggers this option in this public consultation. Police presence does not decrease crime, does not de-escalate situations, they don't even solve crimes for the most part. While a minimal police presence in important to investigate issues like fraud, theft, etc., in most	1/11/2022 1:57 PM

	present cases, there is evidence to demonstrate that police presence and increased funding INCREASES crime rates, increases rates of violence in police-involved situations and escalates conflict. Divert funding to necessary poverty reduction, housing, gender-based violence prevention and food security programming instead. Also, please note: The WPS recently declared a state of emergency as there wen't enough police officers able to come in -- as they had COVID. Because they weren't vaccinated. Increased police presence is a menace to civil and compassionate society.	
858	Redirect police funding to fund more social services that will help to prevent crime.	1/11/2022 1:55 PM
859	I'm more concerned with how the budget is spent. Giving more money to a force that spends money that doesn't align with best practices or to the benefit of the citizens is a bad practice, regardless of how it is allocated.	1/11/2022 1:52 PM
860	I think more a problem is how the police spend their money. It is opaque. It is also frivolous. Wasted money on a crumbling building, copious unnecessary overtime, and a robot dog are UNACCEPTABLE.	1/11/2022 1:47 PM
861	The salaries for police officers should be reduced, and the ammount of money saved from the salaries should go to twice yearly mental health checks as well as monthly mandatory sensitivity training. And the city should put more money into socialwork, housing, addictions counselling/housing, poverty eradication etc. We do not need to spend more money on police.	1/11/2022 1:44 PM
862	PUT MORE FUNDING INTO MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES AND LESS INTO THE HORRIBLE WPS. They aren’t properly trained to deal with the public when it comes to wellness checks, someone having a mental health disorder, etc.	1/11/2022 1:43 PM
863	Funding should be determined by the need. Adjusting for the cost of inflation does not necessarily meet the need. The WPS may require more, or less funding to meet the needs. Additionally, to speak to those who are worried about discrimination and police brutality, perhaps the budget should be separated to show funding for non-tactical calls vs tactical calls that require force (ie social work vs policing).	1/11/2022 1:31 PM
864	All of these models ignore the fact the police budget is at a point right now that is too high right now. It has to be brought under control before any of these discussions matter.	1/11/2022 12:09 PM
865	The overtime thing needs to be changed and the amount the province pays needs to come in higher.	1/11/2022 11:29 AM
866	Whatever method that will deliver the least budget to the police is best	1/11/2022 10:43 AM
867	The police budget should not receive any increases, and in addition a portion of the current budget should be allocated to community initiatives towards safety.	1/11/2022 10:39 AM
868	The police budget needs to be reduced to less than 15% of the city of Winnipeg's budget: a rate comparable to or less than other cities.	1/11/2022 9:47 AM
869	Please maintain essential services like the WPS. They put their lives on the line everyday. A progressive funding model needs to keep pace with the ever increasing needs of an expanding city. Thanks.	1/11/2022 8:59 AM
870	More social services need to be provided for low income housing, mental health and addiction services are absolutely necessary. Police should not need to address these issues they have enough to do with actual police work.	1/11/2022 7:19 AM
871	I would be very supportive of a funding model that looked at expanding police services to include social supports and social services that addressed root causes of homelessness, crime, and addictions. Pplice budgets don't exist in a vacuum but need to be seen in context. None of the proposed models address root causes and therefore crime reduction.	1/11/2022 6:58 AM
872	None of these options seems especially effective. I would support model 4, out of the options presented, but fear it would be very unpopular with people who support defunding or who are not affected either directly or indirectly by crime.	1/10/2022 9:23 PM
873	Overtime must never be included in pensionable earnings. Fines should not be included in the police budget, but rather allocated to a separate account to fund related initiatives. No cruiser should ever have a single officer. General traffic matters should not occupy the time of highly paid officers, but rather be delegated to cadets.	1/10/2022 8:50 PM
874	Eliminate the rent which is collected from WPS for their headquarters. Have wellness checks	1/10/2022 8:23 PM

	carried out by health professionals, not police. Lobby province for larger grants.	
875	If the funding model is changed it should also be changed for all other emergency services including fire and paramedic services. Policing should not be singled out.	1/10/2022 7:26 PM
876	Why would you base it on inflation? That would be assuming that the needs of the police service and the city remain constant year over year when fluctuations in crime rates clearly indicate otherwise.	1/10/2022 7:22 PM
877	Crime is a big problem in Winnipeg, our city and in particular downtown sadly is very dangerous. We need more police on our streets and while imperfect, I think out of all of the options presented having council have the final say only make sense. Because, public safety should not be dictated by whether inflation goes up or down.	1/10/2022 7:11 PM
878	Safety is #1!!! This city is crumbling do what is needed.	1/10/2022 7:06 PM
879	Basing on inflation is okay... Revisit the budget throughout the year to ensure monies are spent evenly throughout each quarter and return surplus end of Q4	1/10/2022 6:57 PM
880	It is the bloated pension and high salaries that to has let to this unsustainable budget year after year approved increases higher than other departments. irresponsible spending such as the helicopter and the tank	1/10/2022 6:57 PM
881	None of these options include funding reduction and reallocation of funds to mental health, poverty reduction or other non-police methods of reducing crime.	1/10/2022 5:55 PM
882	Budget needs to consider all the factors mentioned. Must consider inflation. Must be set within the City's overall means (tax and other income). Must be set mindful of NEEDS!! If crime increases, costs will increase. City must also show some strength in renewing its union terms. Current terms are not tenable. Police brass need to be able to redeploy and adjust schedules without overtime implications, for example.	1/10/2022 5:32 PM
883	I'm willing to pay a levy so that the police have the resources they need	1/10/2022 5:20 PM
884	I feel that the police dept should be "defunded" insofar as they are doing the work of other services. Police should be peacekeepers and there should be an increase to the other social service agencies that are actually qualified to respond (eg addictions, crisis Counsellors etc)	1/10/2022 5:19 PM
885	Disband the corrupt and unethical against male victims of domestic violence wps! Give us back our power to hold them accountable or give us anarchy.	1/10/2022 4:51 PM
886	Defund them. Give the money to social services that will actually make our communities safer and stronger.	1/10/2022 4:47 PM
887	Defind the police completely. Dismantle policing and pour those MILLIONS and MILLIONS into literally every other city service. Especially those services that actually reduce crime and harm.	1/10/2022 4:47 PM
888	Literally look at Winnipeggers need. Housing. Active transportation. Community services. And budget according to that, not according to a parasitic department that harms way too many Winnipeggers. We don't need police.	1/10/2022 3:23 PM
889	Performance and efficiency, per department, no automatic increase. Cut out the bureaucracy and stop pandering to special pressure/interest groups. Cost increase by growth	1/10/2022 3:05 PM
890	Almost all options have the budget increase. Why not have an option where there is a decrease to the police budget. We spend too much as is on policing. The money could be better spent on other resources	1/10/2022 2:56 PM
891	Adequate policing very important! As our city grows it is UNACCEPTABLE to cut essential services. Police put their lives on the line every shift. These officers need our support. Not threats of cutbacks. Overtime occurs for a reason. As an RN of 40 years I understand lack of staff, increased workload and unexpected situations as well as the unknown danger of working each shift. Again the police need support of the city and the citizens who use their services!!!	1/10/2022 1:59 PM
892	I would have to answer with a question. Do the police receive a pay increase every year? If they do, then this is your biggest problem! Many, many people do NOT get a pay increase every year! An increase in pay should the the cost of living increase only; nothing surplus! This is how many people live. Taxing Winnipeggers will only bring on outrage at a time when the police and communities should be building better relationships. One of the biggest areas	1/10/2022 1:50 PM

	that needs improvement in the police force is how police deal with people with mental illness. That should be a totally separate department with specialized training such as you find in other areas such as drugs, gangs and homicides. Everyone has the correct training dependent upon which department you work in. If people could see that you are expanding services, they would be more open to monetary increases!	
893	There is no option in this survey for defunding police as demanded by social movements for several years. This process is rigged to create legitimacy for ongoing funding increases instead of listening to movements demanding defunding and reinvestment into services that actually keep people safe.	1/10/2022 1:44 PM
894	Get someone who knows HOW to negotiate union contracts/ pensions in ALL union contracts, not just the police.	1/10/2022 1:38 PM
895	Police budget should have a max % of city budget but enforceable goals should be set to reduce % of city budget toward policing.	1/10/2022 1:04 PM
896	Fund it from the money you already have and not impose another tax. Levy is just another word for a tax.	1/10/2022 12:05 PM
897	I don't think any of the 5 models are appropriate to solve the root causes of crime/budget- so being forced to choose one in this survey is not appreciated. The public should contribute to priority setting within the police budget- what outcomes do we want purchased with the budget e.g. proactive crime prevention- affordable housing, poverty reduction, and mental health supports to reduce demand for police services and therefore save money or redistribute it to other services that meet community needs. The public isn't informed enough on funding models to decide which is best and will likely recommend a model based on their ability/affordability to pay taxes. If you want informed citizen contributions on taxation/participatory budgeting then use a citizens' assembly or similar method not a public opinion survey. Thanks.	1/10/2022 12:04 PM
898	I think options 2, 3 or 4 would work for me. However, significant negotiations need to be done on the cities part to change policiing overtime policy and pay in the collective agreement. It is absurd that 85% of the police budget is wages, so around 20% of the entire city operating budget is for the salary of just police officers, not the rest of the city employees (fire, paramedic, recreation services, etc.).	1/10/2022 11:59 AM
899	Just as important are what wages and benefits, including police overtime and pension contributions, are negotiated and allowed.	1/10/2022 11:51 AM
900	No	1/10/2022 11:08 AM
901	Please do not ever decrease funding as the future involves an ever-expanding city and the WPS is an essential service that must match such increased diverse needs. .	1/10/2022 11:01 AM
902	abolish the police, redistribute every single cent the police currently receive into services for homeless people, harm reduction, and covid safety	1/10/2022 10:59 AM
903	Police force is favoured against other professions. They get salary increases while other people don't. In my place there was no increase in almost 10 years. More social problems, and police is called. Money would be better spent improving people's lives. Police force needs to be reduced. I question the use of manpower in police service. Again and again I see police sitting in cars, in some corner that is not dangerous traffic-wise (such as Pan-Am clinic), and they spend 2 hours in the morning nabbing people who make a wrong turn. These are sick people going for their appointments, and police thinks is ok to sit there and catch them? This is not safety, it's all about the money. So police priority is to get money for themselves and increase their salaries? That's it? Not to mention police standing in Superstore, on their phones for hours, while customers are belligerent towards staff? They never do anything. What a waste of money. And police needs to get out of schools. What a failed concept and you're still hanging onto that? So obviously there is a problem with management and decision-making. So police want more money for that? While everything in the city is crumbling? So it looks the City also has a management problem and issues with priority-management. So what if you're asking, nothing changes. The only change I can make for myself is to move out of this failing city.	1/10/2022 10:48 AM
904	Reduce fire stations to a manageable number of buildings. Sell the old buildings, increase number of ambulances and reduce the number of engines. Focus on the budget as a whole	1/10/2022 10:33 AM

	instead of targeting specifically the police. All departments have waste which can be eliminated. A little common sense goes a long way.	
905	N/A	1/10/2022 10:23 AM
906	It is not appropriate to consider funding models (revenue) in the absence of public safety policies (expenses). You cant determine how to fund an activity without determining what and how much activity is needed or wanted. This is especially true for open ended public goods such as education, healthcare, emergency services, public safety, defence, etc. As resources are finite and demands for service are not, this is a strategic consideration of how to allocate those finite resources across all public services. Any model that allocates resources by formula is the opposite of strategic. It becomes operational (how much I can buy with a specified amount of $) rather than what do I need, how much do I want, and the value of that compared to other important goods and services. It removes the debate and decision making away from elected policy makers to operational managers. It assumes that the current level of funding is the appropriate, that the relative value of services compared with each other does not change, and reduces accountability of those elected and/or appointed to make those strategic policy decisions.	1/10/2022 10:18 AM
907	None of these options are sustainable and none of these options reflect real public safety. We need to immediately decrease public spending on the police immediately and reallocate these funds towards real community safety like safe consumption sites, access to food and housing, accessibility, and recreation. Your survey is insulting.	1/10/2022 9:59 AM
908	I think policing is one of the most important ways to spend money. Will impact all issues in the city. I believe police should be given whatever funding is required to best perform and that there is a lot of terrible ways that the city wastes tax dollars.	1/10/2022 7:39 AM
909	Overhaul the service to make it way more efficient like other major metro services or create departments like the sheriffs that can police newer suburbs to take burden off Winnipeg police	1/10/2022 7:22 AM
910	It's not like the cops actually solve any of the crimes that happened in my neighborhood, they just harass homeless people and drug users after the fact. I want less cops and more social workers, more outrage an addiction programs. I'm sick of the useless security theater! Obviously we need to have SOME cops, but more and more fancy weapons and toys for them isn't making anything safer. What would make our community safer is affordable housing, better access to social services, youth and after school programs, supervised consumption sites and free addiction therapy, mental health services that people can actually access without private insurance... Trying to solve all these problems with police is the classic you have a hammer and everything looks like a nail situation. **redacted**. Give more support for things like bear clan instead.	1/10/2022 4:01 AM
911	Lower the salaries of police and their pension plan	1/10/2022 2:17 AM
912	People need to get how much they and crime personally affect them in order to get angry enough to put an end to it. It has to become unacceptable including buying stolen property if anything is going to change. EVERYONE I know steals, until they get the true cost it really isn't that important. So let them pay for it and see that cost.	1/10/2022 1:02 AM
913	Just pay the police what they need **REDACTED**. Cut back politicians wages and eliminate redundant government positions to pay for it.	1/9/2022 11:29 PM
914	The police pension is far too rich and expensive. Future benefit accruals must be reduced, and overtime removed from pensionable earnings.	1/9/2022 11:00 PM
915	Review the overtime pay rules so officers cannot game the system to increase pay.	1/9/2022 9:24 PM
916	Your answers are flawed. Property tax revenue does not go down. Ever. Frivolous spending by other departments including the Mayor on a Christmas tree could easily pay for this. Get rid of this police chief as he offers no value in declaring an emergency versus problem solving. Get rid of police board as it has added no value.	1/9/2022 8:55 PM
917	The police need less funding. Fund community programming instead. Address root causes rather than policing.	1/9/2022 8:49 PM
918	Funding needs to be reallocated to non lethal protection equipment (tasers) increased training, and cooperation with mental health organizations. Demilitarization and increased community policing is essential in police reform.	1/9/2022 8:45 PM

919	Peg funding and salaries to the service level provided. Similar to other services.	1/9/2022 8:27 PM
920	Salaries and budget freeze for at least 5 years. Salaries, pensions and benefits have become unsustainable. Full pensions should be 30 years.	1/9/2022 8:23 PM
921	This is an abhorrent survey. Over the past 2 years Winnipeggers have clearly indicated that they do not trust the Winnipeg Police service, and that the WPS should be defunded in favour of funding services which actually reduce crime and keep people safe. To present a survey which doesn't even offer defunding the police as a real option is antidemocratic and a transparent attempt to dodge accountability for unpopular decisions. Please do better.	1/9/2022 8:09 PM
922	Policing is very important. We need more law and order in this city.”	1/9/2022 7:49 PM
923	creating a levy is just another tax!! People are taxed enough.	1/9/2022 7:38 PM
924	Please FUND the police. They are so important	1/9/2022 7:23 PM
925	The cost of policing our city is out of control and unsustainable. Some ideas: Stop allowing Police to pad their pensions at Taxpayers expense by moonlighting at Superstore. This type of overtime/overwork contributes to burnout and poor decision making which over time becomes an occupational hazard. Wpg Police are remunerated very generously given the required qualifications and should have no need for extra shifts that come at great expense to both taxpayers and the police service itself. Undergo a thorough operational review with all options on the table. Much emphasis is made on response times. If it is really important, try having 42 single officer patrols instead of 28 two officer patrols. 75% of the HR expense (plus the extra patrol cars) with greater visibility on the streets (deterrent effect and public confidence). It is clear to me that when really serious stuff happens a large number of patrol cars show up in short order. Extra patrols means this happens even faster and in an age where communications between patrols should be pretty seamless I would suggest it does not place officers at significantly greater occupational risk. For dangerous calls you just send more patrols (as seems to be current practice). A move like this would fundamentally change how officers approach situations with the emphasis on de-escalation. In addition to the RCMP, several other Canadian cities operate on a one officer/one car model. Scale back the "media" department. We do not need three or four officers plus civilian support. This should be the job of the Police Chief and Deputies and has no need to be as high profile or priority as it currently appears to be (do we really need an Ill conceived TikTok strategy for example). Use cheaper Police Cadets for all tasks where an actual Police Officer response is not required.	1/9/2022 7:20 PM
926	All of the proposed models increase spending on police, therefore this survey is very flawed. I believe the police budget needs to be cut and that what they get right now is already too much. Try this again with different models on his to decrease their budget and ask the public what a reasonable % of the city budget could go to policing.	1/9/2022 6:40 PM
927	I think police funding needs to be separated into more departments. Create a new department that can respond quickly to mental health situations. Maybe more departments that would respond to other situations. Maybe cadets could take statements instead of sending a police cruiser. Cadets role could maybe be expanded. Not sure how to relate all this to the budget.	1/9/2022 6:22 PM
928	oeauoe	1/9/2022 6:17 PM
929	99% of all cities in North America have 1 officer patrol cars that work in pairs. This would allow for 2 officer priority patrol cars and training patrol cars. Why is Winnipeg not following this model ?	1/9/2022 6:08 PM
930	Maybe it's time that the Police start charging certain agency's for constant use of their service. CFS,WHRA and any of the other social services agencies (MB housing,DCSP, Salvation Army, Siloam Mission,Main Street Project that have a higher rate of calls for service or any other agency/business/person(s) should be financially charged for additional services to cover officers cost. Treat it like an insurance policy...the more you use it...the more you have to pay.	1/9/2022 6:00 PM
931	In the long run, if the city doesn't take steps outside of enforcement to curb addiction related issues, we will forever be overpaying for the consequences.	1/9/2022 3:51 PM
932	police funding should be determined based off of WPS stats in relation to what citizens need most to be safe and to feel like the police are capable of keeping them safe. For example... i work with indigenous youth in CFS and there needs to be programs put in place to help with the mental health of the people (such as these boys) who need it the most, these boys have had negative interactions with the police when it comes to mental health calls and they know	1/9/2022 3:48 PM

	the police do not care. The police budget needs to be determined based of needs such as this and programs and training need to be put in place to help the most vulnerable people in our society.	
933	Education and healthcare... stop pegging the police as the problem.. consider the WFPS budget. They are busy 4% of the time. Leave the police as they are. Increase funding to paramedics and nurses if possible	1/9/2022 3:42 PM
934	How is police needs determined? Increasing spending in salaries and more toys doesn't reduce crime (as now demonstrated over the last few years). Funding into the social and economic causes of crime - and subsequent solutions would prove more successful in reducing crimes than just increased policing	1/9/2022 3:21 PM
935	Do NOT - I repeat - DO NOT engage, support or propose any form of civil asset forfeiture or increase any ties between fines and police funding. ALL revenues collected through law enforcement MUST be given away to charities that support victims, and it must be given away through random chance lotteries. Anything else creates a conflict of interest or at least the optics of such.	1/9/2022 2:07 PM
936	Less funding. Way too much money and power is given to police in winnipeg	1/9/2022 12:39 PM
937	Justify costs and remove unnecessary spending. Focus on crime and not tragic enforcement. Leave that for cadets.	1/9/2022 12:39 PM
938	This is an essential service to protect the citizens of Winnipeg and I would concur with any police funding option as long as it does not take away from the safety of our citizens.	1/9/2022 11:33 AM
939	none of these are good options. police don't prevent crime, they are meant to solve crime. the budget should reflect that service. the whole system need to be restructured. the budget as is is way to high and the people deciding what the budget is are way out of touch with the reality of this city	1/9/2022 11:17 AM
940	Take funding out of police force and redistribute to the community, such as mental health services, homeless shelters, and rehab centres, to take the load off of the police	1/9/2022 11:05 AM
941	Crime is never going down Need to solve this concern NOW If they can spend $300000 on a Christmas tree they can protect us ***redacted*** No one ever comes out of jail rehabilitated So they should stay there. More and more repeat offenders just cause more concerns for police. Should actually be one and done	1/9/2022 10:50 AM
942	Policing cannot be reduced in the most violent city in Canada. City council is so far removed from the reality of policing in this city that they should have no say at all.	1/9/2022 8:59 AM
943	2 person cars should stop as in other major cities. It’s ridiculous. Huge savings alone. Crime scene management should be strict and not up to Sargents on scene with double police presence. Ridiculous the buddy system is. You don’t need 2 person cars and not 1 mayor in history addressing the issue. And overtime is ridiculous. Police association calls the shots which should stop!	1/9/2022 8:01 AM
944	When thinking of everything the police get, I support the current model. No other private line of business gets all of the benefits that the police do. I don't feel increasing to inflation is fair to take more from Winnipegers.	1/9/2022 7:37 AM
945	Restructure pension plans to match what most taxpayers have. Match contributions made by officers to a max. of 3% in a RSP. No other funds to officers after they retire.	1/9/2022 2:33 AM
946	Stop paying pensionable overtime	1/8/2022 11:51 PM
947	I would like to see the city drastically reduce police funding and instead invest that money in lower income communities and community organizations	1/8/2022 10:39 PM
948	Crime is dynamic and changes to policing requirements have NOTHING to do with inflation.	1/8/2022 10:01 PM
949	Let the police do the policing, let the social services agencies deal with those issues….the police have become the catch all for every other city and provincial agency and then are left holding the bag when something goes wrong. If they weren’t doing everyone else’s job, they could focus on *their* job which would likely see a reduction in their necessary budget…	1/8/2022 9:38 PM
950	Comparing other police services. The job is not easy on officers or their families. Mental health	1/8/2022 9:34 PM

	is an issue. This city is not easy. Gangs drugs our homeless and the list goes on. Being a police officer is not an attractive profession as it once was. We have to be competitive in our recruiting and make it attractive enough for young people to join. Young people are coming out with much education now and safer profession are taking them. Who wants to be spit at and called out not to mention shot at for a bad wage. Do you!!! If you do I highly recommend you join the service. It's easy to sit in your offices and say things but walk the walk.	
951	Look at the specific work being done and relocating positions to civilian staff at a lower wage. They are doing dangerous work and deserve the wages they are being paid.	1/8/2022 9:31 PM
952	Honestly none of these are great. All of them assume an increase in funds year over year, except for model 5. Model 5 is not acceptable because a decrease in funding pegged like this could lead to inefficiencies in how the service can perform its functions. Any model should also be concerned with an analysis of how effectively the money is spent.	1/8/2022 9:27 PM
953	Winnipeg is out of control and the Police service needs to be adequately funded to keep us safe.	1/8/2022 9:19 PM
954	Support police	1/8/2022 9:13 PM
955	***Redacted***	1/8/2022 9:07 PM
956	Police budget should be based on the actual reasonable budget the city has. I understand winnipeg is short on cash, policing is important but spending a considerable amount of money on enforcement while there are other options to get to the root issues of social-econimic troubles and provide more shelters, public washrooms, support systems. (Example that I encounter personally often: Officer/transit supervisor asks homeless person to evacuate bus shelter. the homeless person leaves for a few hours only to come back later that night) a system like this helps no one and is a waste of money.	1/8/2022 9:07 PM
957	Police can save money by disbanding the new TikTok unit	1/8/2022 9:05 PM
958	Give the front line workers more money	1/8/2022 9:00 PM
959	Police work harder than all of you politicians. This survey is a pathetic attempt to defund police. Look at the city's that defunded the police, crime has gone through the roof. Stop being pathetic	1/8/2022 8:54 PM
960	The police do not need a helicopter. People need homes and covid tests and safe injection sites and not a **redacted** system modelled on the US Army.	1/8/2022 8:17 PM
961	I believe some of these funds need to go to handling people on drugs or suffering mental issues etc	1/8/2022 8:01 PM
962	Yes, the city should determine the budget, yet the police and its union behave more like a thug mafia making budgets political and hamstringing the city and its citizens. The police budget is excessive to the detriment of other departments that are desperate for much needed funds. Less police, more social and community supports. Police pensions and overtime pay are criminal. WPS are like mafia extorting from its own citizens they claim to protect.	1/8/2022 7:58 PM
963	We're funding the police too much. Rethink about the police force as a whole, get rid of funding for weapons like guns and more training with non-aggressive options.	1/8/2022 7:52 PM
964	Police should be defended, with more funds allocated to providing mental health services, youth programs etc	1/8/2022 7:30 PM
965	Short version: the problem is that police aren't being challenged to manage their money and their outcomes the way other departments must. So, challenge them.	1/8/2022 7:15 PM
966	Seriously Winnipeg has a policing problem. We need to decrease the funding to WPS and redirect those funds to services to communities. Over the pandemic we have seen nothing but unprofessional, inappropriate and unsafe behavior from WPS members that undermine public health. At this point public faith in policing has eroded to an unbelievable level, Even my 72 year old river heights living mother wants to see WPS defunded. The amount of the city of winnipegs budget that WPS recieved is beyond inappropriate.	1/8/2022 7:00 PM
967	Policing should not be tied to property tax. It should be a per person tax so that every person pays their share. Police are so often sent to incidents that are not police matters. Why should only property owners bear the load	1/8/2022 6:54 PM

968	The city cannot determine police funding when ALL of their activities are governed by provincial and federal laws. Yet they are forced to jump through red tape and follow all these laborious processes without civic ability to control. Either lobby other levels of government for the money or stop hanging all your accounting blunders on the police. They're literally doing the work most of couldn't imagine doing. If you doing stand behind the police, perhaps you should stand in front of them.	1/8/2022 6:51 PM
969	The model should be based on effort required. Use basic process modeling snd workforce planning. Disappointed its not an option	1/8/2022 6:37 PM
970	Charge the criminal for police time seizing assets and gst cheques as a deterrent most criminals have money snd if they dont hurt them where it counts Gst cheque are not a income but a benifit	1/8/2022 6:26 PM
971	Large city police budgets should be subsidized by the federal government.	1/8/2022 6:25 PM
972	If increases are given to firefighters whom spend majority of their time in stations and police are on the streets all the time increases based on work.	1/8/2022 6:14 PM
973	The current model of Council setting an annual budget is sufficient; however, it is the projected funding needs of the WPS and the burden of salaries that need to be fundamentally re-assessed. Current funding provides for annual increases with little accountability for rising WPS operations and HR costs. Police funding is trending towards an unsustainable level for a municipal budget the size of Winnipeg's. If WPS cannot propose significant increases in efficiency, a third-party independent consultant should be brought to in to assess. If the CoW finds that the WPS cannot be right-sized to more manageable levels, a joint enforcement approach with RCMP should be considered.	1/8/2022 6:06 PM
974	Police are necessary especially given today's circumstances. Even given the current climate where defunders want to see police restricted the reality is that other social services aren't equipped to deal with volatile situations - ie meth heads with weapons - and nor should unarmed social services be expected to do so. We are in a more volatile climate thanks to politics, covid, social media, poverty and a host of other things which means that crime and criminals are increasing not decreasing. The other reality is the WPS are unionized and to bargain outside of the CA (which is what is happening here when you speak of different scenarios tied to wage increases and thus a levy on Wpg'ers is actually really despicable. Councillors are elected (as has been mentioned here) and can be unelected as well. Surely they can put their elected heads together and come up with a solution that doesn't pit Winnipeggers against the WPS that is there to protect them. There's enough hate against police already and let's not forget how grateful Winnipeggers are when those same police protect them in dangerous situations. Let's stick to the status quo and let's look at other areas of overspending that can be curtailed. I.e. public art installations that aren't necessary right now (look at that hideous piece on the RT bridge on Bishop Grandin) or reducing councillor's salaries instead. And this opinion is from an Indigenous woman too.	1/8/2022 5:58 PM
975	Tougher laws and bylaws. Actual jail time to keep repeat offenders out of taxpayers way. Let the Police decide how to fight crime. Opinion Survey…. **redacted**	1/8/2022 5:55 PM
976	CUT. THE. POLICE. BUDGET. **redacted** every other city service is bled dry, while the police can afford to buy a robot dog, and still beg for money at budget time. We cannot afford it. It's unsustainable. Don't increase the police budget, and instead spend that money on buses, on cleaning the sidewalks, on literally anything else.	1/8/2022 5:48 PM
977	Until the city of Winnipeg actually addresses the non tax paying demographic who is constantly taking up the majority of the Winnipeg Police Departments times and resources NOTHING will change.	1/8/2022 5:35 PM
978	I am a little shocked that these discussions are not being held for other city departments that have a demonstrated impact on poverty reduction and crime prevention. Yet there has been no study that conclusively demonstrates Winnipeg needs the level of polices that it does, or that there is a continued correlation between crime reduction and police complement. Winnipeg has among the highest police budget per capita in Canada, yet has some of the lowest staff per capita in some other city divisions, relative to other large Canadian cities. This has never been based on logic, but rather on politics, and the fact that all options only add an increase to the police budget makes it appear that this survey was simply created to claim Winnipeggers were consulted. But only allowing narrow multiple choice options is a practice frowned upon by market research practitioners because it misrepresents the public's true input on this matter.	1/8/2022 5:35 PM

979	It is unfair to ask opinions based on single didgit amounts. I need to know what the expected increases would have been anyway. Rather than tell me the budget would be increased by 616K on that model, compared to what? Would it increased by 300k if it remains option 1 ? Lacking info here to make an educated guess.	1/8/2022 5:17 PM
980	No	1/8/2022 5:10 PM
981	The issues surrounding the police budget falling squarely on Mayor **redacted** and counsel. Their in ability to properly staff police and give them the resources they have driving all facets of crime in the city. Further, the police don't only answer to counsel, they also answer to the courts. The requirements related to disclosure and thoroughness of investigations are set by the courts and they care nothing about related costs. Lastly, the city stole from the WPA many years ago and as a result signed agreements that largely benefited the police members. This is another example of poor money management and leadership from counsel. If you want to save money for the city, look in the mirror first.	1/8/2022 5:06 PM
982	Stop entertaining ridiculous proposals by niche activists who are usually trying to divert police funding to finance whatever grift they're trying to set up	1/8/2022 5:03 PM
983	It would be beneficial to improve the efficiency of the police service by reducing the number of hours they spend sitting in hospital rooms with people struggling with mental health issues. An audit should also be done regarding all the officers who are on light duties to figure out how long they've been designated as such and the reasons. Too many cops out there who collect the full paycheck but hide behind a desk because they're scared to do the job they signed up for (including front line policing and working overnight). Those officers who have been hiding for years should be given civilian positions and have their pay reduced accordingly.	1/8/2022 5:02 PM
984	The budget should be based on the amount of crime and the ability of police to keep up with the demand on their services, no exceptions.	1/8/2022 4:55 PM
985	soooo theyre inceasing funding in most cases...	1/8/2022 4:53 PM
986	Police should be required to do police related things. If you hold other organizations responsible then the budget would drop considerably due to the criminals getting the appropriate attention. Also maybe revamp the judicial system to actually punish those that commit crimes instead of make excuses for them.	1/8/2022 4:12 PM
987	How about letting them keep all revenue retained from proceeds of crime instead of stripping them of that and adding it to city coffers.	1/8/2022 4:05 PM
988	Make police an up to date funding. They deserve it.	1/8/2022 3:47 PM
989	My concern is regardless of the budget, the police spend significant amounts on overtime, special duty, and calling in sergeants and patrol sergeants when it is unnecessary.	1/8/2022 3:45 PM
990	Public safety and security are paramount. Pegging the police budget to inflation, or having council set the budget are totally unacceptable.	1/8/2022 3:32 PM
991	- Limit the police dept purchasing power and implement a new process for special purchases - example, the dog robot thingy should have gone through this process and REJECTED...the need for this kind of equipment doesn't exist in Manitoba.	1/8/2022 3:25 PM
992	Divert money from police budget into crime prevention/community programs/social services. Less crime, less police work. Unnecessary positions within the police force can be deleted over time accordingly. Re-examine wages within the police force/how much over time officers can work.	1/8/2022 3:12 PM
993	Comparing to other City of Winnipeg Departments is pointless. Taxpayers would see value if comparisons to other Cities with similar populations and tax revenue	1/8/2022 3:08 PM
994	Stop **redacted** with Police budget. Look to save money from **redacted** firemen	1/8/2022 3:01 PM
995	defund the police	1/8/2022 2:56 PM
996	More cadets versus officers	1/8/2022 2:54 PM
997	Why would police get a guaranteed raise and budget increase when health care workers get no pay raise for years?	1/8/2022 2:49 PM
998	Get rid of some of the 300 officers that are accommodated that no longer do policing anymore.	1/8/2022 2:49 PM

	300 x $100,000= $30,000,000	
999	Costs aren't as much if you let cops do actual cop work and no babysit at hospitals. Charge the people who make BS 911 calls that costs taxpayers money	1/8/2022 2:48 PM
1000	Stop wasting money on bike lanes	1/8/2022 2:44 PM
1001	The problem with all these alternatives is that it doesn't take into account important metrics, like demand on services, city growth rates, etc. For example from 2017 to 2021, the population of Winnipeg grew from 750,000 to 864,000 people. This increases demand for police services and needs to be taken into account. This is just one example of many… Simply capping at cost of inflation would be completely inadequate without taking into account all other relevant factors… Not to mention, our most vulnerable, marginalized and lowest income populations are most often the ones who require and use police services most frequently. It seems a little out of touch to send out an online survey, where the people who need and use police services the most and are most impacted by changes are the least likely to respond… The last thing we need is to handicap our police departments and turn Winnipeg into the next Portland or Seattle and see crime rates skyrocket, with murder rates alone up by 800% in one year… Maybe if we focused on our schools and teaching kids some critical thinking skills and common sense instead of telling them that boys can get pregnant too (yes, this is actually being taught to kids, google it if you don't believe me) then maybe we wouldn't have almost an entire generation incapable of logical thinking… I don't always agree with the Winnipeg Police Service when it comes to decisions made at the executive level, and we can certainly have a conversation about their budget, along with the city budget overall, because ever increasing taxes is also not a solution, however, we need to collectively use some common sense before we cause irreparable damage to our city. We only have the one, let's make sure we take care of it.	1/8/2022 2:42 PM
1002	Maybe the city should look at other departments and relocate funds from less needed areas. Paramedics and Police should be pulling funding from the Fire fighters who are paid to sleep and are - by far- the least utilized/needed first responders.	1/8/2022 2:41 PM
1003	Take police funding and move it to other critical roles in crisis intervention that can work alongside the police in assisting their community interventions	1/8/2022 2:40 PM
1004	Is there any other professional in today's society that requires you to run into danger when everyone else is running away from it? People who risk their lives and safety for the community should never have to worry about funding, the only persons that benefit from police budget cuts or inadequate funding are the criminal element who seek to harm society.	1/8/2022 2:37 PM
1005	I am in favour of a model where the greatest consumers of tax dollars bear at least some of the cost - right now the ***redacted*** consume without limit and leave little resource for the rest of us. I care less about how funding is determined and more about how and where it is allocated	1/8/2022 2:35 PM
1006	We need a more diverse and community driven team of culturally sensitive professionals to respond to many of the needs that are currently funnelled to the police. The WPS is currently holding the line in being the one-stop shop for responding to situations and crisis' that often require a more specialized approach. The WPS itself needs to be shrunk and the funding reallocated to alternative community responders trained in alternative crisis response techniques (mental health professionals, healthcare professionals, social workers, cultural supports etc.) Additionally, we need to provide follow up services to those individuals in need so as not to be a constant drain on our police service.	1/8/2022 2:32 PM
1007	I have lost a lot faith in our City Council and Mayor within the past few years, especially regarding the handling of the Police funding and other Police related topics. **redacted** It does seem that the City Council and the Mayor are against the Police in several ways. No matter the outcome of this survey, I feel that the City Council and the Mayor will just make things worse for our City.	1/8/2022 2:31 PM
1008	In a city like Winnipeg, a decrease to Police funding would be detrimental to the people of Winnipeg.	1/8/2022 2:30 PM
1009	Complete a needs assessment, based on criminal statistics. Determine what alternative services could be implemented to offset police services (I.e., mental health, addictions, domestic violence, etc.). Take what is presently being spent on police and diversify to	1/8/2022 2:28 PM

	responsive forces within the city. An average cop makes around $100k/yr. Mental health workers/addiction workers/etc would be making $65k-$75k/year and would perform many of the tasks that overburden police, more proficiently.	
1010	Look and see how other cities fund police and use similar models.	1/8/2022 2:27 PM
1011	While Model 1 is the only democratic one, none of these funding models offer a path to a budget cut, which is the only viable option if the city is pursuing sustainability and public safety. These models are all based on a very high baseline budget, so funding models that result in raising it (2, 3, 4, and some years 5) are just going to unsustainably and impractically balloon the police budget over the years, which is the opposite of what research and community members show is right and sustainable. Currently, Winnipeg police are overfunded, to the detriment of other city departments and public safety. Council should set the budget, but should do so first by lowering the budget and re-funding other city services, with the serious consideration that healthy, safe communities are healthy and safe not because of policing, but because of strong non-police social and recreational programming, non-police crisis response, and an ethical housing and anti-poverty strategy. I encourage council to prioritize the community, not the police, in the budget. The police can do with much, much less. Other city departments deserve a far greater share of the budget, and supporting community health and safety through non-police measures should come first. Funding Model 4 is a very bad idea.	1/8/2022 2:27 PM
1012	The Police funding share of the total city budget is far too high.	1/8/2022 2:24 PM
1013	We need the police. They need supports from the city province in order to service is properly resolved.	1/8/2022 2:18 PM
1014	The current police funding should be divided among multiple public programs that focus on properly meeting the needs of winnipegers. Programs like youth activities, homeless shelters, and social workers called in when mental health is an obvious factor of why help would be required.	1/8/2022 2:18 PM
1015	The majority of police calls for service are not for tax paying citizens. Other agencies should be responsible. If someone needs to go to hospital for a life threatening condition and incurs a bill, maybe those irresponsible people who can’t manage their personal affairs should as well.	1/8/2022 2:10 PM
1016	With a pandemic no kidding the budget is out.	1/8/2022 1:38 PM
1017	Redistribution to social services, social service training alongside police	1/8/2022 1:36 PM
1018	changes in funding should be evaluated with changes in services and responsibilities. If there is increased mental health service with the police, more funding. If another dept relieves the police of mental health calls, then move funding to the other dept.	1/8/2022 1:33 PM
1019	None of these options actually address the systemic issues with policing in the city. It is completely unacceptable for the police budget to increase at all while the performance and public opinion of the police service is at an all time low. The police budget should be re-allocated to alternative community support initiatives that currently fall under the MASSIVE budget umbrella of policing in the city because they are failing. No other municipal service in the city can year after year miss their budgets by hundreds of thousands of dollars and not be held accountable. The city of council needs to take back control of the publics funding and create initiatives that actually help the community. This is time where the city council can actually make a change to make things better in our city. The "increase in crime" that the police services says they are combating is failure, not a reason to allocate MORE funding. The city needs to re-allocate the police budget to support services for the disenfranchised population, not increase the stronghold that the police have over our city.	1/8/2022 1:27 PM
1020	The Council should set the budget each year, but needs to consider that aspects of current policing require improvement such as responding to mental health crises, racial discrimination, and interactions with homeless citizens. The Council should decide whether some areas of policing would be better handled by other organizations and allocate that funding to them, or if funding for police should be increased to provide more training for officers and other programs to better serve the people in Winnipeg.	1/8/2022 1:26 PM
1021	I would have to state that comparing other communities to ours shouldn’t be compared. All communities work and need different services. Winnipeg is the middle community of this country which I find requires more police service to not only deal with our communities criminals and issues. But for the main hub of oraganized crime through out Canada.	1/8/2022 1:18 PM

1022	Move funding away from policing and into social services. Police don't make anything better. Housing and health/mental health care are the solution to our city's homelessness and addiction problems.	1/8/2022 1:14 PM
1023	Models 2-5 are unrealistic in order to meet the needs of the WPS as described by WPS itself. Model 1 is inappropriate as elected councilors do not balance the needs of other departments vs the needs of the WPS & WFPS; the highly politicized wings of the WPS/WFPS leaders and unions extort the politicians to over emphasize their budgets. This has been the reality at city hall for more than 20 years now.	1/8/2022 1:13 PM
1024	Policing is a priority, more funding to them is important	1/8/2022 1:06 PM
1025	Most of these options indicate a likely increase in the police budget. That is not the answer. Serious questions have to be asked about the current set up of the police department and a better way to operate the system neeed to be determined and implemented, unions be dammed.	1/8/2022 1:03 PM
1026	Province pays more from Provincial Offence Notice revenue	1/8/2022 12:51 PM
1027	The police are the best to determine the needs for their department and the needs of the community. The general public has no idea how difficult policing is and how widespread crime and violence is...well, not until they themselves become a victim and then they will know how the city i funding the police has truly impacted the safety of our city and citizens	1/8/2022 12:51 PM
1028	Don’t cheap out on policing	1/8/2022 12:46 PM
1029	I'm not convinced the WPS runs a tight enough shop financially. I'm concerned that the options portrayed all force the city to commit to extra dollars at the expense of other services in a finite budget scenario. Every dept should be asked to get lean and creative running their area. I do believe alternative social options must be considered and funded by the city upstream of the social issues we face while maintaining a civically responsible minimum for security 'policing'. I vehemently oppose just throwing more money at police as the answer in the absence of funding changes elsewhere. They are the last resort, not prevention of the problems we're facing. Getting better and more efficient at locking people up isn't the fix.	1/8/2022 12:46 PM
1030	For services received, the police are the best bang for your buck. Other agencies would drain our city's finances to even more unsustainable levels and within a few years no one will want to live year. I expect our elected officials to think rationally.	1/8/2022 12:42 PM
1031	Winnipeggers already pay entirely too much tax and get nothing from the city ! I want the Police to receive a considerable increase in funding and I want that to come from already existing taxes. Its time for the city to revamp and invest our taxes where they are required. With the Police being at the top!	1/8/2022 12:38 PM
1032	Reexamine the services the city provides and transition them to other more appropriate agencies. Need to look at multiply year funding model that allows for predictably and planning	1/8/2022 12:38 PM
1033	We should fund based on community needs and not be tied to tax revenues. Option 1 seems like the only option that does that	1/8/2022 12:35 PM
1034	Multiple year funding and transitioning some services to other agencies	1/8/2022 12:35 PM
1035	You cant treat the police like every other city department. Crime is rising. Crime is more violent. Police are being pulled in every direction as they are the back stop for numerous entities. Maybe the federal government should throw in some funding as the Wps are policing for them also.	1/8/2022 12:34 PM
1036	No	1/8/2022 12:32 PM
1037	Calls for service cannot be controlled by the WPS. They do not pick when the calls come in and how long they take. But cutting the police budget is asinine considering the violent calls for service have increased, more innocent victims, and wear and tear on police officers through BLM, and social movements.	1/8/2022 12:32 PM
1038	Give police the funding they need. They keep us safe and you can’t put a price on children’s safety.	1/8/2022 12:31 PM
1039	Give Police the funding they need to keep citizens safe. Address the REAL issues that contribute to the cost of doing Police work.	1/8/2022 12:31 PM

1040	i think we need to focus on community and community services more than police budgeting; our city roads suck our houseless population need housing and care our cities drug problem needs to be reframed to be focused on safe consumption sites and we need more ICU beds as the pandemic response has been terrible. I think police budget needs to be cut as we don't need a helicopter that doesn't actually aid in the safety of our city we need that money redirected to community and not police	1/8/2022 12:28 PM
1041	With Winnipeg leading in so many crime categories, the police needs proper budget to serve its residents	1/8/2022 12:27 PM
1042	If the legal system had any teeth, it would be able to give appropriate sentences to criminals so they won't just end back up on the streets which in turn costs more resources to contain the never ending issue of crime. Finally, ***redacted*** start hiring on the best possible candidate. Turning away candidates because of **redacted*** trying to fit in a progressive protocol is not only hurting your service by refusing candidates, but is causing cynicism in the police service. WPS member's morale is in the toilet and yet there has been no effort to alleviate this. Hiring 'the best possible candidate' **redacted** is a step in the right direction.	1/8/2022 12:27 PM
1043	No	1/8/2022 12:27 PM
1044	Either way the budget needs to grow with the rising costs of living. The civilian police members NEED their wages to increase with cost of living.	1/8/2022 12:25 PM
1045	I think the proceeds of all these drug busts, seizures etc of crime should be used to update police equipment, programs, technology etc. The WPS should directly bank and benefit those proceeds of crime and control spending this money. We need to keep up and ahead of the technology available to criminals these days and I know this money could help with that. WPS should always have the tools available to give them the upper hand in any situation they deal with.	1/8/2022 12:25 PM
1046	It's simple. LOWER the police budget.	1/8/2022 12:22 PM
1047	It's important that City Council has the latitude to evaluate the actual needs of the city with respect to police services as opposed to strictly limiting budget increases or decreases based on inflation, property taxes, or union deals. Needs of residents may very well change from year to year in a way that is not reflected well by other numbers.	1/8/2022 12:20 PM
1048	Violent Crime increasing.... need more proactive policing and such more officers on the road	1/8/2022 12:20 PM
1049	All of the funding options are terrible. The WPS already has the majority of the city's budget yet they still can't provide adequate service. Defund the police and give the money to the communities in need and then you won't need to give the WPS as large of a budget because crime rates would drop.	1/8/2022 12:14 PM
1050	With so many factors outside of day to day policing that are completely out of the Cities Control (such as obligations to the criminal code and case law like continuity, charter rights and Bail Reform Act), the City should consider implications of what is in their control to save money.	1/8/2022 12:14 PM
1051	Violent Crime and Murder rate are out of control in this city. Yet we have a mayor who seems more interested in his social media then providing the citizens a robust and well staffed police service	1/8/2022 12:11 PM
1052	City Council needs to stop playing around with the safety of the citizens. Defunding has proven to be unsuccessful. Social Orgs are a larger drain with less results for cost spent. Please be logical.	1/8/2022 12:11 PM
1053	Although the council determining funding SEEMS like the most ideal and appropriate option, the citizens of Winnipeg should have a say and more of a voice in this matter.	1/8/2022 12:10 PM
1054	Winnipeg has very high crime rates and the police do not receive much support from the city. I'm sure things will improve with less of a budget.	1/8/2022 12:09 PM
1055	Start billing people for services. Especially people who use police resources regularly, and frivolously.	1/8/2022 12:08 PM
1056	Funding the police should be the last available option. Funds should be funneled into social programs and counseling, as well as treatment and recovery centers, and getting homeless off	1/8/2022 12:06 PM

	the streets. The better options people have, the lower the crime rate and homelessness.	
1057	I don't particularly like any of them but to me Funding Model 3 is the most logical. Having a high standard for quality policing is an absolute must, especially living in Winnipeg. The budget obviously needs to be sustainable but using measures such as inflation or based off what other City departments get shows a clear inability to understand how to build a Police budget.	1/8/2022 12:06 PM
1058	We are the most violent city in Canada we need a robust and well staffed police force	1/8/2022 12:05 PM
1059	As a growing city the city is collecting more taxes every year The police need to grow with that as well it will need more of those taxes	1/8/2022 12:05 PM
1060	Police are important to our city which is amongst the most violent per capita in North America. To cut the budget would then make the city lass safe in so many ways	1/8/2022 12:03 PM
1061	If police services as well as units were funded using a greater percentage of the money that is seized from ill gotten gains as well as provincial offence notices issued rather than having that money divided between so many other departments and services province wide	1/8/2022 12:02 PM
1062	Policing is important. It needs adequate funding.	1/8/2022 12:01 PM
1063	The city of Winnipeg is the most violent per capita in the country or one of the most violent, unfortunately Winnipeg's demographic is one that requires a large police presence.	1/8/2022 11:59 AM
1064	In theory funding model 1 should be my preferred. The council should be able to make a budget for the city. Ensure enough taxes are collected to cover the budget and ensure the cities needs are met by the budget. The council should have experts who ensure model 1 is fair amd balanced amd realistic. There should be accountability to ensure model 1 is wffective	1/8/2022 11:55 AM
1065	Priority should be placed on public safety. A decreased budget will no doubt decrease services and public safety. If your looking to save money this is not the place given our cities current state.	1/8/2022 11:54 AM
1066	Freeze on hiring and wages for the next 4- five years.	1/8/2022 11:52 AM
1067	Winnipeg is growing and more police is needed.	1/8/2022 11:52 AM
1068	Our (MY) WPS deserves every opportunity (dollar) to ensure the safety of my family, neighborhood and city. No matter what.	1/8/2022 11:52 AM
1069	Other services require a MUCH bigger addition of funds to catch up to the Police's funding assets. Prevent law enforcement with community investments.	1/8/2022 11:49 AM
1070	I think funding is dynamic in the police world. I don't think it should be pegged to a standard %. In fact, WPS is so far behind the times compared to other agencies across Canada that it's laughable. Taking money away will just create further issues for the safety issues to Winnipeggers and within the police service itself.	1/8/2022 11:49 AM
1071	Base the funding on comparative services across the country and set the Police up to have what they need to proactively combat crime	1/8/2022 11:48 AM
1072	I would like to see more prevention than policing. Decrease the funding for policing and increase funding for social issues that may lead to crime.	1/8/2022 11:47 AM
1073	When people are safe to walk around then maybe think of discussing this. Our safety is paramount.	1/8/2022 11:39 AM
1074	The city needs to review with police the activities that are most important to the public for policing. Several years ago there was a very long list of police involvement and there were many that could be handled by different agencies or non-profits - mental health, wellness checks, disputes without force or threat. Just review this long list determine what are really police responsibilities given the environment that we live in now and farm out the non-police duties to others. Then you see a more realistic police enforcement roster of duties. They should never be saddled with doing the job(s) that others equally or more qualified could do cheaper and appropriately. Maintain those specific duties first and that should be the city's priorities not saddling citizens with unreasonable added costs given the limitations to our size of city.	1/8/2022 11:36 AM
1075	This is the job of the EPC and we as tax payers pay Councillors to figure it out. If they cannot, they don't belong in office.	1/8/2022 11:32 AM

1076	Defunding police and redirecting these funds to community services.	1/8/2022 11:25 AM
1077	I think the city should determine the budget in a non biased way. The main problem is that while creating the city budget, we do not prioritize the other factors that would reduce crime, property etc. We need to focus on funding other services that would solve the city's issues and take certain calls away from the police responsibility. Police need to improve at actually solving crimes. And other social services need to be prioritized to focus on prevention. This NEEDS to be represented in the budget, because right now the police eat up too much of the services and year after year it's not working. High crime rate, high poverty rate, low rate of crimes being solved. Something needs to change.	1/8/2022 11:24 AM
1078	The past couple years have been tough with COVID sand the Police have stepped up...Give them whatever they need. Thank you police officers for keeping us safe !!!	1/8/2022 11:21 AM
1079	I do t like any of the options. IT'S the current budget for the WPS is a lot but so is the cost of doing business when men and women are putting their lives on the line dealing with the worst in this city. I believe the WPS is understaffed and capping or cutting their budget will not make things better in the city. I'd rather see funds go to the WPS than the city's special projects like spending money on quotes to open up Portage and Main or the rapid transit project that only certain people within the city utilizes.	1/8/2022 11:21 AM
1080	Start charging the people the police arrest to offset some of the costs	1/8/2022 11:18 AM
1081	We live in a crime ridden city. Cut costs in other places. Did we need a bike lane? Do we need upgrades to Assiniboine Park? Crime is not going away and only getting worse and more expensive. **REDACTED** Winnipeg is going to get worse.	1/8/2022 11:10 AM
1082	How about cutting the exorbitant lifetine pensions city politicians get for serving only a few years in that position. Grandfather those who currently have it and make it not available.to the future politician..... there, i just saved you MILLIONS	1/8/2022 11:06 AM
1083	The city is burning with crime and homicides. You think giving them less money helps!?!	1/8/2022 11:05 AM
1084	Only pension the regular hours but overtime	1/8/2022 10:56 AM
1085	Our crime is the highest it has ever been in this city. We need more officers out there, especially now with Covid. Whatever option gets more trained officers out there is the best option.	1/8/2022 10:55 AM
1086	A levy supporting police funding is absolutely unacceptable. The police budget needs to be reduced. Statistically, investing in the social services communities say they need reduces crime more effectively than policing. The budget should reflect this.	1/8/2022 10:54 AM
1087	The police recieve too much money for what we get back. We should be looking at scaling back police budgets. Ways to save could include eliminating pensionable overtime and hiring clerks to do data entry instead of an officer making 6 figures. My home break in didn't even have a car dispatched and no attempts were made to collect evidence. People were found on Kijiji selling our stolen goods and no time to deal with that either. The officer resources were used to complete data entry for insurance purposes. That should be $45000 a year job. New hires should have a requirement that they live in city limits. If you're going to live in a job paid by city taxes, you should be a taxpayer yourself.	1/8/2022 10:54 AM
1088	I feel it's a resource that needs to be invested in, why are we putting a price on safety?	1/8/2022 10:52 AM
1089	A better oversight as to how to police budget is being spent. More involvement from the police board to change the way our tax dollars are spread throughout the police service and possibly scaling back on unessential police spending / units.	1/8/2022 10:47 AM
1090	This should probably be left to economists or someone trained for it	1/8/2022 10:45 AM
1091	Funding model 5 would cause way more issues with resources and drive up crime. Not a good idea.	1/8/2022 10:27 AM
1092	Reduce funding, give more funding to social services.	1/8/2022 10:23 AM
1093	I think u need to civilianize some police position and get rid of those fluffy police units.	1/8/2022 10:22 AM
1094	This city is a dangerous place to live. Police should continued to be funded to the max to protect us **redacted**!	1/8/2022 10:15 AM

1095	Police deserve less money. They have ridiculous expenses that aren't necessary and go on outlandish crusades against car enthusiasts	1/8/2022 10:11 AM
1096	Dissolve WPS, reform as a crisis service commanded by Indigenous leaders and social workers and refund community programs.	1/8/2022 10:10 AM
1097	Funding should be based on actual public safety needs. Police should not be required to be social workers. Take some of the strain off of the system by improving the social safety net, putting the costs where they belong. Involve more Indigenous people and others from affected groups in this effort to assist them in helping themselves improve their lives. Open safe injection sites, but not at the expense of the WPS.	1/8/2022 10:09 AM
1098	The budget should reflect what police officers do, and their activities should be based on what they are trained to do. Most crisis intervention and policing roads. They need a social work department, easily funded by taking away the responsibility for services that they do not provide adequately (like dealing with mental health and addiction issues). They ARE important backup and support services when arresting and violence are involved. They also probably need to be better trained din dealing with Aboriginal folks, I know they see lots of them, usually the most difficult, but better understanding could be built in with better training.	1/8/2022 10:06 AM
1099	Too many "specialty units" that are not necessary, those officers can be on the street working general patrol.	1/8/2022 9:52 AM
1100	Removing money from the Winnipeg police and distributing that money to social service would be a better decision. Social services are devalued and underfund which impacts crime rates. If making people feel safe and protected in a city is the goal, then finding social services is the appropriate next step.	1/8/2022 9:52 AM
1101	Crime and violence continues to increase in Winnipeg, how are you even considering decreasing their budget	1/8/2022 9:46 AM
1102	Budget cuts are completely unacceptable	1/8/2022 9:43 AM
1103	None of the above are acceptable	1/8/2022 9:37 AM
1104	I would like to see more funding offered to services such as emergency shelters and substance abuse detox centres etc . More money offered to these programs could help with bringing down the police budget	1/8/2022 9:33 AM
1105	WHY DON'T WE GET THE POLICE TO START HANDING OUT TICKETS FOR MOVING VIOLATIONS. I SEE ENOUGH CARS WITHOUT THEIR REAR WINDOW DEFROSTED OR COVERED IN SNOWPLOWING THROUGH THE STREETS, CHANGING LANES WITH NO SIGNALS, NO HEADLIGHTS ON, RACING THROUGH INTERSECTIONS, ETC. THIS EXAMPLE ALONE INDICATES TO ME AT LEAST 3 VIOLATIONS AND ENOUGH FINES TO SMARTEN PEOPLE UP. I DO DATA ENTRY AND IF 400 TO 600 DOLLAR FINES ARE NOT WORTH THE WAGE OF THESE OFFICERS DOING PAPERWORK THAN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS WAY MORE ISSUES THAN JUST FUNDING. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR MATH BUT 10 TICKETS FOR IMPROPER USE OF VEHICLE OR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS TIMES A 300$ FINE IS 3000$ TIMES THE AMOUNT OF OFFICERS WORKING ON A GIVIN SHIFT SOUNDS LIKE ALOT OF INCOME FOR THE POLICE. STOP INCREASING TAXES AND FEES TO PAY FOR A SERVICE WHEN THOSE IN CHARGE ARE NOT ENFORCING THOSE RULES/LAWS IN PLACE TO MAINTAIN SAIS SERVICE	1/8/2022 9:32 AM
1106	The WPS requires a complete overhaul, budgetary funding changes alone will not accomplish this. Officers make far too much money while failing to do anything productive to help citizens.	1/8/2022 9:30 AM
1107	defund the police and fund community resources (mental health services, libraries, schools).	1/8/2022 9:23 AM
1108	Yes I believe the council should determine the funding, but I believe it should be substantially lower than it is currently. If it is to be properly balanced with other areas, areas like supporting mental health services (particularly for house calls), support for indigenous groups, and support for homeless populations should be receiving more funding while the police start to receive less.	1/8/2022 9:21 AM
1109	I believe any type of funding should not be based on automatic increases or decreases. I would think the policing budget can be quite dynamic and should be assessed each year on it's needs. Follow best practices from a business model.	1/8/2022 9:20 AM
1110	The Province should (help) contribute a fair share to the policing costs, also.	1/8/2022 9:17 AM

1111	We should decrease the wages of all city councillors and give that money to the police	1/8/2022 9:11 AM
1112	Maybe stop using third party companies for red light cameras, use officers to ticket in those zones so 100% revenue is kept in the city and can then contribute to their budget.	1/8/2022 9:06 AM
1113	Defund the police and use resources for social program in the communities most affected by poverty and violence.	1/8/2022 9:05 AM
1114	Funding should be put into services that reduce the need for the police at the root of the cause.	1/8/2022 9:00 AM
1115	There is mismanagement at every city department. Areas that are nowhere near as important as police. Start with them first.	1/8/2022 9:00 AM
1116	I think it's clear the police need more money. The crime rate has skyrocketed and the work load has increased tremendously. Every city in the first world.. EVERY CITY.. the public safety sector consumes the most of the budget. That is a fact.. to make money in a city you need a safe city. **redacted** I choose whatever model gives the police the MOST money	1/8/2022 8:58 AM
1117	The budget should be lowered.	1/8/2022 8:49 AM
1118	Model 3, from a planning and budgeting point of view makes sense. But it does not address the fact that the number will always go up. A deeper review of how police services are used/deployed needs to happen. They maybe answering situations that are better served by other types of organizations. Would require some type of bilateral funding with provincial and federal monies. Also, the amount of money spent on pension (specifically OT) could be better spent on putting more police in service and reducing OT!	1/8/2022 8:49 AM
1119	I'm disappointed that city councillors - who are elected to make decisions on behalf of their constituents, are too scared to make a decision themselves. Adding public opinion to how an essential city service operated is poor city management.	1/8/2022 8:47 AM
1120	Pull more funding from crown corps/monopoly's to "zero" out their budget and increase yours rather than redirecting funds secretly from the public. 107$ million from MPI this year alone.	1/8/2022 8:39 AM
1121	The City should invest in social services (e.g., mental health and addiction supports, community-based social work rooted in harm reduction practices) to decrease the need for police funding overall. Proactive approaches to addressing poverty and associated risks will cost less and bring more social benefits than overfunding reactionary police services.	1/8/2022 8:38 AM
1122	This cities crime rate is scary. The police are very needed. This is not the sector to mess with. Give them the money they need to help this city be safe again.	1/8/2022 8:38 AM
1123	More social workers!!!!! And less police going to checks on people in domestic abuse, mental health, wellness checks, homeless people checks. Police should NOT be doing these calls unless called in by the social worker. This would free up the police to be doing what they should be doing, protecting public safety and investigation of crimes.	1/8/2022 8:21 AM
1124	The police budget should decrease annually by 5%-10% with those amounts allocated to services such as housing, safe consumption sites, and the like - that is to services which do not criminalize people's troubles. The decreases in police budget should not be used to encourage more Winnipeg sprawl.	1/8/2022 8:08 AM
1125	The police budget should be gradually and completely decreased until there are very few police at all. The majority of their resources could be better directed towards other departments which could engage in harm reduction and community building.	1/8/2022 8:06 AM
1126	Manage shifts better so there's not as much of a demand for overtime from officers. Also police shouldn't be available for private hire as that's a public service (liquor marts)	1/8/2022 8:02 AM
1127	Better public accountability. 900 Covid absences are unacceptable. This is a problem seems to be due to lack of adherence to COVID PROTOCOL. Which indicates an elitist attitudes. More constables need to be fired for violating the laws as li especially when violence is involved. More emphasis on taking illegal and harmful illicit drugs off the streets. Better effort in stopping human trafficking needs to be made. More community and downtown street patrols and less waiting for the phone to ring. Better phone operators with mental health training!!	1/8/2022 7:59 AM
1128	If the city population grows, does the amount of police officer grow too?	1/8/2022 7:48 AM

1129	Greater accountability and control of police spending directly by council. They are paid way too much right now and deliver very poor service (no followup on cases or investigations, long wait times to report crimes, bad customer service, poor technical systems when trying to call to report a crime, etc.)	1/8/2022 5:30 AM
1130	Police are an abhorrent waste of taxpayer money and they don't increase public safety. Defund the police and put in new public safety measures, with de-escalation and non-violent intervention training.	1/8/2022 5:11 AM
1131	I wonder how services can be defunded properly so that more funding can go to sources for prevention and mental health supports. Perhaps revenue should come from a formula that includes property tax %, red light camera and proceeds of crime revenue, fines from littering and vandalism and repeated offences. If the city is safe, people will move here and revenue will increase.	1/8/2022 1:44 AM
1132	Police are funded using tax dollars and balanced against other city needs. Police offers are significantly overpaid. If you want to find dollars cut overtime and pay reasonable wages. This has gotten out of control.	1/8/2022 1:31 AM
1133	Abolish the WPS	1/8/2022 12:53 AM
1134	Just defund the police.	1/8/2022 12:29 AM
1135	The city should steadily reduce police funding while redirecting those funds to housing, food security, public transportation, arts and recreation services	1/8/2022 12:25 AM
1136	This isn’t a police issue this is a spending issue. **redacted** maybe make all the people in bedroom communities pay a city tax on top considering that they use our resources but don’t pay for them.	1/7/2022 11:54 PM
1137	Focusing on alternatives to increasing police budgets or maintaining current levels when possible.	1/7/2022 11:44 PM
1138	Just put a red-light camera at every intersection in Winnipeg and have the red-light runners and speeders fund the entire police budget. Petition the Province to allow mobile photo-radar cameras to be deployed anywhere in the City of Winnipeg for the same reasons.	1/7/2022 11:43 PM
1139	Alot of cost cutting needs to be done first. Overtime should be cut. Auxiliary officers could be trained to take on less violent crimes and mental health calls. Also it could be changed that police NOT respond to mental health calls and mental health professionals respond instead. No paid leave when officers accused of crimes. Look at training more New Officers at lower wage to start.	1/7/2022 11:24 PM
1140	The people of Winnipeg **redacted** no matter what funding model you propose .ask how to cut policing cost ,overtime a pensionable benefit ,only in Winnipeg.total retained !	1/7/2022 11:03 PM
1141	This is a cowardly way of governing. You’re blaming the police for your inability to effectively budget over decades.	1/7/2022 10:37 PM
1142	The police do not prevent crime. They show up after it happens. They do not deserve anywhere near the amount of money they get. **redacted**	1/7/2022 10:19 PM
1143	Defund the police. Put more money i to mental health crisis response/ wellness checks. Train everybody on how to de-escalate heightened situations. Disarm.	1/7/2022 10:16 PM
1144	If the agreement is to give raises to officers, you can’t expect the police service to act within the same budget. If the wages go up, they still need money for operating costs (with inflation of course). Plus maybe the budget wouldn’t seem so over inflated, if the city did not give money to the police and then charge them back for rent, gas, parking spots, and vehicle rental?	1/7/2022 9:54 PM
1145	I don't think tax payers should be on the hook for something like policing when our clear priority should be on healthcare. We're constantly heading about staff and bed shortages and I think we should prioritize this first, then think about using what's left of the buget to help local businesses and pay the police. If more funding actually helped decrease crime then why haven't we heard a lot of news about crime decreasing despite adding to the budget every year? Let's try something new.	1/7/2022 9:50 PM
1146	Less focus on toys like robots, drones and helicopters. More on actually protecting law abiding	1/7/2022 9:42 PM

	people and putting criminals behind bars.	
1147	Society as a whole is fully reliant on the police, period. Police to my family is more important than even health care. Can't access hospital if crime becomes out of control. No single piece of societal puzzle is more important than police. Health care to me is second. Thank you.	1/7/2022 9:27 PM
1148	i chose #1, but not because i like it. the police get too much money already, if we pushed some of that money to needed areas (homelessness, safe injection sites, poverty, housing crisis etc.) then crime would go down.	1/7/2022 9:21 PM
1149	Cut the police budget. In general the police budget should be lower than it is currently. The extra funds should go to other first responders who would be better equipped to deal with mental health crises and trained in conflict resolution and de-escalation.	1/7/2022 9:11 PM
1150	Reduce the cost of the police. The fact that the police make as much as they do and hog up as much of the city budget as they do is wildly unacceptable. The fact the city is broke paying for beat cops and helicopters and Boston dynamics robot dogs is a shameful waste of tax payer money	1/7/2022 9:08 PM
1151	When WPS does a drug bust or similar, why can't the confiscated cash be put towards the the operating costs of the police? As well as auctioning off proceeds of crime being put into the police budget ?	1/7/2022 9:06 PM
1152	defund the police and change how the system works as it is inherently **redacted** and does not aim to help mentally ill persons, or the poor.	1/7/2022 9:01 PM
1153	Completely defund the police. They are useless. They use too much aggressive force against citizens. Most have zero mental health training and abuse their power. Very little cops I have met in winnipeg deserve to have their jobs.	1/7/2022 8:57 PM
1154	Police budget should not increase. It is already too high. Pay them less. Give money to low-income people and mental health resources and student aid. Into paying nurses and teachers and giving them breaks. Police are not helping.	1/7/2022 8:56 PM
1155	If crime rises, so does the Police costs. Given Police have to respond to many non-Police matters, and despite what ignorant politicians say, the onus is on organizations like WRHA, WFPS, CFS, Salvation Army, Main Street Project to name a few, should be held accountable to handle situations that are not Police matters instead of dumping their problems on the Police and being done with it. Also, the main problem is the judicial system allowing all these criminals out onto the streets because of their race or ethnic background, despite extensive criminal histories. The leftist extremists fail to acknowledge the real issue and therefore are promoting criminal behaviour; ultimately resulting in the exponential rise in Police operating costs. If you shake your tunnel vision and not just see, but actually Observe what's happening in society and in Winnipeg, you'll demand more budget for Police so they can properly do their jobs. Then you would focus your attention on the real problem, which is accountability to the judicial system, as well as some of the other organizations I mentioned previously. The buck always ends up at the Police services Feet, and they can't give it back, they have to solve the problem, whether it be there's to solve or not.	1/7/2022 8:52 PM
1156	I think it's important to have more resources available than just police. Instead of increasing police finding, use money to HELP those in poverty get off the streets and back into society. Less poverty will lead to less crime and reduce the toll on our Healthcare system which is already on the verge of collapse. Police are important, but not for all situations.	1/7/2022 8:45 PM
1157	I do not think that any of these options reflect the desire of some constituents to drastically and overtime reduce the funds received by WPS. As in, regardless of whether property tax trends up or down, I believe WPS funding should trend downward and that these funds should be reallocated to other areas and initiatives that keep communities safe.	1/7/2022 8:43 PM
1158	I firmly believe that the WPS are overrepresented in the annual City Budget. It would be better for the City to reallocate funds to public service and welfare programs, so as to actually get to the root causes of crime, such as inadequate housing, lack of mental health resources, food scarcity, etc. A more holistic approach is needed to prevent crime, rather than just attempting to solve it after the fact. Additionally, in light of the current pandemic, it would also help to have a mask mandate in the actual Police HQ building, as it seems unfair and unjust that every other public establishment is doing the bare minimum to reduce the spread of a deadly and easily-transmissible virus for over two years now.	1/7/2022 8:39 PM

1159	I chose option 5 because there's no option that cuts funding. I am Not in favour of option 5.	1/7/2022 8:32 PM
1160	There is no state of emergency in the WPS. The streets of WPG are more safe when they are absent.	1/7/2022 8:27 PM
1161	Current model I guess, but decrease budget in a big way from what it is now.	1/7/2022 8:25 PM
1162	i think there could be other options than these if you solicited a panel of experts and citizens.	1/7/2022 8:24 PM
1163	Police funding should be geared to the crime rate. If the rate goes up, funding is decreased; if the rate goes down, funding is increased.	1/7/2022 8:12 PM
1164	I feel many incidents the police deal with would be better handled by a mental health medical professional. Perhaps money can be spent on a mental health team that can be dispatched to de-esculate the situation and provide professional guidance. I also think it's important to have a safe injection site for drug users. This would provide a safer environment, especially children that live in these communities who should not have to find needles on the street. It also provides a safe place for people to ask for help if they want to deal with their addiction.	1/7/2022 8:09 PM
1165	I think all these options ignore the problem that the police don’t keep us safe, and that they don’t stop crime. Increased revenue to social services, food, and housing would go much further in dealing with our crime rates. Not to mention the positive effects of real reconciliation with Indigenous communities.	1/7/2022 8:02 PM
1166	Police training should have a greater emphasis and a more higher requirements	1/7/2022 7:59 PM
1167	Defined contribution pension plan. 35 million just to cover pension liabilities is not sustainable.	1/7/2022 7:57 PM
1168	I think the best thing would be to decrease the budget based on police performance. Currently our police have shown a great inability to uphold safety in a real way. The attitudes towards citizens is unacceptable. They are agressive and disrespectful(like refusing to wear masks at HQ and in many instances around citizens). We should be allocating funds to other things since this force clearly is not effective enough to be funded more. Also we don't need a helicopter. It's just unnessacary, a nuisance and a waste of money.	1/7/2022 7:49 PM
1169	Maybe change the police pension model. They deserve a pension but the model right now is bankrupting the city. Also, officers get paid overtime for literally everything they do, it's ridiculous.	1/7/2022 7:41 PM
1170	They already get past d too much. Their funding should be decrease and the funding go to positive community programs.	1/7/2022 7:35 PM
1171	Question 9 should not force a biased answer, I actually choose none of those options and would prefer to have a public panel on the decrease of the city's police budget. I want to be explicitly clear that our police deserve to be making less than they currently do, and I prefer that option for the next few years.	1/7/2022 7:22 PM
1172	Defund the Winnipeg Police and use these funds to support community initiatives.	1/7/2022 7:17 PM
1173	It needs to be reevaluated and audited to see where spending can be cut and where overspending is occurring.	1/7/2022 7:06 PM
1174	Current police salaries and benefits are too expensive for the service we are getting.	1/7/2022 7:00 PM
1175	Dam.....can't think of anything right now.....gotta tack on charges for a bed and stuff.....like sally anns	1/7/2022 6:58 PM
1176	Defund the police	1/7/2022 6:53 PM
1177	Defund The Police	1/7/2022 6:50 PM
1178	The best way to determine police funding is first to identify the goal of funding the service. In my mind: the supposed goal is to reduce crime and various socioeconomic crises. I want these outcomes for this city. If the leaders of this city feel similarly, they should take the time to familiarize themselves with the data that strongly indicate that police funding contributes nothing to these goals. Whichever funding model allows this city’s leaders to allocate funds to public resources for vulnerable demographics instead of our police service would be optimal.	1/7/2022 6:41 PM
1179	Tax the top income earners in pricey housing areas	1/7/2022 6:34 PM
1180	The best way would be to audit the police yearly with a third party so that it's not status quo "	1/7/2022 6:32 PM

	spend it or lose it". **REDACTED** There are surely spaces where police are needed but more than half of their budget could get cut and they would still function perfectly. **REDACTED** Maybe dont pay them 106,000 after 5 years, equating to a 10$ an hour jump from the previous year. **REDACTED** Why do we pay for them for jets parties? Why do multiple cars show up for every occasion? They are doing way more than they are trained for and paid wages that will never be considered sustainable, unless it's on the backs of the tax payer again. If you really need to give them more money maybe give less tax breaks to the billionaire putting up buildings downtown who promise low income housing and then reneg, only to still get the tax break. Also maybe the province could not bail out a professional football team with 100'sof millions of dollars.... I wonder where that money could have been better spent ?	
1181	Connecting police funding directly to simple inflation variables is sure to fail over time as things don't align. Budgets are not / should not be that simple. Executive discretion is required, along with appropriate external expertise (consultants) when appropriate to determine appropriate funding. Efforts should be made to ensure value for money. For example, excessive use of police overtime has questionable value for money.	1/7/2022 6:28 PM
1182	I think the police get too much funding. Police come after the crime has happened, usually not preventing it. Pour a LOT more funding into other city services. The services that keep people off the streets and out of crime in the first place and watch the need for police go down. That's what we want isn't it ?	1/7/2022 6:24 PM
1183	Our money needs to address the needs of the people. Police more so treat the symptoms rather than the causes of crime	1/7/2022 6:23 PM
1184	There are wage freezes in every other public sector the police should have to have wage freezes just like health care and other such services	1/7/2022 6:22 PM
1185	Defund the police	1/7/2022 6:19 PM
1186	Defund the police. Fund community healing.	1/7/2022 6:08 PM
1187	Where is the budget cut option?	1/7/2022 6:00 PM
1188	The police service are too highly funded. Reduce their pension and use those funds to fund the police. Do not take more tax dollars from the citizens. Use the money for roads, infrastructure, and other things that will help develop Winnipeg into a better city.	1/7/2022 6:00 PM
1189	Police should be defunded. It is abhorrent that you haven’t included funding cuts as an option.	1/7/2022 5:53 PM
1190	In having seen the amount the city spends on our police funding each year, it is abundantly clear that we too heavily prioritize the police in the overall budget and other aspects of our city suffer because of it. Winnipegers live in a time where our police waste blow funding on expensive and useless toys, such as the robot police dog they set $257,000 aside to purchase, while infrastructure crumbles, our public services run on fumes, and those without homes are left to huddle in our bus shelters or die in the streets. The city needs to heavily reconsider the massive sums of money they pay to the police each year for miniscule reductions in crime and instead look seriously into providing housing and greater addictions services, both of which have been shown to lead to a greater reduction in crime rates, while being substantially more cost effective. While the models presented in this poll may be sustainable for the police, they are clearly unsustainable for the long-term health of the city and the people who live in it.	1/7/2022 5:45 PM
1191	Defund the police and put the funds back into services that actually help the community.	1/7/2022 5:40 PM
1192	Increases should be set at half or less than of inflation. They can cut their numbers and the extra money should go to actual community services.	1/7/2022 5:39 PM
1193	No	1/7/2022 5:31 PM
1194	Invest more in community assistance programs, give people homes, offer safe supports for people using substances, sex workers, and at risk youth, invest in Indigenous-led community supports, invest in people-first care, and stop giving more money to WPS.	1/7/2022 5:27 PM
1195	We don’t like idea of adding any additional taxes, moreover for police. I propose defund the police… today I went for the covid test site at kind Edward and there were 2 police cars (4	1/7/2022 5:25 PM

	officers) and they block two lanes to organize separate lane for cars going to covid side… it is absolutely unacceptable… it should be done by the traffic signs… not by police… they should catch the bad guys…	
1196	Defend the police and instead invest in communities which has been proven to reduce crime and therefore reduce our need for policing	1/7/2022 5:22 PM
1197	Overtime should not be included in pension accumulations	1/7/2022 5:22 PM
1198	Look at the largest budget items and question whether the police really need a helicopter and military equipment. Budgeting could also look at if other Winnipeg departments could assist rather than police (ex. Mental health supports, mobile crisis units, social workers, etc.) and funding those departments more. Sometimes a third eye, someone outside of budgeting and the police department can be extremely valuable. Without seeing more specifics, I cannot comment further.	1/7/2022 5:20 PM
1199	Get in line with the rest of Canada. The budget for police is out of control here. Need decreases happening asap	1/7/2022 5:16 PM
1200	Arrêter d'utiliser l'hélicoptère	1/7/2022 5:14 PM
1201	Police funding should be determined by their net benefit to the community, which is unfortunately a minus, and so be defunded entirely.	1/7/2022 5:11 PM
1202	This survey is completely flawed because it assumes that the police budget growing in perpetuity is totally reasonable and acceptable. It is not! None of these options are acceptable. We need an immediate freeze on the existing budget—a thorough consideration of ways to dramatically reduce the budget—and a reallocation of those funds to support organizations that actually help vulnerable people have their needs met, which will actually reduce crime the police are alleged to prevent. That the police budget represents an increasingly large portion of the city's budget is **redacted**. Talk to experts who are actually critical of the existing funding model and take a fresh look at the problems associated with policing in general, and with the status quo.	1/7/2022 5:10 PM
1203	These are all bad options. Research clearly demonstrates police do not serve to prevent crime, only respond to it. I cannot support any of the funding models listed above because I believe that funding police as they exist now is fundamentally fruitless with the goal of crime reduction in mind. I think that the vast majority of current funding should be distributed to other social services such as housing for the homeless populations (NOT just shelters), child care, guaranteed basic income, food services, transportation, and rehabilitation services. These are the things that would truly serve to bring crime down and make Winnipeg a safer city. The best way to determine police funding is to rethink policing as it currently is in Winnipeg altogether and find better ways to spend that money. Also I do not see why any member of the WPS should be getting sick pay for covid when there is clearly not even a requirement to wear masks in their HQ (as can be seen in their new tiktok) despite the emergency status that was announced by Chief Smyth...could save some money there. All this being said, of all the above options, #4 is the most abhorrant to me. Public dollars already go towards the police in a general sense, I promise there will be a massive and riotously negative response if we are made to be financially responsible for police at the individual level as well.	1/7/2022 5:10 PM
1204	It should be based on actual need. Crime rate and the need for police. I'm talking about actual crime, not just calls because someone is sleeping or passed out on the sidewalk. Number of calls metric is being inflated. This unsustainable budget is the result of the city caving to police unions for years, it's sad really.	1/7/2022 5:02 PM
1205	Everyone should be responsible for police funding, not just people who own property.	1/7/2022 4:56 PM
1206	Take the 9 million for the museum and put it into community outreach programs, stop spending money on useless things like robots.	1/7/2022 4:51 PM
1207	There needs to be an audit and complete overhaul of the evaluation of needs and costs in the police budget. The first model would be acceptable under these conditions.	1/7/2022 4:51 PM
1208	Funding should be lowered and funds diverted to departments that are proactive rather than reactionary. Cut WPS budget.	1/7/2022 4:50 PM
1209	Council sets the Police budget and should cut the funding dramatically.	1/7/2022 4:48 PM
1210	Defund the police	1/7/2022 4:46 PM

1211	Reallocate funding to mental health, prevention & support programs, harm reduction, community organizations i.e. bear clan, etc. Etc	1/7/2022 4:46 PM
1212	Defund and/or lowering the funding for the WPS was not an option on this survey and it should be.	1/7/2022 4:42 PM
1213	How about defending the police and funding more social services so that they are not needed	1/7/2022 4:41 PM
1214	None of these options are acceptable in my opinion. They do not reflect what is needed by the community. The community, especially and specifically black and indigenous POC, have been advocating for different ways in which funding can be redistributed/better implemented but the city council and the WPS are not willing to have this conversation, as seen by all the terrible options you have provided.	1/7/2022 4:40 PM
1215	With all due respect, I have some comments on the quality of the survey content. Firstly, some of the questions and response options are poorly constructed and confusing. For example question #3, “how important, if at all, is sustainable police funding to you personally”. As the reader I don’t understand the purpose of this question or how it relates to the funding models presented after. What is the alternative to sustainable funding…unsustainable funding? No funding? More funding than I can personally afford? Is it simply asking if I care about the issue of the police budget? Unclear questions can cause misinterpretations, and misrepresentations about what survey takers really meant to say. Also concerning, is that although many Winnipeggers want to see a reduction in police budget spending and diversion of funds to other social services, there is no model that commits specifically to reducing the police budget. Even Funding Model 5 with the proposed budget reduction is tied to phenomena that could eventually lead to a rise in budget. Which Model can Winnipeggers who want to see a continued decrease in police funding choose?	1/7/2022 4:39 PM
1216	Police funding should be decreased and reallocated. There is ample research to support this, and plenty of educated voices speaking to this. This survey presents a very skewed budgeting approach.	1/7/2022 4:38 PM
1217	Reduce the scope of responsibility for police, make sports teams cover the cost of their security, and dramatically reduce police funding and put the funding towards basic social services and housing.	1/7/2022 4:38 PM
1218	The Police Service is a that is there to Serve and protect, not to Maimed or kill the Citizens of Winnipeg. Any new funding should be use for improvement of training in self defense, hand to hand combat, proper use of de-escalation of an Incident, a good negotiating skills. Police should not have to draw their guns at all encounter with a perpetrator when there are no firearms involve. Innocent and Young people are being killed for showing a knife or other non lethal weapons. the police should be able to assess the situation before pulling their Guns.	1/7/2022 4:38 PM
1219	Prioritize equitable housing and resources before funding police. People are dying because they can’t feed their family’s and turn to CRIME to survive. Policing poverty and survival is a criminal act. Help people first and we will need less police and therefore less funding.	1/7/2022 4:35 PM
1220	Police shouldn’t be offered additional funding. The police need to be defunded and reassessed completely.	1/7/2022 4:34 PM
1221	Council Decreases police funding while increasing other methods of public safety, such as additional free safe housing for low income and homeless, safe injection sites and safety patrol officers trained in mental health and peaceful de-escalation methods opposed to armed task force & unforgiving de-escalation methods.	1/7/2022 4:34 PM
1222	I think you should allow us to have more say in this he plan for the budget. You are giving limited options. Abolish the police and redistribute the funds. The police need even less funding than 5.6 mil and be given to real resources that actually help our city and we need a basic income	1/7/2022 4:34 PM
1223	Drastic cuts need to be made. They take up far too much if the budget for the city for the service, or lack thereof, that they provide.	1/7/2022 4:30 PM
1224	Police should be defunded, other areas to help mental illness, poverty, bullying should be funded instead.	1/7/2022 4:30 PM
1225	I would prefer to see the police budget cut in half (at least to begin with), and reallocate that half of the budget to social services to help those with substance abuse issues, mental	1/7/2022 4:30 PM

	issues, and those in poverty. I believe that if there were adequate investment in helping those most in need in our society, the need for policing will disappear.	
1226	I think that reallocating funding towards community services, mental health resources and social services and away from the police would be in the best interest of our city.	1/7/2022 4:28 PM
1227	Defund the police. Put the money back into social services and community centres. Programs to help with drug addiction.	1/7/2022 4:25 PM
1228	since i was forced into a biased answer in question 9, the status quo doesn't actually work or me either. no increases should be made to this overly bloated police service. more funds need to be allocated to preventative measures such as housing, harm reduction and food security as these are determinants that lead to crime in the first place. you can't just treat the symptom, you have to treat the wound. stop monopolizing all the funds that people need to survive. crime is simply a trauma response, and the fact there is no option for question nine referring to social determinants of health is **redacted**	1/7/2022 4:25 PM
1229	Take a broad look at the various categories/areas where police funds are spent, ask what the root causes of these issues are, and allocate funding to social programming to address and prevent these issues from arising in the community so that they do not need lead to police action. Policing of some basic sort will always be necessary, but policing is very reactive and should be a last resort. Communities need to invest in strategies which prevent the need for so much policing - these strategies are proactive and should aim to prevent problems from occurring (rather than the current model, which punishes and "deals with" problems when they already exist).	1/7/2022 4:24 PM
1230	Abolish the police they are nothing but **redacted**	1/7/2022 4:19 PM
1231	While the council setting the budget makes more sense to me, I find that the council puts far too much value into what the police do for this city. Not to mention that as a resident of the city centre, my councillor is shared with a very affluent neighbourhood that does not deal with police as directly or in the same capacity as my neighbours and I. The original Metropolitan Police Force which most modern police forces are modelled off of, were only given a budget increase when crime rates went down. The crime rates continue to rise in the city and we give the police more, but that provides no incentive to decrease crime and also shows that their methods are not helping with our crime problem. Police are the final line when it comes to crime prevention. We need to invest more in keeping people from turning to a life of crime in the first place, and giving the police more armaments and tech doesn't help with that.	1/7/2022 4:14 PM
1232	defund the police	1/7/2022 4:12 PM
1233	Police funding should never be higher than the funding that education, affordable housing, healthcare, and other public services receive	1/7/2022 4:10 PM
1234	Defend the police. Not entirely. They're budget is extremely gross for the service they provide. The investment we put into it has not been positive at all. That money should be invested else where like public resources. Dedicated 24/7Homeless shelters. Food banks. Mental health resources.	1/7/2022 4:00 PM
1235	The police are over funded. Monies should be diverted to fund other avenues like appropriate responses to mental health calls. Also meaning that the police would not be called for mental health calls and therefore their case load lightened	1/7/2022 3:59 PM
1236	Funding more proactive strategies that don’t involve police should be considered. Move the funding to mental health, addiction, housing, and youth professionals to better address the needs. Having police responsible for these areas is reactive, short sighted and not evidence based.	1/7/2022 3:58 PM
1237	Yes defund police period. Read the truth and reconciliation report. Read the Manitoba aboriginal justice enquiry. This is a greedy business based on systemic racism. Destroy a race and then control the race. Shame on the colonizers.	1/7/2022 3:54 PM
1238	the winnipeg police need to do a lot of work not just with funding, but defending them would be a huge start	1/7/2022 3:53 PM
1239	I believe it is more valuable to put resources towards social services that can help prevent crime vs. increasing policing. While it has not been my experience, I have understanding for the concerns of minority groups and specifically Indigenous folks who experience greater inequities and discrimination, especially in relation to police services. More money to things	1/7/2022 3:41 PM

	like mental health services, alternative emergency response workers (social work, mental health workers, crisis nurse etc.), housing first initiatives, and living wages for all. It may take longer to see change, but will lead to a healthier society and thus healthier economy	
1240	Stop making OT pensionable. No one else has that. We also don't need a tank... Put money into social services and maybe we won't need as 'tough' of a police force to harass indigenous people	1/7/2022 3:37 PM
1241	Police services eat up over a quarter of the city's budget. Other city services are in need of proper (public transit, snow removal, libraries and community centres, homeless shelters, and others). Meaningful consultation with the public and a serious consideration of their views would be a start to addressing this inequity. How are these deficits of other public services made up for in excessive funding to the police? Even a modest decrease in funding to police (say 10%) and diversion of these funds to other chronically under-funded public services would have positive impacts to the community (~$30 million). The police need to find a way to make it work with less funding – a sober look at salaries (the major line item cost in their budgets) would be a start. Or to permanently ground the hugely wasteful WPS helicopter, an unnecessary excess in these times of economic "belt-tightening" (and a nuisance to hear hovering over your house in the middle of the night.) Also, please take a moment to consider your survey's bias towards increasing police funding. There are no questionnaire options to actively choose for *lowering* police funding. This does not seem like public outreach conducted in good faith.	1/7/2022 3:33 PM
1242	The problem is that the funds that go to police should be split between the other services they need to use, social services, all the time wasted on homeless calls when the homeless need other better resources, none of these models really represents that	1/7/2022 3:26 PM
1243	Have council members who believe in inclusion, equity, anti-oppressive, and sustainable methods and who want to foster/nurture these types of models.	1/7/2022 3:24 PM
1244	I think that the police budget is important, however I do not want to see increases by just the Council or just inflation. I think that we need to look to reduce the budget first and take into account whether services are providing benefit firstly. Also I do not want taxpayers to have to just have the burden of paying for Police overspending. The city collects our taxes and then distributes, if the Police can not work with what they are given then they have to make cuts just like any other social service would have to do.	1/7/2022 3:21 PM
1245	Continue to foster/support to these programs that assist the WPS. i.e. cadets and downtown watch which will in turn keep some costs down.	1/7/2022 3:17 PM
1246	The Province of Manitoba should be billed for all police wages in excess of one hour spent waiting whenever a mental health patient is waiting to be turned over to health care professionals. Example: police spend 8 hours waiting with mental health patient at hospital, so Manitoba Health is required to pay two officer wage for 7 of those hours. Use a similar formula for police in hospital with medical health prisoner waiting to be treated.	1/7/2022 3:12 PM
1247	None of these models are acceptable.	1/7/2022 3:06 PM
1248	The police have too much funding as it is. I feel strongly that many of these resources should by channeled instead into safe injection sights, low-income/affordable housing, soup kitchens, free mental health resources, and healthcare.	1/7/2022 3:06 PM
1249	***redacted***. Police budget should be reallocated into community services with a focus on prevention. Why is there no option to decrease police budget? This survey is biased. Extremely disappointing.	1/7/2022 3:05 PM
1250	It would be best to consider the actual value we as citizens are recieving from the budget to determine how much it should be funded. If there is an increase, how is that money going to be used? How is that going to provide value to citizens? Is it going to directly address any issues we have with safety?	1/7/2022 3:01 PM
1251	I think these are not the right questions, I want a decent amount of money to go to preventing crime but I would like to focus on how we are preventing it, not just the number of dollars spent.	1/7/2022 2:50 PM
1252	We for sure need more police funding. And on top of police funding, we need funding to go towards mental health, which is a large reason why police are needed more than ever	1/7/2022 2:48 PM
1253	None of these are good enough options. The least ridiculous way to fund the WPS would be to	1/7/2022 2:28 PM

	have city council set the budget based on the needs of other departments, but that doesn't work either for a multitude of reasons. Chief among them being that the other departments aren't getting enough funding to PREVENT crime in the first place. Increasing policing budgets has not worked in the past, and continues not to work today, and it won't work in the future! Why are we not taking cues from counties like Iceland, New Zealand, Portugal, etc. who have much more sustainable and humane models of supporting their citizens? Decreasing crime does not come by increasing police—it comes from increasing well-rounded community-led programs that support communities based on their individual needs. When people feel supported, they don't need to engage in criminal behaviours—many of which are substance-related and would not occur if we had proper mental health and addiction supports readily available and accessible. The city of Winnipeg's budget should be decided through a referendum where every individual citizen is able to cast their vote—majority winning. Take a look at how Switzerland decides such things. We cannot expect change to come from doing the same things over and over—this is the definition of insanity. **redacted**	
1254	Police funding must be a separate priority for the city and therefore the top funding priority for the city, before city council sets any other budget..	1/7/2022 2:27 PM
1255	As an answer was required for question no. 9 I choose Funding Model 5 as mentioned before the WPS budget would see a decrease. I would much rather see a decrease in budget and it not be tied to property taxes. The "service" the WPS gives is atrocious on top of the fact that I believe policing should see a major defunding.	1/7/2022 2:22 PM
1256	Council is best qualified to set the budget, but needs to take the concerns and feedback of those most greatly impacted by policing into account when setting the budget. Police behaviour also needs to affect future funding.	1/7/2022 2:19 PM
1257	Decrease police salaries. The education needed to be a police officer and danger/risk most officers face absolutely does not warrant the pay. Just look at police pay compared to nurses.	1/7/2022 2:18 PM
1258	Any increases should be voted on every four years during the election, by the public	1/7/2022 2:17 PM
1259	The reason the police budget is difficult for the city to maintain is because taxes are not set properly high enough. BecUse it would. Or be politically popular. So I'm essence it is council's fault. Fix the tax rate and quite complaining!	1/7/2022 2:17 PM
1260	Any funding to Police service should be based on outcomes and improvements.	1/7/2022 2:13 PM
1261	Please post the ongoing results so people can watch the tally so it is completely transparent and follow the recommendations of the citizens. Thank you.	1/7/2022 2:04 PM
1262	Police should receive less funding than they are currently receiving. This can also be accomplished by freezing future increases.	1/7/2022 1:58 PM
1263	none of these is a good option. WPS should be defunded by attrition and not filling empty positions as officers retire. The money saved by this should be re-invested in community solutions that help prevent crime instead of responding to it. When people are fed, housed, have access to medical care, education and social services, then crime goes down. period. Why do we think crime is more prevalent in poor neighborhoods and so low in wealthy neighborhoods? Police do nothing to help with any of these things and only serve to solve crimes after they happen (and are not very good at it as demonstrated by their clearance rates). Please take a moment to read about alternatives to policing.	1/7/2022 1:49 PM
1264	Police wages are way too high. Sam Katz caused this mess and now it is out of control. Ridiculous that police get higher increases then.other city employees	1/7/2022 1:47 PM
1265	The City of Winnipeg spends far too much money on policing. The budget should be drastically reduced and the money redirected to other city services that would do more to reduce crime and address dire needs in the city like homelessness and mental health.	1/7/2022 1:43 PM
1266	I do not like the pointed questions offered in question #9. It is an unfair question that does not allow one to decline all questions and one cannot proceed with the survey unless it is completed. Not a fair survey at all. The entire system needs to be revamped to integrate with with community programs and to reflect today's issues with mental illness which can lead to increased crime, homelessness, drug addiction, etc. I am sure if these issues were addressed the need for police intervention would be reduced by quite a bit.	1/7/2022 1:43 PM
1267	The Wpg police service is a **redacted** and embarrassing waste of money. Put all this money into	1/7/2022 1:42 PM

	social services instead and give to organizations like Bear Clan who actually care about less fortunate people. Also get out of Manitoba schools!	
1268	We pay for a large police force instead of enforcement, we overpay and militarize them. Modified budget that reallocates funding to accommodate mental health and substance use services would be beneficial and take this responsibility from the force and cause less harm to community and the people who live here.	1/7/2022 1:40 PM
1269	Defund these **REDACTED**.	1/7/2022 1:38 PM
1270	Downsize and defund	1/7/2022 1:37 PM
1271	This is about supply and demand. There is ALWAYS an abundance of people who want to become police officers because it's easy; you can graduate from high school, pass the few Wps tests and within 5 years make a six-figure salary. Whereas others who go to university for 4-6 years have post-secondary debt, and now a degree, "might" see a six figure salary during their career and not anywhere near the perks and benefits Wps members receive. Wps and Wfps salaries and benefits make up a majority of the city salary spend. And many of these members have side jobs bc they only work 3 days a week (bc the 4th day of their shift is optional?) That salary savings can be put toward hiring more boots (FTE) on the street which is what the city needs.	1/7/2022 1:36 PM
1272	their paid goons with a licence to abuse their power	1/7/2022 1:32 PM
1273	The everyday person does Not get to move up with the cost of inflation!!! So the police service should work writing their budget like everyone else. No exceptions, learn to budget within your means, I do..... Or take what you need from the crown corporations rainy day funds to keep afloat.	1/7/2022 1:29 PM
1274	I assume council should be responsible to find ways to reduce costs in the current model. How about some real effort be put into that instead of steady increases. Police in Winnipeg do a horrible job and increasing funds has never changed that.	1/7/2022 1:29 PM
1275	The City is held hostage by false fear created by the police. I know from personal experience that they lie all the time. Does the City care that they are known liars?	1/7/2022 1:27 PM
1276	Council must dramatically reduce police funding.	1/7/2022 1:25 PM
1277	The police don't need their budget increased, it's very apparent whoever made this is leaving out those options. The Winnipeg police is holding our city's funds hostage. We could use more safe public transport, literally anything to help the citizens of the city yet you guys want to increase the money they get? Police get to stand in grocery stores and vaccine clinics and get paid 100$'S of dollars…. How does this make any sense to anyone with a brain? This is why so many people want to leave this city. So ridiculous	1/7/2022 1:25 PM
1278	Yes. Make police overtime NON pensionable I think that overtime being pensionable is one if the biggest wastes of taxpayers money there is. CUPE does not have pensionable overtime, why should the police services	1/7/2022 1:24 PM
1279	More funding for social work and emergency teams who collaborate and assist WPS	1/7/2022 1:23 PM
1280	How about an option where the department has to find efficiency or waste.	1/7/2022 1:22 PM
1281	Money should be diverted to public interest such as spaces, getting rid of surface parking in the downtown and other social issues to lessen need to police. This strategy takes longer but leads to better society. Don't pull people out downstream we need to look why people are falling in.	1/7/2022 1:21 PM
1282	I don't know but one time I was walking to a film festival venue and two young male winnipeg police terrorized me. I don't know why they drove the wrong way on the street to be a little bit behind me and slowly followed me with the window open and not saying anything. They just followed me and stared and scared me to death. I never told my husband.	1/7/2022 1:21 PM
1283	What you have proposed is ghoulish and disgraceful. If you want the police funded so bad, so they can get new toys, do it. Tell the public you are taking money out of public works in order to ensure that homeless people can be harassed. You should be ashamed of yourselves, and I am ashamed to call myself a Winnipeger. Read the room.	1/7/2022 1:17 PM
1284	The hospital's in Winnipeg raise extra cash through home lottery sales and/or 50/50 sales. The police service should consider this.	1/7/2022 1:13 PM

1285	No	1/7/2022 1:11 PM
1286	ABOLISH THE POLICE. full **REDACTED** stop.	1/7/2022 1:08 PM
1287	Supplement police force with lower cost staff (ie cadets) and reduce high level management that is deemed redundant to efficient operation of police. Improve operations budget to have better resources for officers and approach the agreement with the union to lower salaries, reduce required overtime and improve other benefits. Officers want better working conditions, not more money.	1/7/2022 1:02 PM
1288	It's simple- defund the police. Funny how you never include that as an option.	1/7/2022 1:01 PM
1289	Defund it already. We need more community service that service people bot policing people.	1/7/2022 12:59 PM
1290	Stop paying the cops almost 1/3 of our budget, they don't need it nor do we want to keep spending our money on a system that doesn't work	1/7/2022 12:58 PM
1291	I am concerned that most of the police resources are concentrated to specific areas and population. In other words, repeat customers. I know you can't get blood out of a stone, but if repeated calls to the police are being done by certain businesses (due to their patrons) isn't it time to have those businesses become more responsible for those police calls? Increase a tax on their property	1/7/2022 12:57 PM
1292	Defund the poice	1/7/2022 12:55 PM
1293	I believe police funding should be decided by the city or by a neutral arbiter that is isolated from police influence. I also believe funding should be split off from the police budget and transfered to harm reduction policies to proactively deal with crime and helping Manitobans who would commit crimes find their footing.	1/7/2022 12:48 PM
1294	None of these models are good. If teachers and healthcare have to consistently do more with less, than we should be defunding, not increasing funding for police.	1/7/2022 12:42 PM
1295	Tax payers should not be paying for police wages. Funds for the police should be decreased dramatically and those funds should be put forward for community initiatives and resources.	1/7/2022 12:42 PM
1296	The city's evolving with thousands of homes in my community of Harbour view south and into transcona yet we see less and less police in our area, despite the number of residents continuing to increase. There's no proactive work being done it's all a response to crime. They're only there after the fact. I don't blame them but they don't have enough resources, simple as that.	1/7/2022 12:40 PM
1297	The city police manage their own records and archives, and as a private researcher who has asked for access to historical records (over one hundred years old) I can say that the current arrangement makes the records incredibly difficult to find, and those gatekeeping the records have no idea how to manage historical records. Some records they couldn't find, and most were just crammed into drawers with little to no organization. These records belong to the city and the police should be transferring them accordingly out of their department in accordance with the city's records management bylaw. Doing so could reduce the overall budget by reducing the money spent on running a police "archive" that shouldn't exist in police headquarters.	1/7/2022 12:39 PM
1298	The funding models as described are insufficient in redressing the fundamental issues of how the WPS' budget is affecting the total budget. The proposed models rely upon external mechanisms to cover budget shortfalls, but do not address why the WPS is consistently over budget and requires year-over-year increases greater than any other municipal service. While beyond the purview of the city, it is clear that the duties entrusted to the WPS need to be changed as, under the status quo, they are ineffective at delivering its services in a cost effective manner. No other service within the city is afforded the latitude to consistently underperform while producing budget shortfalls. It is not only unsustainable, but is an inefficient use of public funds under the current policing model. The solution is a reduction in the services of the WPS, with an associated proportional reduction in its budget.	1/7/2022 12:39 PM
1299	The policing model requires review and restructure. Funding for officers who do safety checks and respond to many domestic concerns should be allocated to organizations who have trained professional crisis and social work staff on hand. The overall police budget should be reduced to allocate funding to appropriate social services within the community.	1/7/2022 12:38 PM

1300	arbitration awards for teacher salaries have been imposed for years on the basis that ability to pay is irrelevant so police services should also be exempt.	1/7/2022 12:38 PM
1301	I support the Police BUT their budget is way out of control and there doesn't seem to be anyone in direct control of it. The Police pensions need to be brought to earth. Pensionable overtime is ridiculous and should never have been allowed. Also, get rid of the helicopter. **redacted** Also, how do we know that the WPS is efficient? They need process improvement in the worst way. There's lots that can be done now without changing the funding structure. Look at the ridiculously high salaries of the WPS leadership - again, it's out of control.	1/7/2022 12:35 PM
1302	If one has to be selected then model 5 but that is also flawed. We need a zero based budgeting model. They should be zero increases as it is proven that with increase. There is gain in safety or crime prevention. The police can not show that they use the money effectively in the first place. They should have to justify every dollar spent, where is goes and why it is needed. Once reviewed by a 3rd party(no police) panel and approved they can receive funding. We have way more police than needed and tax payers money should not go to finding their pay. Their infrastructure, sure but not their pay. Basically. No police funding increase at all, they do not need it. And a full review of all spending followed by a justification as to why those funds where spent and how. Defund the police.	1/7/2022 12:32 PM
1303	Council should better realize the potential within WPS. WPS has done a poor job of justifying the need for budget increases to residents while continuing to play politics with council. Council should seek to remind WPS by any means necessary who they work for and take action to better align WPS with the core values of the City. Council should seek to make more informed decisions concerning WPS funding by better analyzing policing outcomes and adapting a better model to meet the needs of the city. I believe some of the current budget should be redirected to crime prevention programs and early intervention to vulnerable peoples to prevent crime from happening and to address the root causes of crime within our city. A more proactive approach would better serve Winnipeggers. WPS should be forced to adapt a zero-based budgeting model to serve the city. This means WPS will need to justify each of their annual expenditures to Council.	1/7/2022 12:31 PM
1304	Allot much more money to crime prevention. Look at what Edmonton is doing!	1/7/2022 12:28 PM
1305	This survey does not allow for people to voice a concern for the consistent over-funding the Winnipeg police consistently receive. I do not approve of any of the above listed funding models, as defunding the police and working towards greater community supports is the only real solution. We need to cut police budgets by a very large amount, as police reform has become apparent as being an unlikely solution to its faults. Policing does not stop crime - it responds to crime after it has already happened. To address root issues in societies we need alternative methods. This survey does not allow this view to come through and fails to fully explain the nuances of budgets. Taxpayers will likely choose whatever costs them the least, without letting them know that alternatives to violent, expensive policing can and do exist.	1/7/2022 12:27 PM
1306	This is an unbelievably skewed survey. No where is there an option to reduce the overinflated police budget. The budget should be set by council and it should be reduced by 10% each year for a goal of total defunding in 10 years. Funding should be reallocated to crime prevention measures like housing, food security, mental health resources, addictions support and safe consumption sites, a small percentage (less than 10% of difference between new year and previous year) should be allocated to re-education of police officers for new jobs. Abolition of the police force should be priority number one.	1/7/2022 12:26 PM
1307	Use some of the police funds to instead target preventative measures, dealing with poverty, mental health supports, drug abuse supports. Growing the police force every year doesn't solve the problems that the police claim it will.	1/7/2022 12:24 PM
1308	yes. how about remove option 4 all together? and everyone would be happy. are you joking? people should never have to pay for our safety out of our own pockets! ridiculous! yes. how about remove option 4 all together? and everyone would be happy. are you joking? people should never have to pay for our safety out of our own pockets! ridiculous! option 3 is good. they have a union. they paid into it. let the union do their jobs & negotiate funding!	1/7/2022 12:23 PM
1309	None of these models are accaptable. Why is there no option to decrease police budget and allocate for other essential community services!?	1/7/2022 12:21 PM
1310	tax gasoline , cigarettes and alcohol.	1/7/2022 12:19 PM

1311	Why are there no options that look at decreasing the busget or improving service delivery with existing resources? Has the department been evaluated to determined where cost savings may be acheived and how to focus resources where they are most needed? How much goes to administration and what actually makes a difference on the streets??	1/7/2022 12:17 PM
1312	I believe the wps is doing harm not only with their actions on the street level but also by gouging the city budget so most if not all other public sectors bufget decrease while wps' budget increases. I fully believe we should be defunding the police towards more community based services.	1/7/2022 12:12 PM
1313	Policing budgets need to be reviewed in regard to what services are need & provided. AS we move to a less aggressive model of policing & more toward community outreach & mental health programs to deal with the route cause of crime & public security the police budget needs to be reduced and the funds redirected to these programs. I see very little benefit to my, my family's or my neighborhood's safety coming from any aspect of the Winnipeg police service.	1/7/2022 12:12 PM
1314	Additional effort needs to be placed on reviewing and right-sizing police operations - the funding review and options presented do nothing to determine if WPS should be providing the functions it does, and finding savings	1/7/2022 12:11 PM
1315	I do not care for any of the funding models presented. The police needs to defunded and the resources need to be relocated to community groups.	1/7/2022 12:11 PM
1316	Redo the salary chart. A police officer should not double their salary just by being a police officer for 5 years. Salaries for police officers should be done by review of job performance and incidents. It is absolutely unacceptable that they are given raises every year for just by virtue of not being kicked off the force and that in only five years they have a salary that is doubled. It should take at least ten years to double your salary if you have great performance reviews WITHOUT incidents as those incidents just cost the taxpayers more money.	1/7/2022 12:05 PM
1317	None of these are great options and far too much of the city budget goes to policing. The costs are out of control and residents are not getting their money's worth. The WPS should receive far less funding, and those funds should be diverted to programs that benefit society.	1/7/2022 12:04 PM
1318	It is my opinion that WPS is undermanned and over worked. The only option that allows for growth and more officers is Funding Model 4. In Model 1, which City services are being measured to set the WPS budget? Cannot think of many more important than WPS.	1/7/2022 12:02 PM
1319	We only need Detectives, anti-drug, and traffic police.	1/7/2022 12:01 PM
1320	I despise all of these funding models. Hundreds of thousands of Winnipeggers have called for the DEfunding of the police. The fact that defunding is not an option on this survey is disgraceful, offensive, and obtuse. In my opinion, the Winnipeg Police Service's annual budget should not even be adjusted for inflation; it should see significant cuts in order to fund other tax-supported services that support and provide resources to marginalized Winnipeggers, not ones that harass and marginalize them like the WPS. However - the public safety levy is, in my opinion, by far the LEAST acceptable funding model. There are extremely few reasons as to why I would want to leave Winnipeg, the homeland of my people, but this would certainly be one of them.	1/7/2022 12:01 PM
1321	An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure	1/7/2022 12:00 PM
1322	This is a leading survey and does not allow for well thought out dissent. Defund the police and invest in community actions. Period.	1/7/2022 11:57 AM
1323	The only tolerable outcome is that the Winnipeg police are defunded going forward.	1/7/2022 11:53 AM
1324	The current budget is already tremendously inflated. Only providing options to further increase it completely misses the point of the complaints towards the police service. The idea behind decreasing the budget is to free up more resources that can actually help people instead of providing fear-mongering. Try cutting down on methods of causing more violence, like the robo-dog, tank and excessive use of the helicopter, as well as decreasing the salaries of the highest paid individuals in the police service, since they are completely overblown in comparison to life-saving services like hospitals or paramedics. What an absolutely shameful province this is.	1/7/2022 11:53 AM
1325	If Model 4 was chosen costs should be higher to tax payers who live in areas with the highest crime rates.	1/7/2022 11:52 AM

1326	Wages and benefits are growing beyond the public sector ability to pay. Factoring OT into pensionable salary also results in disproportionately high pensions for police.	1/7/2022 11:51 AM
1327	There needs to be action taken to DECREASE police costs. Look for more sustainable/less expensive tools and resources. For example, decrease pensionable overtime. Drop the egos and get help from other sectors. Police don't have to do it all. $130k per year salary for a police officer is way too high for tax payers to be paying considering education requirements to be an officer. WPS is currently in state of emergency due to lack of officers from Covid and yet many are still able to work at superstore… how is security at superstore a priority over service to our city? Also - how can our city be receiving optimal service from our police if they're burning the candle at both ends by working so much overtime at superstore or jets games? It's deplorable.	1/7/2022 11:49 AM
1328	Competently working with community organizations. Address poverty and social determinants of health.	1/7/2022 11:46 AM
1329	Yes. Defund the police. None of these options are fair because there isn't an option to DECREASE the budget it. Use the leftover funds to create something SAFE like housing and support for marginalized and struggling communities. The police cause harm. They murder my people (Indigenous peoples) and abuse their power. Nobody should have that much power. They disobey the law and then throw people in jail for doing the exact same, except the people typically 'committing crime' are in that place because of the trauma they have faced, AS A RESULT OF COLONIZERS. So colonizers cause the harm, then blame those same people for the natural reaction to generations upon generations of genocide, murder, and abuse. I'm so tired. It's not that hard. Society would survive. Try it. Instead of jails, try reconciliation institutions with provided mental health supports to help people get better. The current system punishes people, it doesn't help them get better. And as I'm sure you know, marginalized communities are disproportionately and unfairly affected and punished more severely and more often than non marginalized communities. I want to see a kind society in my lifetime. A good one. Before I die. Help that happen by defunding the police.	1/7/2022 11:44 AM
1330	Yeah if you want to increase the budget for the police,then **REDACTED** start taxing the richest 1% in this city and leave the middle class **REDACTED** alone,they've paid thier fair share for far too long without seeing any benefits in return and an increase in taxes for nothing In return is unacceptable	1/7/2022 11:39 AM
1331	Reduce funding for traffic enforcement and use it for real police work. Eliminate photo enforcement completely it is corrupt and unethical	1/7/2022 11:35 AM
1332	Security is a key element of government and should stay the same if not improve. Why are you defunding the police for a small vocal single minded group? It appears your goal is to leave citizens at the mercy of criminals while politicians get security details.	1/7/2022 11:34 AM
1333	Defund the police!	1/7/2022 11:33 AM
1334	Budget needs to be based on need. Can the WPS provide the expected level of Service with the funds provided? The larger question is what is the expected of the WPS. If they are expected to do less then perhaps they require less funding.	1/7/2022 11:32 AM
1335	Police should be defunded altogether. Way too much money goes to the police. More money should be directed to social services.	1/7/2022 11:31 AM
1336	I think that the police need to be held accountable for how their budget is used. It is wild that the department that uses up most of the City's budget continues to get more and more money and taxayers do not see increased community safety, which is the service the Police are supposed to provide. Proactive funding to community sources would be a much better use of tax payers' money for all of the services that WPS currently provides but are not strictly speaking police concerns (let social services perform wellness checks, let Superstore handle it's own security and/or the city could increase food access to underserved populations, etc). Also, they should have to prove that the helicoptor helps every time it flies, or it should be grounded - but that one is as much because it's a menace and interrupts everyone's sleep in my neighbourhood on a regular basis as it is because of the budget...	1/7/2022 11:31 AM
1337	Use the money the city puts out for to tow vechiles in the winter . Why should tax payers pay the tow companies the people who leave there cars and trucks on the street charge them for the tow and put it towards the Police budget.	1/7/2022 11:30 AM
1338	I'd prefer to defund the police instead. Way too much money is spent on policing and not	1/7/2022 11:29 AM

	enough money is spent on sustainable ways to improve our communities and reduce crime at the source of the crime like preventive addictions measures, affordable housing, improved education and free mental health assistance.	
1339	STOP BUYING TOYS! Put your money on crime prevention (i.e. social supports, housing, etc) and not on crime reactivity.	1/7/2022 11:26 AM
1340	I had to pick an option above even though i dont believe it to be the correct one. I believe police funding needs to be disseminated into other city departments, including a new department, entirely independent from the WPS, that focuses on social support response. A social, therapeutic and preventive approach to mental health and social emergencies. Essentially, remove the enforcers (i.e. police) from the responsibility of responding to mental health (including addiction response) emergencies and calls. The police are too militaristic, too quick to determine someone a threat, to quick to kill. Winnipeggers deserve a department whose purpose isnt to use force in response to non threatening emergencies. It can be done, despite what policing advocates say. Defund the WPS, and allocate those funds to a new department with a human focused response rather than a property pretection response.	1/7/2022 11:26 AM
1341	I think if any one department dominates the budget and budget conversation this much in a city in crisis, it should not be the WPS. It should be community health, housing, youth engagement activities, and urban development in the city's neighbourhoods that need it most. It makes no sense to even discuss any other option aside from cutting a bloated WPS when everything else has been bled dry as a result of that bloat.	1/7/2022 11:25 AM
1342	I feel strongly that singling out the police on a separate tax would be detrimental to public perception and would only be acceptable if you included lines including a full breakdown of what ALL city departments cost separately (WFPS, Water & Waste, etc)	1/7/2022 11:25 AM
1343	I assume every visitor to Winnipeg will be asked to fund the WPS as well for using the service if we go with Model 4 or 5? After all, it's not just those who live in Winnipeg who use the WPS.	1/7/2022 11:24 AM
1344	The best way to determine police funding would be to engage with community groups and listen to calls for defunding the police (and most importantly, refunding the community). I think it is also important to look to the literature and make decisions based on peer-reviewed research- I do not think previous increases to the police budget have been well justified to community members.	1/7/2022 11:24 AM
1345	Any increases to police funding should come through the public sale of assets seized from criminals. If they follow the money and start busting the bigger criminals they'll get access to houses luxury cars huge bank accounts safes full of cash, so what do they need the taxpayers dollars for if they're doing their jobs? To cut the cost, what is really needed is the following.. No more military hardware and overprice toys **redacted**. Scrap the helicopter too. Any situation that requires military hardware should simply involve the police having to request the military for assistance . Fire all the **redacted** police officers. No more paid administrative leave while under investigation for misconduct or crimes for police officers if their union wants to support them let the union support them but they shouldn't get a dime from the taxpayers while under investigation. No more allowing police officers to quit before being investigated/disciplined and allowing them to reapply later. Implement body cam usage with lots of jobs criminal prosecutions for deactivated cameras lost cameras or lost Or altered footage. All lawsuits human rights awards and costs of inquiries should come out of their pension and union funds. Not the taxpayers pockets. By simply cutting a lot of the liability losses and increase in your budget based on performance you would create a much safer less stressful work environment for the good cops save the taxpayers a lot of money and that would free up sufficient resources for good policing. The last thing I would suggest also is that we do not allow police officers to carry guns. The guns should be in a gun safe in the trunk of the police car and the Codes To open the safe only given to the officers when the request to use lethal force gets authorized from the dispatch. Police should only be carrying non-lethal options unless told by supervisors unlock the safe and get access to the guns.	1/7/2022 11:22 AM
1346	To begin with look at the number of police officers getting a 6 figure salary. Far far too many. Time to cut wages and benefits.To call funding model 4 a levy is just another additional property tax.	1/7/2022 11:21 AM
1347	None of these options are the best way to determine police finding. The Winnipeg Police Service should be immediately defunded with the purview of working towards the general abolition of policing in Winnipeg. As a City, Winnipeg cannot claim to be working towards reconciliation or human rights insofar as the Winnipeg Police Service continues to exist an	1/7/2022 11:21 AM

	oppressive force and tool **redacted**. Winnipeg police murder Indigenous children with impunity and continue to work as if that's status quo - not a single WPS member deserves their salary. The options presented here lacking. There are no innovative or bold ideas to reimagine the future, nor is there any respect shown for the Black and Indigenous peoples who have consistently called for the defunding of police and investment in non-violent community safety practices.	
1348	None	1/7/2022 11:19 AM
1349	No.	1/7/2022 11:18 AM
1350	These options are all biased as they don't recognize the gross overspending already happening by WPS. If they need money, they shouldn't be buying tanks, or robot dogs (which the NYPD already recognized were a mistake) or flying the helicopter except in exceptional circumstances. The council should set a budget at a MUCH MUCH lower level than it already is and they can learn to balance their budget like every other department, instead of feeling like they have free reign to make extravagant purchases while so many Winnipeggers struggle with houselessness.	1/7/2022 11:16 AM
1351	The WPS should be defunded and the budget applied to community services instead. Any model that decreases the WPS budget is a better alternative than the status quo.	1/7/2022 11:16 AM
1352	It is a disappointment to see only these five options for funding the Winnipeg Police. When the total cost of Police services in Winnipeg represents such a massive proportion of the total budget (as it currently does), there is a need to completely reassess how policing is funded.	1/7/2022 11:16 AM
1353	I'm unsatisfied with the options presented for your last question and I only registered an option against my values in order to submit this survey. Why is the police budget the largest government expenditure in Winnipeg? Winnipeg police are one of the most expensive police services in Canada (per capita), why aren't alternate solutions to crime being introduced? Why do we criminalize, punish, and displace the most disadvantaged among us? Research shows it is cheaper for a city to prevent crime before it happens by providing a robust social safety network. ROBUST being the operative word. Put my tax dollars to better use by defunding the police and diverting millions of dollars into programs that lift up people suffering poverty and addiction, and other barriers to health and happiness.	1/7/2022 11:15 AM
1354	While the police service is extremely important to the City the financial management needs to be reviewed. The overtime policy and how it relates to the pension benefit is absurd and presents a long-term liability to the city and taxpayers that is insurmountable.	1/7/2022 11:13 AM
1355	Funding should be based on monies available only.	1/7/2022 11:11 AM
1356	Funding needs to be directed away from police and towards social safety net services, i.e., having a social worker attend at wellness calls, intoxicated people, etc.	1/7/2022 11:08 AM
1357	Government institutions have rampant waste. Cap overtime, reduce administration, stand up to unions, demand efficiency improvements.	1/7/2022 11:06 AM
1358	None of these are good options. The city needs to defund the police and reallocate funds to social services or different policing methods that are proven to help people. Having ~26% of Winnipeg's annual budget allocated to policing is baffling. Throwing more money at the problem isn't a good idea when it's inherently broken	1/7/2022 11:04 AM
1359	Shame on the WPS and shame on city council for this terribly biased survey. I want the police defunded and then abolished. Why isn't that an option? What are they for? It's a vile service used only to surveil and harass the people of Winnipeg. Defund the police and refund the community you heartless ghouls.	1/7/2022 11:03 AM
1360	Defund the police	1/7/2022 11:00 AM
1361	Who exactly runs the police department - if it is the city why are they being bullied by not just the police department but fire as well. Give them a budget like all other departments. It is time to claw back all this O/T sick time etc - Winnipeg cannot afford it - I just don't think they earn it - not anymore -	1/7/2022 10:57 AM
1362	The police budget is too large already.	1/7/2022 10:55 AM
1363	Funding Model 5 is not a solution to the gross cost of policing services that jeopardize community safety (specifically marginalized groups), and that perpetuates abuse of power and	1/7/2022 10:54 AM

	violence. If more money were allocated to community services, better housing systems, and access to foods there would be less crime that you are so concerned about. The extra funds coming from the people should be given back to them in the form of social services, health care (especially during Covid -19) and education. *The percentage of students dropping out of school in Manitoba is higher than the National average which leads to greater reliance on social services and higher rates of crime. More family supports and teacher supports would help people finish schooling. Apply a portion of the $301.1 million to the Edcuation system.	
1364	Police funding should be set by our elected officials. They are Winnipegers representatives and should have a direct say in how every department is funded.	1/7/2022 10:52 AM
1365	Sell the police helicopter. Is there evidence to show it's high costs reduce crime?	1/7/2022 10:49 AM
1366	Model 5 does not go far enough to address the inordinate cost of policing in Winnipeg. Selling the helicopter and the robot dog would be a minimum starting point. I will only continue to argue for transferring police budget funds to social services and public welfare structures.	1/7/2022 10:48 AM
1367	Inflation-based models always seem to be the most fair way to manage public funds. Inflation plus collective agreements seems risky because it relies on typically pie-in-the-sky unions being realistic and fair which they rarely are, and it will add to the already tenuous nature of those negotiations. A public safety levy is interesting, but it’s impossible to say whether it’s reasonable with no idea of the cost to individual users, and what that cost would be based on (i.e. household income? Property value?) IMO, it’s always a bit foolish to bring up those kinds of suggestions without providing sufficient details.	1/7/2022 10:48 AM
1368	Winnipeg is the most violent, crime riddled city in Canada per capita. We need a robust and full funded police service to prevent utter carnage and chaos from ensuing!!	1/7/2022 10:47 AM
1369	This model should be applied to all city departments, not only police	1/7/2022 10:46 AM
1370	The police force takes up way too much of our funding. Defunding is an option, and has been for many other services like healthcare, education, and social services. We need to cut money to the police force and instead fund proactive solutions, like housing for the homeless. Police use reactive approaches and do not make our city safer.	1/7/2022 10:46 AM
1371	I don't want to choose any of these options they are all UNACCEPTABLE. Defunding the police in my opinion is the best and only OPTION	1/7/2022 10:46 AM
1372	Please keep funding the Police appropriately	1/7/2022 10:45 AM
1373	The Winnipeg police budget is too large a percentage of the annual budget. It needs to be drastically decreased.	1/7/2022 10:45 AM
1374	defund the police.	1/7/2022 10:44 AM
1375	why is there no option to decrease funding? Proven ineffective current model has to go, get with the 21st century.	1/7/2022 10:44 AM
1376	Defund police and direct funding towards social programs	1/7/2022 10:41 AM
1377	Pegged to the value they provide to the community	1/7/2022 10:40 AM
1378	Eliminate the police union, helicopter and armored vehicle. Introduce body cameras.	1/7/2022 10:36 AM
1379	The CBA now needs to include a clause that caps all new hires at a set rate. A salary of $85,000.00 per year Is more than reasonable with raises tied to the rate of inflation. This would require grandfathering the current staff. The was needsto be reminded they are servants of the public and are answerable to council. The chief of police is responsible for controlling the budget. If the current chief cannot do this it is time for a new chief with some business acumen.	1/7/2022 10:34 AM
1380	Model 2 would be ideal if you could first cut 25% of the police budget and then peg it to inflation thereafter. Model 5 sounds good too, but susceptible to manipulation. Either way, any systems that limits the budget growth and takes it out of the hands of politicians would be an improvement.	1/7/2022 10:33 AM
1381	There are many more programs that would support underserved and vulnerable populations that should be funded, which would inevitably reduce crime. Addressing poverty with social programs, if given proper funding and prioritized, would reduce the need for police in the first place. Placing that money elsewhere would be a more progressive way to reduce crime and	1/7/2022 10:31 AM

	make our city and safer place for everyone. Police do not prevent crime. They show up after a crime has occurred, take a report (which may or may not be accurate), and often to nothing further past filing paperwork. Our police force is also violent and dangerous, especially towards impoverished and Indigenous populations. They do not need more toys like helicopters, armoured vehicles, quads. That money should go toward more than a joyride for a couple of white guys, intimidating citizens downtown and in the North End, reminding people of their militarized presence as a fear tactic.	
1382	ignore my answer to question # 9, you aren't looking to de-colonize policing, these questions will change nothing - question 3 is loaded with unacceptable answers - your survey only makes sense within the context of fettered colonial thinking - the city of Winnipeg is a ***redacted*** - reconciliation is not a handy checklist for white people, it needs to be a way of life and requires foundational changes to how we behave as a society **redacted**	1/7/2022 10:31 AM
1383	defund the police, allocate funds to social services, housing and transportation. Fix this mess	1/7/2022 10:29 AM
1384	Please disregard my response for Question 9. I wanted to choose "none of the above" but that was not an option. I do not favor any of these models. I have grave concerns about this survey. First, this survey is methodologically flawed. Question 9 forces respondents to pick one of the 5 funding models, even if they feel none are acceptable. Quality research design would ensure that every survey question would have mutually exclusive and collectively exhaustive options for response. Q9 should include options such as "none of the above" and "not sure/don't know". Secondly, from a research ethics standpoint, the survey should also allow respondents the opportunity to omit or skip questions. The format of this survey forces respondents to make a choice that they may not agree with on Q9 in order for any of their comments to be heard by the city. This is very poor research design and questionable from an ethical standpoint. I would suggest the survey designers consult a basic social science research methods textbook for more information about proper survey design. For example, a popular text is Babbie, Earl (2020) The Practice of Social Research. 15th edition. Wadsworth Publishing. For what it is worth, I do not think any of the models proposed in the survey are acceptable. Model 5 seems slightly more fair than the status quo, but it still does not address the vastly disproportionate costs of policing in Winnipeg. I would prefer to see WPS reduced in terms of size and function. For example, some functions (service, analysis, etc.) could be performed by other professionals (not necessarily police officers or employees). There is an old saying that goes "If the only tool you have is a hammer, every problem looks like a nail." We are relying too heavily on police to address multifaceted social problems. I'm all in favor of spending money to address public safety, but I question the ability of the police to deliver. I would encourage a more collaborative approach involving other professionals outside of the police to address the direct causes of much of the crime in Winnipeg – such as addiction and poverty.	1/7/2022 10:29 AM
1385	Defund the police and provide additional funds for worthwhile social services and community support programs	1/7/2022 10:28 AM
1386	I think the police helicopter is far too costly and extremely bothersome. It doesn't make me feel safer, it just disturbs my (and my babies) sleep on a regular basis. And I doubt it helps with the public's sentiments about police. Instead of something that could connect the police with the public like community policing, it feels like big brother. I know that's not the question you're asking but the reason I took this survey was to share these thoughts.	1/7/2022 10:28 AM
1387	The % of budget to policing is to high	1/7/2022 10:26 AM
1388	The next contracts should include a wage freeze, pension reform and overtime reform. Police officers (and WPFS) overall compensation and pensions are much too high relative to other professions. Relative to accountants, engineers, planners and laywers, we pay police officers are paid way too much.	1/7/2022 10:25 AM
1389	Police should never have this high of a budget. We have experienced a high monetary value in theft and were told to deal with it our selves because they were busy. Less funding on police. more resources for mental health issues and training. THE WINNIPEG POLICE DO NOT NEED A HUGE BUDGET. THIS IS WINNIPEG. The WPS do not need half of the stuff they have. DE FUND THE POLICE	1/7/2022 10:24 AM
1390	These are all bad options. WPS and the city need to look at options to decrease police budget/ spending and use those funds for other services. Mental health resources, addictions	1/7/2022 10:23 AM

	resources, paramedical, low income housing, etc. We don't need officers with guns to kick sleeping people out of bus shelters, we need trained individuals who can provide aid.	
1391	The current police budget is 1/3 the city of winnipegs spending . This is way to high for the city to run properly. How about you remove the pensionable earnings on OT and reduce the inflated wages of officers over the 150k a year range.	1/7/2022 10:22 AM
1392	1. stop using the police force to sit all day for example at covid sites - waste of police time - use the cadets - use parking authority - use the commissionaires for this 2. i have no problem paying for the right the police force - do not like paying for wasting time- long wait times - example - neightbor before covid thought her house was being broke into - i came home - the police took close to 3 hours to get to her house - unacceptable.. 3. use the police force to actually ticket bad driving as they should be - and dont - illegal lane changes - not merging correctly - only ever see them have people pulled over for speeding - erractic driving - raise some money for the force - enforcing basic traffic laws - coming from many other cities - winnipeg is the worst for NOT enforcing basic driving and traffic rules	1/7/2022 10:21 AM
1393	Yes, it is disappointing that there is no option that discusses the potential defending of the Winnipeg Police budget and the utilization of those funds for other community services that could serve Winnipegers. This option could also reduce the amount of time that Winnipeg Police respond to calls that they may not be the best to provide assistance with such as mental health, emergency homelessness etc.	1/7/2022 10:21 AM
1394	Maybe provide an option that would see the police budget shrink and funds redirected to community?	1/7/2022 10:20 AM
1395	Council needs to stop caving in to the demands of the police. **redacted**	1/7/2022 10:18 AM
1396	None of these options are acceptable. The city is acting irresponsibly in the face of clear evidence that the police budget is out of control. Calls for drastic reduction will only grow. The city looks terrible right now and the public image will only worsted unless the police budget is substantially cut and reallocated to communities including poverty reduction, housing, and green infrastructure. Wake up to the times. This is an incredibly foolish survey. Shame on the city.	1/7/2022 10:18 AM
1397	Council needs to reduce the police budget by at least 10%. Those reductions should come out of the more paramilitary branches.	1/7/2022 10:16 AM
1398	Sell the **redacted** helicopter that **redacted** has NO genuine benefit to Winnipeg. This little toy is another perk that wps uses to sell itself as an employer **redacted**. WPS is known internationally as **redacted** totally unrestrained by a **redacted** City that turns a blind eye **redacted**	1/7/2022 10:16 AM
1399	Explicitly: the police receive a ludicrous amount of money, this is obvious from a cursory engagement with the data on how their percentage of the budget has grown over decades.	1/7/2022 10:15 AM
1400	Defend the police! Redistribute the budget toward other social services (mental health, food access, shelters, addictions counseling).	1/7/2022 10:13 AM
1401	None of these options are particularly inspiring. I think we should be asking why police service takes up so much of our municipal budget in the first place, especially when we see pretty poor public safety outcomes. Perhaps looking at other models of public safety? While I chose Funding Model 5 due it's ability to keep the police budget in check relative to municipal revenue, I would still be concerned that in an environment where revenue is decreasing, the police budget is still taking away funding which may be better put to use.	1/7/2022 10:13 AM
1402	Police funding should form only one aspect of an integrated plan that includes funding for social services, mental health, addictions and homelessness. More funding to harm reduction and less to crime reaction would benefit everyone and be economically much one sustainable.	1/7/2022 10:11 AM
1403	These options aren't even close to being non-partisan. We have seen years of more funding going towards to WPS and the majority of it is allocated to wages and salaries. Your options referencing inflation shouldn't be considered when they have inflated beyond any reasonable rate for years. Many of the city's population is dealing with inflation all by themselves when our rate of pay doesn't follow the inflation rate. Same with other services offered in this city which would actually mitigate some of the crime happening in our city. The city should take an	1/7/2022 10:09 AM

	account of all of the assets the WPS currently has. What is used, what is not used. What is sufficient to be funded and what can be sold or allocated elsewhere to free up funds. You need to look at more models that remove funding from the police. Plain and simple. The council needs to do better research on other models used in North America and Internationally. Also, if the Council would like input from community members and wants to conduct another survey in the future, please hire a consultant for more fair and unbiased survey questions. **redacted**	
1404	Gotta grow the tax base, not tax existing, and let elected officials contribute to funding allocations decisions. Gotta balance all priorities with a small pot of funds. Limit or eliminate some services to support others. Also, get rid of that tik tok ***redacted***	1/7/2022 10:08 AM
1405	All of these options are bad, and this survey is dishonest by refusing to provide a "none of the above" option on a mandatory question. The best way to determine police funding is to completely defund the police and move to a noncoercive society based on restorative justice.	1/7/2022 10:07 AM
1406	The police budget is too high. It should be reduced and investments should be made in social services.	1/7/2022 10:06 AM
1407	Fire the entire **redacted** administration and replace them with professional, civilian oversight. This is obviously beneficial to everyone and would create a domino effect of benefit to the City, particularly the underclass that largely drives their employment. Take responsibility for this!	1/7/2022 10:06 AM
1408	Is it possible that city council could reduce the amount of police funding? It is surprising that this survey does not give any options to redirect any WPS fund to community services. Which is the model where WPS is no longer able to spend its budget on tanks?	1/7/2022 10:03 AM
1409	I think we should look at ways to recover more costs from offenders. Law abiding people pay for the police and they spend most of their time dealing with those that break the law. It's time to make "Crime Cost" rather than "Crime Pays". The risk to reward for committiing many crimes is an acceptable risk.	1/7/2022 10:02 AM
1410	Allocate funds to crime and harm prevention to decrease the need for police intervention	1/7/2022 10:01 AM
1411	Police funding is required based on crime rates, not inflation and it is likely that the majority of criminals don't pay either income tax or property taxes so a surcharge of law abiding citizens seems unfair.	1/7/2022 10:00 AM
1412	I think funding typically dedicated to the police could be more fairly distributed to other essential services in Winnipeg that help to reduce crime before it happens. Universal income, addiction services, counseling and mental health services for all, greater funding for social services and child protective services. I also believe that the ratio of police officers needs to be balanced appropriately for the neighbourhoods that need police service. We obviously have the statistics for which neighbourhoods need the most officers, where some neighbourhoods do not need officers at all. This is where the funding should be reviewed. It is not that I think the police services are not necessary to this city. I do - but it needs to be balanced more effectively. I respect many of the officers in this city, but I do think the budget could be reviewed and that the police union has WAY too much power.	1/7/2022 10:00 AM
1413	The Winnipeg Police budget is WAY too big for the amount of crime in this city. It's time to start looking at alternative options besides just paying overpaid cops more money.	1/7/2022 9:57 AM
1414	Deeper systemic change is required in 2022 and onwards. The roles police serve in Winnipeg be diverted to other groups.	1/7/2022 9:57 AM
1415	hire more educated social and crisis workers. Tax every cop who lives outside Winnipeg but works in it and reintegrate it into the police budget. Reduce pensionable overtime. More money does not equal in better results and we are proof of it.	1/7/2022 9:54 AM
1416	Please do not consider this response as accurate or genuine—the survey forces the respondents to pick one option to proceed without offering a ‘none of the above’ option, which is outrageous and manipulative. None of these funding models offer change. None of these models de-task or defund the police, or increase accountability at any level. The survey is leading and disingenuous. The survey should also ask participants to identify themselves as police officers or family members of police officers. I can’t choose one of these options is best because they are all unacceptable. This makes a mockery of public consultation.	1/7/2022 9:53 AM
1417	Police need to pay their equal share of pension costs. This would help to alleviate funding	1/7/2022 9:52 AM

	shortfalls. Also, overtime need to be completely reviewed with the focus on significantly reducing this cost. Pensionable earnings require a new definition to reduce what is currently included.	
1418	Look at the current Return on investment. Which can be done by looking at the value each additional dollar (or thousands of dollars) help the city of Winnipeg versus how the money could help elsewhere if spent differently, as an example: affordable housing	1/7/2022 9:52 AM
1419	This is such a bigger question than the vague answers we are given to select from. Police funding needs to be re-evaluated past just where it comes from. What is actually being funded? Our current policing system is not working, and has not in a long time. Broken Window Policy practices, poorly trained officers in harm reduction/non-violence/mental health and illness/racism/etc, and a whole lack of focus on systemic issues that are the real cause of what is called "crime" have set us and our people on a continual wheel of misfortune. **redacted**	1/7/2022 9:52 AM
1420	Defund the police. Taking even a relatively small portion of the 300 million spent on policing, could greatly improve community services/programs, health programs, emergency medical services, community medics, mental health first responders, services and shelters for the homeless, substance abuse programs, food access etc. What we currently have in place is not working, and is not helping an increasingly large part of our community.	1/7/2022 9:50 AM
1421	The police need to have their budget reduced drastically and reallocated to community organizations. This option is not reflected above but should be.	1/7/2022 9:49 AM
1422	No additional thoughts except I feel the police do their best right now with the funding received but they need more even if it means a special levy.	1/7/2022 9:45 AM
1423	I held my nose to pick option 5. The City needs to rethink how it provides this service - funding should be reduced significantly as there is no way that policing should account for over 25% of the City's budget - this is not sustainable...	1/7/2022 9:44 AM
1424	Model 5 is definitely the best way to determine the budget out of the options set here. The Winnipeg police get way too much money as it is. If they were to receive funding in a different way that is actually based on the people in this city, it would make much more sense. The police budget needs to stop increasing, and we need to put more of the city's resources towards mental health resources, transit, libraries, and homeless shelters.	1/7/2022 9:43 AM
1425	All public service workers should be treated the same with regard to wage increases. Singling out the police force for special consideration is the start of devaluing the efforts of other workers.	1/7/2022 9:42 AM
1426	While I the services provided by the WPS, increasingly uncontrolled and uncontrollable costs are going to result in an eventual failure and collapse of this and other municipal services.	1/7/2022 9:41 AM
1427	Police services are grossly over funded. Sick of the fear mongering of the union to try get more money. Funding should be slashed with savings going to proper drug and mental health treatments. Why are we paying these salaries for a career that requires no degree? Its not even a dangerous job compared to many others that are paid far less. This is unsustainable. We get no value for the money spent. The police union gets whatever they want. The whole thing should be blown up. The funding disparity that has increased over the past 40 years is disgusting.	1/7/2022 9:38 AM
1428	cut costs if need be, reduce the size of the force, cancel the helicopter program...obliviously the over costs of the new police station has been a problem...get back to a mind set, where every penny counts	1/7/2022 9:38 AM
1429	Budget cuts, other sectors have had to deal with budget cuts why not the police?	1/7/2022 9:38 AM
1430	Reduce overtime through the reduction of paid sick leave. The Police union is also taking too much from the force.	1/7/2022 9:33 AM
1431	The police budget should not be taking 1/4 of all of the city funding, it needs to be decreased. Studies have shown more police presence does not equate to less crime. But that money into crime prevention - feeding families, harm reduction, education opportunities, helping the homeless with homes and services not currently provided, reducing tax on middle and lower class and increasing it for the wealthy/ultra wealthy. Why do those of us that can barely afford to live in a home have to pay more for the police budget?	1/7/2022 9:29 AM

1432	Police need to continue to listen to the citizens and politicians. There's massive distrust among police (especially for people of colour), ***redacted***. The police continue to trot out capital expenditures such as their helicopter and tank-like vehicles, which only serve to militarize the police. The community-based model of police on the streets and out of their cars to build relationships and trust is the proper way to go. Never mind the fact so many of them disregard the laws they fine us for -on their phones while driving is a perfect example. If there was a study done on senior officers and bureaucrats one could make the argument these positions should be thinned out and retirement should happen to manage costs at the top because seniority is where all the wage increases go most. Officers should be paid modestly, not living well above the median income for Winnipeggers.	1/7/2022 9:26 AM
1433	ALL govt departments need to work WITHIN a budget- there is no excuse, in austere times, for an endlessly balooning slush fund that only results in poor performance, and community estrangement. Proper management and support of rank and file would turn morale and service delivery around. This means reasonable pension expectations, an understanding of labour management and costs, and an end to over-spending for the sake of aping oppressive American- style 'tactics' and armament. End police union interference with city safety, and prosperity. End militarization of police services. End 'warrior' culture.	1/7/2022 9:26 AM
1434	where is the option to cut the budget? Where is the option to eliminate overtime from pension calculations? **redacted**	1/7/2022 9:25 AM
1435	Police need to be funded to meet the needs of the citizens of Winnipeg. This is a unique need and the needs must be defined by Police Board (PB) and therefore PB must set the budget. Funding must be made to meet the directions otherwise the system fails.	1/7/2022 9:22 AM
1436	Sending several cars to arrest one anti-lockdown protestor shows that the police force is over staffed.	1/7/2022 9:21 AM
1437	The police need much less funding than they currently recieve so that more money can be allocated to social services and support for mental health and addictions, as these things very rarely need to be a police problem.	1/7/2022 9:21 AM
1438	No	1/7/2022 9:16 AM
1439	No idea really.	1/7/2022 9:15 AM
1440	None of the above. Defund.	1/7/2022 9:11 AM
1441	There is no discussion on linking the expected levels of service to funding models. Asking the public to weigh in on changes to funding without talking about implications to services levels is misleading.	1/7/2022 9:11 AM
1442	I think it is important that council is aware, involved and encouraging initiatives that relate to improvements in policing	1/7/2022 9:09 AM
1443	Non are acceptable police budget is way to high compared to other provinces per Capita. Cops get paid alot for pulling people over when speeding something needs to be changed	1/7/2022 9:09 AM
1444	The police budget as of today is out of control and the system needs major restructuring to make it sustainable. Mostly, overtime should not be pensionable. I believe We are the only jurisdiction that offers this benefit. It is shocking that the police members feel it is OK for the public to pay for a benefit package that is not a only way too generous but also a unsustainable. In a private sector this would have been dealt with long ago.	1/7/2022 9:09 AM
1445	Please discredit my response to #9 as the choices were all unacceptable. Where is the option to reduce police budgets and use that money for social programming. Come on, Winnipeg, let's think critically and proactively about this!	1/7/2022 9:05 AM
1446	All of the "new" proposed options automate police budget increases. Council ought to set the budget every year, and ought to divert current police budgets to community development budgets that actually improve people's lives and prevent crime. The diversion of tax money into police budgets is harming the city, and Council ought to have the conviction to address it.	1/7/2022 9:05 AM
1447	Reduce the role of police in community issues and spend that money with community service groups	1/7/2022 9:04 AM
1448	The option to REDUCE the police budget is missing. 25%+ of the city's entire budget is way	1/7/2022 9:03 AM

	too high. Funding should be diverted from policing to community-based projects which can reduce the burden on policing (e.g. mental health checks, community clubs for at risk youth, etc). Reducing police overtime pay (and making it these hours non-pensionable) are other reductions that should be explored. We need more accountability for the police budget so we can spend less there and use the funds to HELP our communities.	
1449	The police provide essential services that are too often unseen and taken for granted till a person needs them - chronic underfunding has taken a toil and we need to improve budget not decrease it, even if it costs us as tax payers more.	1/7/2022 9:03 AM
1450	Cut the force by perhaps 10%. The need for the number of police at sites is often too many	1/7/2022 9:02 AM
1451	in a province of our size the crime rate is one of the highest in Canada, Now is not the time to question money to be paid. Pay and let the police do their job. Stop interfering with their ability to stop criminal activity in our city or no matter how you pay will not resolve the issues of increased criminal activity in our city	1/7/2022 9:02 AM
1452	Pensionable overtime must be eliminated. It is completely unsustainable. This is clearly the major problem with police funding.	1/7/2022 8:59 AM
1453	Winnipeg is always near the top for violent crime, property crime and homicides, and the police are ran ragged. There needs to be adequate funding in this city and not cuts as city counsel makes the police find millions in cuts every year, sacrificing staffing and responce time and increasing police officers burn out.	1/7/2022 8:57 AM
1454	The current system doesn't work at all levels. This means reworking budget in these simple ways (all of which include cost increases), doesn't provide any option for the actual systemic change needed. Police are being asked to do much more than police and these additional tasks would be better suited with community organizations. The entire system needs to be abolished and built back up from the ground to ensure police can actually just do their job and all subsets of our population will be more safe. Reactive, **redacted** will not keep our community safe. We need proactive supports for healthy communities. This will also ease the burden on the actual WPS service officers, it's also unfair to them what is asked of them. This was a performative survey with all results leading to the same thing and no actual options.	1/7/2022 8:56 AM
1455	The WPS could easily save money by amalgamating some of their civilian work directly with the City of Winnipeg. A prime example of this would be their IT department. Totally redundant with what is done at the City, an absolute waste of tax payers money.	1/7/2022 8:54 AM
1456	I want whatever model would result in the lowest increase in funding, as funding is already excessive. Funding model #4, with a public safety levy, is particularly unacceptable if the levy would be applied to property taxes, as in that case, not all Winnipeggers would be contributing, only ones who own homes. If this is the case, it should be made more clear in the question. Funding model #5 is confusing, as I don't understand how property taxes can even decrease, given the number of properties don't change. A discussion document should have been provided to help respondents understand these options better.	1/7/2022 8:52 AM
1457	There is no model where it really takes a look at what policing is and what we should be funding. In my opinion there are so many issues with the current police structure and giving them more money and more officers isn’t the answer.	1/7/2022 8:51 AM
1458	This survey is so "totally unacceptable" from start to finish. The way policing occurs needs to be reformed. The focus needs to be on public safety. More mental health resources and services. More at-risk youth services. How funding is invested needs to shift with more into improving community resources, instead of OT for an officer, helicopters, robotics, and other needless vehicles. Help individuals before a problem arises.	1/7/2022 8:46 AM
1459	Using the large amount of funds you do receive to combat mental illness and homelessness. Not necessarily through police officers, but other types of employees to help.	1/7/2022 8:45 AM
1460	stick to policing and not social service funding, two separate things completely. Progressives would like control over the funding, but only to waste it at the community level...	1/7/2022 8:43 AM
1461	It would be nice if they did their job instead of sitting in a car hoping to retire in 10 years spending so much idle time ,oh I mean overtime the system is flawed. It let's the police union rule taxpayers need to regain power over their threats. They have become a legal gang.	1/7/2022 8:38 AM
1462	All these options are poor. A reduced budget with alternative funds reallocated towards mental health and community resources to meet the root causes and produce system change is	1/7/2022 8:36 AM

	needed. WPS then needs to function within the established, lower, budget without requests for additional funding based on predictable expenses. If the leadership can't manage that, than they don't have the skill set applicable to their jobs which need to include fiscal accountability and management.	
1463	Reduce the police budget. Fund other program to support those in need (housing first initiatives, addictions and recovery programs, alleviating poverty, and programs that support at risk communities).	1/7/2022 8:35 AM
1464	The WPS budget does not represent good value for money to Winnipeggers. Police salaries and pension obligations are totally unsustainable, and increases to the police budget have not produced increases in public safety. Divert money from the police budget to interventions shown to increase public safety such as poverty reduction and mental health support.	1/7/2022 8:30 AM
1465	I know they make way too much money	1/7/2022 8:22 AM
1466	Police budget is too high. The fact that there have been no options in this survey that discuss lowering the budget and the reallocation of funds to other social services in the city is disappointing to say the least.	1/7/2022 8:21 AM
1467	Budget based on requirements. More PEACE officers with psych training. Less POLICE officers with Glock sidearms. And phase out gas patrol cars.	1/7/2022 8:21 AM
1468	None of these options included a budget cut with the proposed funds then being used for community initiatives that protect and prevent crime. Studies show that investing money into communities reduces the need for policing as crime rates are reduced. It is therefore unnecessary for the police budget to consistently increase when there are other options to explore.	1/7/2022 8:20 AM
1469	Wrong approach. Reduce the funds to the WPS and allocate those funds into preventable measures that will reduce crime. There are plenty of mental health support initiatives that could use the funding. This will reduce the demand in the WPS staff, if time is allowed for this investment in the well being of the people is allowed to grow. Adding more funding, more police officers is really just adding more bandaids to the problem. Fix the issues at the source and save the city $	1/7/2022 8:13 AM
1470	Police funding is too high. Needs to be reduced.	1/7/2022 8:13 AM
1471	reduce pensions and sick days	1/7/2022 8:11 AM
1472	Redistribute police fund increases toward social services	1/7/2022 8:11 AM
1473	DEFUND THE POLICE. INVEST IN SOCIAL AND HEALTH PROGRAMS INSTEAD. THE WINNIPEG POLICE IS GROSSLY FUNDED, YET HAS PROVEN TIME AND TIME AGAIN TO BEING ANTI-BIPOC. DO BETTER FOR YOUR COMMUNITY.	1/7/2022 8:10 AM
1474	Instead of paying police officers time and a half or double time, pay them a salary and use them how you see fit.	1/7/2022 8:06 AM
1475	Funding should be based upon actual need. If you allow an ideology to set a limit, you're likely either overfunding or underfunding. Nobody uses an ideology to decide how much to pay at the grocery store. They either buy too little, and have to go back again, or buy too much and food goes to waste. Spend what needs to be spent.	1/7/2022 8:02 AM
1476	As Winnipeg grows with such diversity, we are seeing more bodily injury crimes. As well as other crimes. Personally I no longer feel safe. I've lived here all my life. This is a very sad consequence of city growth. Those men and women put their lives on the line everyday. They deserve high hazard pay!	1/7/2022 8:02 AM
1477	i think that the police budget should be decreased by 10% as requested by the advocates, and the funding should be reallocated to non-policing forms of public safety and community support, such as social services, youth services, housing, education, healthcare and other community resources.	1/7/2022 8:00 AM
1478	All options are unnacceptable. No option was presented that ties Winnipeg Police's success rate to increasing wages, i.e: do a better job, get a higher wage. I've seen nothing from the Winnipeg Police that indicates they deserve more money from the taxpayers. Crime rates have increased, police officers openly flout Covid-19 restrictions, racism in the ranks, poor emotional responses to crime, targatted harassment of businesses, etc. The police do not	1/7/2022 8:00 AM

	prevent crime, they simply respond to it after it has occurrred, I suggest the city puts that extra money into social programming (ex: adequate housing programs, education, etc) since these are the things that ACTUALLY prevent crime.	
1479	Funding model five is the best choice as long as we can reduce the police budget by 10% and put money back to other social services to address the root causes of crime.	1/7/2022 7:58 AM
1480	Police funding should not all be spent on the enforcement of crime, funding should be allocated to the prevention of crime.	1/7/2022 7:56 AM
1481	I believe having the funding model tied to the taxes is appropriate. However, modifying the taxable base may require an increase to get the budget and police funding aligned. This incentive would keep winnipeggers with a reliable police force and would ensure the police maximize the ROI of their budget. Like running any other business the department would be running within budget. Let's be clear though... the police are extremely valuable and increasing the force present is incredibly important. Is there a consideration to get 1 person cars to increase the presence instead of 2 man cars everywhere? Other forces have a compliment of 1 and 2 man cars. Not sure why we have mostly 2 man patrol.	1/7/2022 7:47 AM
1482	The police budget is simply too High at this point, it needs to be reset to be 10-20% lower than 2020, then it can be tied to inflation. There is a need for police but the police budget can't be at the cost of other social services.	1/7/2022 7:43 AM
1483	Police funding determination Should be done through the Public Utilities Board	1/7/2022 7:43 AM
1484	The police budget NEEDS to be decreased as they are taking up vital resources that could be used for harm reduction, mental health services etc	1/7/2022 7:41 AM
1485	It is time to start shifting police budget to social services. The majority of crime occurs because of peoples circumstances. Let’s work to get people in a position where they don’t commit crimes rather than an ever increasing budget to catch and punish criminals. Look at developing more appropriate service providers such as mental health workers to respond to calls that police would normally attend.	1/7/2022 7:41 AM
1486	All of these options are all but guaranteed to increase the police budget long term when this is not what we need. What we need is to find efficiencies in the police budget, reeduce spending, and instead put money into actual crime prevention through investing in anti-poverty programs, housing the unhoused, and other social issues that have a much larger impact on crime than reactive punitive measures (eg policing).	1/7/2022 7:40 AM
1487	3 is reasonable if wages/benefits are negotiated efficiently - that overtime is pensionable is the crippling issue - mbrs bulk up their OT to pad their pensions so we pay twice	1/7/2022 7:40 AM
1488	Funding needs to be tied to need and service requirements. Service levels and requirements should be the first discussion before funding.	1/7/2022 7:38 AM
1489	Tax added to liquore, cannabis, casino & tobacco sales to aid in funding police.	1/7/2022 7:31 AM
1490	Sell the helicopter and stop paying them all 100,00k a year to **redacted** people	1/7/2022 7:29 AM
1491	The police budget should be split up to prevent crimes at it's source. the money should be going into the communities most at risk, and if the police budget has to be included in that, then the police themselves should be the ones doing the community work in the at risk communities. they should be on good terms with those in the community, the people in the community shouldn't be scared they'll be wrongfully arrested or taken in. The police need to put WORK into building trust and there is very littler trust in them right now.	1/7/2022 7:26 AM
1492	The budget should be reduced. While the service is important to safety, it needs to be weighed in a survey against the value of other city service.	1/7/2022 7:20 AM
1493	As an overall percentage of the city's budget, police funding is too high; it should be decreased as an overall percentage.	1/7/2022 7:19 AM
1494	Police funding should be determined relative to the services provided and the needs in the community. I would like to see police funding re-allocated toward other social services like social work, community health, mental health, safe injection sites, shelters.	1/7/2022 7:13 AM
1495	We need to fundamentally re-evaluate the way the city funds policing. It's not about de-funding the police, per se, but how funds can be better allocated. I also strongly believe in more community based supports.	1/7/2022 7:12 AM

1496	Regardless of where it comes from, funding needs to ensure the number of officers increases with the population of the city. Fewer officers per capita is unaccepable.	1/7/2022 7:10 AM
1497	It does not make sense to have a different funding model for police vs other services under city jurisdiction. Part of city council's job is to determine how to allocate funds, which is what it does under the current model. The other options allow city council to absolve itself of this responsibility. Under other funding models, council would not have to explain its budgeting decisions to the public--they could simply point to a system. That is unacceptable. Beyond that, the city needs to consider the role of the police, and whether the police service is the best suited entity for all of the roles it current fills. As it considers funding for policing, the city needs to consider shifting some roles currently filled by police to other bodies.	1/7/2022 7:09 AM
1498	The budget itself needs revision and what prevents going over budget? Should be more evidence based or comparative budget setting and accountability	1/7/2022 6:53 AM
1499	Options 1 and 2 would be acceptable after a substantial and thorough revamping of the police service as part of an overarching revamping of all social services whether they are funded civically, provincially, or federally. This survey willfully ignores the fact that we treat as policing issues matters which, at their root, are income, mental health, education, and race issues.	1/7/2022 6:53 AM
1500	Option 1 only works if the police budget decreases. Why is there a loud helicopter flying over my house all night?	1/7/2022 6:51 AM
1501	Winnipeg has a higher percentage of civic spending going to policing than similar sized American cities with hundreds of homicides per year and rampant gun violence. Minneapolis spends around 6% on police. Winnipeg 27%. For a city of 650,000 to spend $300 million on police and still have the problems our city does is really wrong. What are the councillors elected for if they can’t represent the people and mange the money?	1/7/2022 6:40 AM
1502	There are not enough options regarding significant defunding of the police based on necessary reforms.	1/7/2022 6:37 AM
1503	Unless the province wants to up minimum wage to “keep up with inflation” why should the police departments funds keep up with it? Doesn’t make any sense at all and it’s completely unfair. Even suggesting the public covers the additional costs like no. If you don’t have the money then learn how to budget better. **redacted**.	1/7/2022 6:31 AM
1504	Police budget would be easier to maintain in a legalized drug market. The opportunity to provide the public with safer alternatives to the harmful drugs we are seeing on the streets today would reduce violence and reroute profit that is all going to gangs and cartels currently resulting in organized crime diminishing and our officers being safer as a result. We are creating our own problems that requires a portion of the budget to enforce. It's completely wasteful and only harming citizens generally with mental health issues.	1/7/2022 6:23 AM
1505	This survey is biased.	1/7/2022 6:13 AM
1506	These costs do not reflect the benefits received ie pension health care etc- these are the costs that need to be addressed - the daily operational costs are acceptable	1/7/2022 6:06 AM
1507	Defund all together	1/7/2022 5:49 AM
1508	I'll support a fee increase if you take away the regular response and community police access to guns.	1/7/2022 5:45 AM
1509	Why is defunding and abolishment not a option?	1/7/2022 5:36 AM
1510	Where is the finding efficiencies in the department option. The reduction of overtime by managing it would help a lot.	1/7/2022 4:43 AM
1511	I believe the police budget should be drastically reorganized and reallocated to community organisations that help eliminate poverty, to transit services, to increased active transportation corridors, etc. The model we have in Winnipeg is not sustainable and the value for service is not there. Most people have a negative experience with the police. It’s not because these people have done something wrong but because the overwhelming attitude of the police is not community minded, trauma informed, etc.	1/7/2022 4:41 AM
1512	The people of the city are taxed enough. No additional taxes or levies should be charged. It just a tax by another name!	1/7/2022 4:36 AM

1513	This survey is flawed and question 9 is literally a forced choice of 5 bad options. The police budget is FAR FAR FAR higher than is reasonable. Major reallocation of funds to preventative and proactive measures with a supportive not punative focus is WELL OVERDUE. You need to listen to BICPOC and female perspectives. You clearly have not. Talk to those working in community support... not just finance people.	1/7/2022 4:03 AM
1514	I'm an abolitionist, I don't like the way this survey is guided. Services that actually accomplish things in our communities need funding, not reactionary responses that often lead to violent outcomes. I'm very opposed to all these models, I was forced to chose.	1/7/2022 3:33 AM
1515	All the models are terrible and the WPS budget needs to be adjusted for the overly generous pension they are receiving.	1/7/2022 3:00 AM
1516	That the WPS pensionable hours includes officers' overtime **redacted** is one of the most fiscally irresponsible and unsustainable agreements that I've ever heard of. Eliminating this is an absolute requirement and would go a long way toward helping balance the books.	1/7/2022 2:27 AM
1517	Get rid of the speed cameras and put police back on the street enforcing the traffic laws. This would generate a lot more money than the cameras and be more effective at speed control.	1/7/2022 2:10 AM
1518	I think you should have a whole separate budget for them. They protect us from harm and deserve more monies than our hockey team	1/7/2022 2:02 AM
1519	Stop allowing overtime to count to pensions! No one else gets that! Huge extra cost!	1/7/2022 1:16 AM
1520	The Winnipeg police should be totally defunded and the money should be redirected to healthcare, social services, education, emergency housing, food supports, child care, snow removal and public sanitation, which would eliminate the need for a massive bloated police budget in the first place.	1/7/2022 12:51 AM
1521	Value for dollar. Currently, we do not receive value. The police should receive far less money.	1/7/2022 12:48 AM
1522	I agree with Funding Model 1, but think the police budget should be reduced, with more funding given to social and community services.	1/7/2022 12:39 AM
1523	We need more accountability on how that budget is spent each year. Considering our crime problem that has only gotten worse over the last 30 years and police budgets have grown, I strongly question the value taxpayers are receiving for the money spent. What's Winnipeg known for across Canada? Murder and crime. Why aren't we evaluating what is in their current scope, determine where social services are a more appropriate response and that should reduce the cost we must bear for this mediocre service. Or make me pay for it! I'd rather pay for social services that actually benefit our community. Now let's discuss overtime. **redacted** 20 hours awake is equivalent to a 0.08 bac. I can't drive like that but we expect them to work like this? What's your judgement like at 0.08? Can I trust you with a gun? ****redacted****. As a homeowner and taxpayer - it's my pocket and I think I'm being fleeced. You're asking the wrong questions with this survey. Yet another reason I should leave Manitoba...	1/7/2022 12:36 AM
1524	Council is elected to make decisions about allocation of the city's resources and it is best that they do so, based on a weighting of the issues facing the city in any given budget year. Funding models that provide a blank cheque for police bargaining are especially to be avoided because they remove the incentive for administration to keep costs in line. If a public safety levy is councils preferred option it should be used in combination with model 2, not 3.	1/7/2022 12:23 AM
1525	More funding for healthcare, psychology and scientific research, Winnipeg police is already over funded	1/7/2022 12:11 AM
1526	Police funding is not the issue. More $$ to poverty reduction to keep kids healthy and in school. Poverty reduction will reduce crime.	1/7/2022 12:09 AM
1527	Too much taxpayer money goes to police funding. The increase in police salaries over the last 10 years is 100% unsustainable.	1/7/2022 12:07 AM
1528	Defund police. Decrease the funding over a set number of years and increase funding for community based initiatives by the same amount.	1/7/2022 12:05 AM
1529	I don't think the police need that much money. I'm really disappointed in the options available	1/6/2022 11:52 PM

	to deciding how the police budget is chosen. I wish I could have picked other. I have never needed the police more than I have needed genuine community, social, mental health, or financial supports in the city. The Winnipeg police are detrimental to the well being of our city.	
1530	Leading questions are bollocks; defund the police	1/6/2022 11:51 PM
1531	Defund the police. Listen to the police accountability coalition. Start with 10% reduction. None of the answer options for item 9. Are acceptable but it's forced choice.	1/6/2022 11:39 PM
1532	The cost of police wages and pension increases in Winnipeg is unsustainable.	1/6/2022 11:35 PM
1533	No funding	1/6/2022 11:31 PM
1534	Considering wait times in the east part of the city takes forever, i say a certain amount of Police officers should never leave their zones unless something completely unforseen happens,Core area eats up all the resources on a regular basis.	1/6/2022 11:29 PM
1535	I don't think any of these models are acceptable. But apparently the right to not choose one is not an option, which makes this a poor survey. The fact that almost every provincial sector has faced wage freezes and cut backs means that tax payers don't have money to continue to support any increases to the police budget. Other social services should be looked at for funding before the police force, like mental health services. That should be a priority during these unprecedented times.	1/6/2022 11:28 PM
1536	Base it on the number of people that policing effectively rehabilitates	1/6/2022 11:24 PM
1537	Do an internal audit and make cuts where they need to be made just like Manitoba hydro was forced to and Get rid of pensionable overtime.	1/6/2022 11:15 PM
1538	Should be set to increase or decrease based on property tax revenue. Too often police forget they work for the people and are paid on tax payers dollars; police abuse their power, as it stands they are grossly over funded so that they can abuse the taxpayers that fund them. Unacceptable!	1/6/2022 11:12 PM
1539	Slash their spending. Do a hiring freeze if you must. The amount of funds allocated to policing is outrageous. The suggested models are weak. I selected one at random to be able to submit my survey. A mandatory response to Question 9 invalidates the results of this survey.	1/6/2022 11:06 PM
1540	Money should be spent on body cameras. Money should not be spent on armoured cars or overtime to appear before courts.	1/6/2022 11:04 PM
1541	Cut police budget by 10%	1/6/2022 10:59 PM
1542	Funding Model 6 - Decrease the police budget and put it towards community programs that help people, especially minorities, Indigenous people, and youth - all populations that the majority of police officers abuse, treat unfairly, and are quick to shoot and kill. Time to stop the police from taking the money from the same people they kill and choose not to protect.	1/6/2022 10:55 PM
1543	None of these options are ideal. Ideally, city council makes a commitment to decrease the police budget year over year, reallocating city resources to other areas, particularly community services, climate action, and other life-sustaining services.	1/6/2022 10:55 PM
1544	Provide citizens with a survey that offers alternative solutions (ie. Police budget cuts to fund community based response programs)	1/6/2022 10:55 PM
1545	Need to have option for the residents to input idea to implement budget cut.	1/6/2022 10:41 PM
1546	They should make cuts and reduce the budget.	1/6/2022 10:38 PM
1547	The police budget must be reduced. None of these options account for that, therefore this survey response doesn't reflect my actual opinion. The city of Winnipeg must reduce police funding overall.	1/6/2022 10:29 PM
1548	Police funding needs to decrease year over year, not increase. It's inconceivable that the WPS continues to get increased funding when they aren't providing good value for money. Funding should be allocated like you would an investment in a business. What are the police service's key performance metrics? Are they achieving them? How does salary cost benchmark against jobs with similar education backgrounds? What are the overall trends in crime in society, and do they warrant an increase or decrease in funding? It seems to me that we continue to invest more and more money in an ineffective, poorly performing organization. We need to define	1/6/2022 10:27 PM

	success and then tie funding to the WPS's achievement of that success. As well, scarcity breeds innovation--stop giving the WPS a blank check and start funding things that actually make a difference.	
1549	Move funds from the police budget to other community based services.	1/6/2022 10:26 PM
1550	Additional funding - rainy day fund for critical situations such as increase in gangs, or murders. Need support staff or equipment to help reduce gang activity, violence, get guns and drugs off the streets.	1/6/2022 10:24 PM
1551	Wages and benefits are way out of control. Toys need to be curtailed, equipment needs to be stretched much further. Police also need to work much harder at avoiding litigation and related expenses of their mistakes by owning up much faster and providing better training to avoid misconduct in the first place. Higher standard.	1/6/2022 10:22 PM
1552	Emergency response agency budgets should not be tied to an arithmetical formula, even if something like the CPI is variable. Demands for service do not follow the CPI. The homicide rate doesn't care what the CPI is. We have had record or near record numbers of homicides in the last few years. These are very expensive to investigate and prosecute. Motor vehicle collisions don't follow CPI. The pandemic doesn't give a hoot what the inflation rate is. Fixing a formula, even with a variable component is fool hardy and will likely result in a cut in service. The police service should justify its requests every year using objective data. Council should weigh the needs with the available funds. All of the emergency response agencies (police, fire and paramedics) are both essential and expensive. Any efforts to cut resources without first cutting demands is folly. You won't like hearing this, but what is needed is investment in the social determinants of health BEFORE cutting police budgets. By building healthy neighbourhoods, the city will gradually reduce demands on the police service. As the demands drop, funding can be decanted from the police budget to be reallocated to more healthy community investments. The problem with this solution is that you're looking at two, three or four decades until you will be able to substantially reduce police budgets. DO NOT cut the budget without taking steps to reduce the demands on service. That will result in service cuts. If you want to cut the services police provide the community, so be it. Just don't expect quick response to anything but the most severe of emergencies.	1/6/2022 10:14 PM
1553	None of the questions in the survey get at the root issue with police funding. City council needs to be the decision maker on funding, yes, but funding needs to be directed differently to address underlying social issues.	1/6/2022 10:10 PM
1554	Fund them according to what they do, and put the other money towards social services who actually help decrease crime instead of react.	1/6/2022 10:09 PM
1555	The WPS receives a percentage of the total city budget that is more than twice the size of any other city police force in Canada. I find this completely unacceptable. There is no reason for the WPS to receive so much of our money. The amount of funding the WPS receives is not reflected in the needs of the city or the outcomes that the police provide. Especially with, as stated at the beginning of this survey, there is already such a crunch for funding within the city. The funding for the WPS should be determined by taking a median of the proportion of the budget that the police services of other similarly sized cities in Canada receive.	1/6/2022 10:08 PM
1556	Please nullify my answer above- None of these options discuss reduced funding? Why is that not an option? More funding could go to parallel social services	1/6/2022 10:07 PM
1557	I believe that the WPS does not merit 25% of the City’s budget in light of the poor quality of service they provide. WPS does not make anyone safer, is not an effective deterrent, and after crime occurs, is poor at solving crimes. I opted for Funding Model 5 because it is the only one that decreases the WPS budget but I feel this is inadequate because it would reduce City budgets overall, including funds that flow to community based organizations that actually make our communities safer. I would like to see the funding for the WPS reduced and more funding shifted to community organizations that serve marginalized communities. Without helping them (and the WPS only terrorizes them), the WPS will continue to consume larger and larger proportions of the City budget without ever demonstrating that they are an effective organization.	1/6/2022 10:05 PM
1558	Of course, each of these shows very clear loopholes for forcing the budget, but these are likely as close as we'll get to something less outrageous than it has been.	1/6/2022 10:04 PM
1559	Involve stakeholders, including Winnipegers with mental health issues and lgbt Winnipegers and ask if interactions and outcomes with WPS have improved or even become respectful	1/6/2022 10:04 PM

	toward our communities and increase the police budget when the WPS treats all Winnipegers as human beings that they serve and protect rather than humiliate, ridicule and victimize.	
1560	4 and 5 make no sense as they donot offer full protection tothe public, the basic need of the service needs to have a budget set and then the police board work with budget	1/6/2022 10:04 PM
1561	Fund it properly	1/6/2022 10:03 PM
1562	The police receive WAY to much of the city’s budget.	1/6/2022 10:01 PM
1563	Stop buying armoured vehicles like the Terradyne Gurkha MPV purchased in 2015 for $342,800. Money like that should be kept for a rainy day fund like you need now or better social services. You can’t cry broke when you go ahead and waste money like that.	1/6/2022 9:58 PM
1564	Should be a combination of 1 and 4. The levy should be shared among everyone . Council should set the budget but should be aimed for inflation .	1/6/2022 9:55 PM
1565	The percentage of the city's budget that goes towards the police budget is way too high. It is unconscionable.	1/6/2022 9:53 PM
1566	A police budget is a target that is completely unpredictable as you never know what their load of work due to crime etc. will be. Too many moving pieces affecting the cost to complete all tasks asked of them. For sure the police and thier union need to do more to assist with what it costs the taxpayer to cover the costs. ie: overtime is considered in the formula for retirement pension! This is completely unacceptable to the taxpayer that has to cover these exuberant costs!!	1/6/2022 9:53 PM
1567	spend more on education and provide more funding for population living below poverty line . More funding to social organisations which can play better role than police to help community.	1/6/2022 9:51 PM
1568	The police should be defunded and more resources put into mental health responders safe injection sites and a UBI. We need to help the poor not criminalize them.	1/6/2022 9:48 PM
1569	The basis for each of these options is that the delivery of protection service should not and will not change. It is asking how will we pay for the same service and is not open to considering what changes can be considered to provide better service.	1/6/2022 9:48 PM
1570	City must work harder in negotiating salaries and benefits for police including negotiating out the ot pay included in pension.	1/6/2022 9:47 PM
1571	cut overtime.	1/6/2022 9:44 PM
1572	None of these options are good. The police receive way too much money that would be better spent on social programs.	1/6/2022 9:41 PM
1573	Police get paid way too much money	1/6/2022 9:41 PM
1574	More policing should be done by health care specialists, THIS SHOULD BECOME PART OF POLICING. Health care specialist should handle mental health care problems.	1/6/2022 9:37 PM
1575	This survey is a sad, pathetic and manipulative ploy by the failed leadership at city hall. Why is there no option to reduce spending for the largest city expense? The police budget is completely out of control. At $145K average salary for police officers, which may not even include the grotesque and unmanaged amounts of overtime, the police service is both the least cost effective and most uselessly reactive response to community issues. All policing does is criminalize poverty, addiction and mental illness while draining funds from community building programs that could proactively address the root causes of crime. Drastic policie budget reduction and changes are needed. The funding priorities should be low income housing and safe spaces, addiction treatment, counselling and wellness support, food banks, youth programs and community building initiatives. Please stop harming the citizens of Winnipeg and flushing away taxpayer money on 19th century ideas.	1/6/2022 9:36 PM
1576	Instead of funding the police, we should be finding programs for our youth, our addicts, our homeless, our families that need counseling and rehabilitation for our ex convicts	1/6/2022 9:33 PM
1577	Wr need to add services under the police umbrella, like first responders for mental health crisis. And masks, as it appears the police force is not wearing g them when entering civilian homes.	1/6/2022 9:29 PM
1578	The survey forced me to answer question 9, but I do not like any of these 5 options. I would	1/6/2022 9:29 PM

	like to see the police budget cut by 10% and diverted to libraries, recreation, poverty reduction initiatives and social services. I think the WPS salaries are too high.	
1579	Defund police, have 24/7 mental health emergency teams, stop enforcing crimes related to drug prosession and make safe injection sites safe detox available. Drug treatment not prison. Defund police, fund community services, mental health and addictions support. Housing first.	1/6/2022 9:27 PM
1580	What’s the point of a survey where every option is asking for more tax payer money? The best way to determine police funding is a proper survey with an option to not increase funding so the public actually feel like they have a say	1/6/2022 9:20 PM
1581	Defunding the police significantly should be an option. We need programs like CAHOOTS in the US where health professionals NOT police respond to calls such as for erratic behaviour and welfare checks. We need money towards social support programs which research actually proves reduces crime. No one trusts the police, they are as bad as a gang here now.	1/6/2022 9:19 PM
1582	Funding needs to be reduced to be comparable with national averages. All of these options are terrible.	1/6/2022 9:19 PM
1583	police budget should be frozen and cost savings found. if the union wants more money then staffing is cut to make up the difference.	1/6/2022 9:18 PM
1584	Some police funding should be redirected to non-police based social services	1/6/2022 9:17 PM
1585	Don’t tax people to pay people who do nothing to help the community or even work in the communities they live in.	1/6/2022 9:16 PM
1586	The funding should be based on results not on a preset budget. The police funding SHOULD not be coming from traffic camera traps.	1/6/2022 9:15 PM
1587	Police relieve too large a budget as is. We need to reduce their funding, and redirect those funds to mental health and drug addiction specialty services.	1/6/2022 9:15 PM
1588	I don’t understand why we are discussing increasing the budget at all. Why are we not re allocating these funds to other resources that can help prevent crime. I would be appalled if we have to pay a tax to pay for police to inflict harm on our communities. Im not a defund the police person in the sense that I understand the need for police but I don’t think police should be handling 90% of what they do handle.	1/6/2022 9:11 PM
1589	it would've been nice to have a funding model that showed a direct transfer of current police budget to community services such as 24/7 youth drop-in centres.	1/6/2022 9:00 PM
1590	The budget should be set based on the current and historical needs of the department, not based on inflation. With that said, the police budget needs to consider alternative / modern / community based approaches to policing around respect, transparency, and safety. The crisis our city is faced with as crime and substance abuse is at an all-time high is not the least bit sustainable. This reactive policing approach and failure to collaborate with other levels of government and policing agencies is atrocious.	1/6/2022 8:57 PM
1591	We need to defund the police, not increase funding. Police do not prevent crime, they only respond to it. By decreasing funding we could use the savings for other community needs that have been proven to reduce crime and poverty.	1/6/2022 8:55 PM
1592	I wonder why we aren’t considering Fire Paramedic services and examining their budget. I see police worth every penny they earn.i	1/6/2022 8:54 PM
1593	Reduce gold plated pensions and benefits.	1/6/2022 8:53 PM
1594	None of these options outlined a strategy for LOWERING police funding: diverting funds from the police budget into programs and teams that would directly address the root causes of crime and other types of police calls. This sort of model has been proven to work in other jurisdictions, and it's disappointing that this survey only looks at ways to give the police more money in their already bloated budget.	1/6/2022 8:52 PM
1595	This survey is a farce. The 5 options presented remind me of the old trick you use with kids "Do you want the pink toothbrush or the blue toothbrush?", there's no real choice. The alternatives to the status quo are varying versions of increases to funding while removing city hall's discretion. I'm in favour of huge cuts, a smaller police force focused on law and order and using the diverted funds to improve social services or to cut taxes.	1/6/2022 8:52 PM

1596	Police funding should be drastically cut. They do not reduce crimes or safety. Most of the time, they do the exact opposite.	1/6/2022 8:49 PM
1597	Police budget and overtime pay is getting out of control	1/6/2022 8:44 PM
1598	I think that tieing the police buget to increases in property tax revenue will incentivise tax increases that will only hurt working families. I think there are better ways to increase tax revenue such as a more progressive tax for individuals making over a certain threshold. I chose this funding model since it is the only one which decreases one of the highest police bugets in the country. It would only take 10% of the WPS budget to house and feed every single homeless person in Winnipeg, which is undoubtedly a much better use of public funds which are meant to be spent serving and protecting the public.	1/6/2022 8:35 PM
1599	this survey is rigged in favor or enforcement over prevention as question 9 must be answered. abolish the police. prevention over enforcement. i attended a safety stakeholder round table where the city paid consultants to come to the same recommendation research has shown for decades: prevention over enforcement. wps cannot do anything about incidents of psychosis - we need safe consumption sites. we need to deal with our white supremest systems and prevent ongoing colonisation.	1/6/2022 8:34 PM
1600	I am disappointed that there is no option for a reorganization of policing in Winnipeg that would see a very reasonable 10% or more of the current budget taken from the city's police budget and invested instead in proven crime prevention programs. I am not anti-law enforcement and I respect police and those who serve in uniform but the current model of service provision and of budgeting for this service is antiquated. If our crime rates were falling I would feel less urgency for change but many indicators show increases over the past decade while the WPS budget literally doubled. Winnipeg public safety deserves better than a grossly expensive model that is weighted toward response and suppression at the expense of prevention and healing.	1/6/2022 8:31 PM
1601	On semble contempler des options qui vont surtout augmenter le financement et les alternatives au statu quo est enlever la discrétion du conseil. Je n'aime aucune des alternatives présenter. Le conseil doit maintenir sa discrétion. De plus, au lieu d'augmenter le budget, je le réduirait de façon importante afin de pouvoir divertir ces fonds à d'autres prestataires de services. Ce n'est pas une nouvelle idée, beaucoup a été écrit sur le sujet. La ville devrait avoir une plus petite force policière et des meilleurs services sociaux.	1/6/2022 8:29 PM
1602	They don't need more money.	1/6/2022 8:25 PM
1603	Direct more funding toward inner city projects and supports that will deal with issues that the police shouldn't be responding to and decrease the need for constantly adding more funding	1/6/2022 8:22 PM
1604	Very interesting that nowhere in this survey do you provide the user with any knowledge of current pay rates, such as in comparisons to other cities. I believe this survey is intended to slant information to your chosen method.	1/6/2022 8:21 PM
1605	The WPS is eating at the city's budget and needs to be decreased substantially.	1/6/2022 8:19 PM
1606	Any increases to police budget should be paired with increases in prevention services	1/6/2022 8:18 PM
1607	Remove traffic fines from the budget.	1/6/2022 8:18 PM
1608	I think funding should be responsive to need and to environment. I'd like to see more partnerships and pilot programs to respond to and support non violent citizens who are in need. Police are primarily trained to keep people safe and enforce the law. They are not qualified (or interested) in supporting mental health issues. We need to add other trained professional options to our emergency response system (therapists, crisis workers etc). Let police focus on the law. Let trained support workers respond to mental crisis as safe to do so.	1/6/2022 8:17 PM
1609	They should be paid on how effective they are with no overtime. More money should be allocated to city services and social services.	1/6/2022 8:15 PM
1610	save money by having more police cadets, have more single police in one car in day time, have more non police do duties, don't always need to send 2 police to a call	1/6/2022 8:08 PM
1611	Excuse them from babysitting **redacted** and let them get on with policing-the mental health people **redacted** should be financed through provincial welfare to do just that	1/6/2022 8:04 PM
1612	Council setting the budget creates challenges about expectations and a need to negotiate	1/6/2022 7:54 PM

	every year. Yet in the face of all the alternatives, it does seem the best -- provided the city listens to appropriate stakeholders and doesn't get wooed by law and order interests who see every problem through the lens of enforcement.	
1613	Funding needs to be in a manner that the dept. can count on and plan for....if that means basing it on inflation, at least they will know where they stand year to year...the function they perform is so important they need to feel secure to plan year to year even though money is tight for the city as a whole.	1/6/2022 7:52 PM
1614	Yeah, I want to talk about HOW the police are spending their money. Not where it's coming from	1/6/2022 7:50 PM
1615	should move some officers from the over staffed traffic and move them to general patrol and this should also bring down overtime	1/6/2022 7:50 PM
1616	Until the WPS budget as a share of city budget is closer to alignment with our peers, no model that locks in spending at or above current levels should be considered. Once the WPS budget is substantially lower, tying it to an indicator is worth considering again.	1/6/2022 7:48 PM
1617	I dont believe inflation is the way to go unless that's going to be the same for every job in existence. If you really want an idea for extra funds take away pensionable over time and reevaluate your pay schedule. Ie if someone isn't doing work that equals the pay they are getting but instead it is based on years there, switch that. Pay should equal work not years.	1/6/2022 7:46 PM
1618	Police funding should be reduced.	1/6/2022 7:42 PM
1619	We absolutely do NOT need to be giving the police even more money. That is an absolute joke.	1/6/2022 7:37 PM
1620	In my opinion. They should be ticketing drivers who are driving dangerously on the road, instead of setting up speed traps at schools on holidays when school is out. That's not about children's safety. Just an easy cash grab.	1/6/2022 7:32 PM
1621	Reduce pensions by eliminating overtime. increase the age of retirement	1/6/2022 7:23 PM
1622	Some very hard bargaining needs to happen on future collective agreements. The expectations currently in place by the WPA are unsustainable. If you want to add levy charges, then charge a user fee for police services. Especially repeat offenders. I don't know how this would work, but I know that as someone who NEVER has a need to call police, I'm tired of paying for those frequent flyers who drain the resources from everything they touch. Assign things like traffic / radar enforcement to the cadets. It's cheaper than a police officer. Get a surcharge imposed upon conviction in criminal court, traffic court, to offset costs.	1/6/2022 7:23 PM
1623	Reduce police funding, increase funding for harm reduction, social services, positive community engagement, community mediators, crisis response team. A significant portion of police funding should go towards much better training of all officers on conflict resolution, anti-racism, reconciliation, and community engagement. Officers should be trained for at least 12 months if not more.	1/6/2022 7:21 PM
1624	Less funding for general policing, more for specialized care/ support givers such as folks trained to respond to people experiencing mental health or substance abuse crisis	1/6/2022 7:20 PM
1625	I'm shocked only one funding option presented would see an annual decrease. The expenditure and reliance on WPS must be reduced!	1/6/2022 7:18 PM
1626	I have more questions outside the funding model suggested above	1/6/2022 7:15 PM
1627	The police budget is too high. It should be greatly reduced.	1/6/2022 7:05 PM
1628	Reduce funding levels. Reallocate some services provided to other, more suitable, departments.	1/6/2022 7:05 PM
1629	These are all terrible options. Why are there no options to reduce costs and reduce funding? We need to 1) pay officers less 2) reduce pensions and benefits for officers 3) reduce the number of officers enforcing traffic in particular 4) devolve many of the duties currently performed by police officers to other professions 5) eliminate firearms in the WPS, with the exception of a small rapid response team 6) sell the tank and military-style hardware that the service uses.	1/6/2022 7:02 PM
1630	Expand definition of police so other roles can be included like social workers. Work	1/6/2022 7:02 PM

	collaboratively with justice and health to make a diff. Winnipeg gets are sick of 20% using all resources	
1631	Inflation should be taken into consideration because with costs increasing especially because of the pandemic we wouldn't want the police department to be unprepared for the dangers they face every day.	1/6/2022 7:02 PM
1632	While initially expensive in the long run it is a force multiplyer and in the long run can be more financially efficient. Plus it can add an additional level of safety to both police and the public. I propose acquiring a second helicopter.	1/6/2022 6:54 PM
1633	Freeze police funding indefinitely. Allocate resources to public housing and support services	1/6/2022 6:52 PM
1634	I don't care how much it costs, policing has far too many internal and culture issues that need to be resolved before any amount of budget should be considered	1/6/2022 6:46 PM
1635	Police funding has to be inflation linked. Cops do an awesome job feel the voices of criminals trying to defund the police is too loud. More funding should be allocated to technology build a super police station, body cams, car cams street video monitored by data analytics and police could be used more effectively. Replace the helicopter with a drone longer time airborne, better ability lower running cost. Divert hwy one around the perimeter reduce traffic better roads decrease response time.	1/6/2022 6:45 PM
1636	I believe that the funding that would go toward this budget should be reallocated towards preventative measures as opposed to reactionary. Affordable housing, mental health resources, and harm reduction facilities are a few examples of institutions I would rather fund than the police	1/6/2022 6:44 PM
1637	Police funding is prioritized far too highly over funding for other social services that would reduce the need and involvement of the Winnipeg police and result on more positive outcomes for all winnipeggers	1/6/2022 6:43 PM
1638	Defend the police and fund housing first initiatives, harm reduction programs, mental health services, social sevice supports, and basic income, so the police will no longer be needed. Police budgets have no impact on stopping crimes from happening, which is far better than letting people suffer until they commit crimes you can lock them away for.	1/6/2022 6:40 PM
1639	Defund the police	1/6/2022 6:39 PM
1640	Fund social services. Fund programs that improve public health, crime prevention and greater income equality over enforcement. Fund the ounces of prevention over the pounds of cure.	1/6/2022 6:38 PM
1641	We should be investing in our communities and social services instead of over policing them.	1/6/2022 6:26 PM
1642	None of these options offer a complete review of costs related to policing considered along other scenarios that look to community based supports that might be more effective dealing with domestic, mental health and other circumstances.	1/6/2022 6:23 PM
1643	Police are important but until you address the Fire fighting contact , tackling police seems petty. We need police.	1/6/2022 6:23 PM
1644	funding needs to include what are the best ways to protect citizens - getting the most value for the tax dollar.	1/6/2022 6:22 PM
1645	Knowing a few police officers they speak of the games they play to get **redacted** O.T	1/6/2022 6:16 PM
1646	I sincerely appreciate the time and effort of all those who contributed to designing, disseminating, and eventually reviewing this survey. I know that public surveys are not an easy medium to build and work with, and so my thanks to all those involved. I would however like to highlight my skepticism of this survey. It is asking the public for their input into multiple complex budgetary decisions, and providing a single paragraph explainer for each option in the accompanying documentation. It is therefore unclear to me what the organizers of this survey are hoping to receive from the public, and how the public input will be weighted in this process. Can we really expect the public - myself included - to make a genuinely informed decision on this without understanding some aspects of the collective bargaining process, of the funding models employed by other Canadian cities with similar or substantially smaller police budgets, of the interconnectedness of the police budget with the operating of other departments, etc.? While I have some (limited) understanding of organizational budgets, I struggle to answer the questions posed in this survey with much insight. Coming out of this, I then wonder what value	1/6/2022 6:13 PM

	and purpose this survey serves? I hope that this will be made clear when the survey and results of the overall process are released.	
1647	All of these options are unacceptable. Defund and abolish. Period. Because I had to click one to submit my answer **redacted** I did. But it DOES NOT reflect how I feel. Defund and abolish.	1/6/2022 6:08 PM
1648	There has to be changed to police training, and funding provided for community programs that would result in a reduced need for policing related to safety and criminal activity (youth programs, cultural programs, mental health supports, addictions supports, homelessness, etc). Also, separate funding should be provided for mental health professionals to work with the police to support community members.	1/6/2022 6:08 PM
1649	Fund community programs and remove funding from the WPS so the need for policing is reduced.	1/6/2022 6:06 PM
1650	defund them completely and put the excessive amount of money to social services and specialized people to assist in situations where police are used. police do not prevent crime, they show up after it happens, and cause more harm.	1/6/2022 6:05 PM
1651	I hope to see more money invested into social services (even if it takes away from police budget) to help those in marginalized communities. By doing so, I would imagine we could lower many incidents of theft and violence by bringing those involved into safer places where the need for law breaking is diminished. if you want to talk about keeping the police budget “sustainable” investing to reduce the need for policing, which is tied to drugs, homelessness and other marginalized communities.	1/6/2022 6:05 PM
1652	The police service model is not working. Police provide a valuable service but the needs of the population they serve are such that the using police to solve social, addiction, and poverty related issues is not working. Please look at okmy using police when there is need for law enforcement and consider using social workers, addiction and housing services to deal with the social issues that we are facing. Look at police hours - types of calls and consider alternative models to address what police are used for. What if we were spending the same amount on supports addressing the issues above and what the police forces role could be in supporting solutions .	1/6/2022 6:05 PM
1653	Defund the police and find actual organizations that help our community. Money to grassroots instead. Rehire budget should be cut to minimum 25% of what it currently is.	1/6/2022 5:57 PM
1654	This was an unhelpful survey, as there was no option to defund the police. The phrasing of these questions and answers result in the inaccurate suggestion that the public is interested in keeping the police funded as they are or to increase their funding. If a survey is going to be done on funding, please offer the option to defund the police, or at the very least explain why defunding is not an available option.	1/6/2022 5:56 PM
1655	Police funding in Winnipeg far outpaces other far more necessary services. This is unsustainable and out of step with nearly every other city in Canada. A decrease of 50% would be the first step.	1/6/2022 5:49 PM
1656	No options for DECREASED funding without lowering property taxes?	1/6/2022 5:47 PM
1657	I think part this will also have to look at the extra staff needed as well. Social needs are changing and is police force going to cover those costs as well. Social work and service going forward for domestic disputes suicide prevention etc shouldn’t be ticketed to the police but social or mental health funding. Whose bucket does that money come out of	1/6/2022 5:44 PM
1658	Give most of the budget to a new organization focused on supporting communities instead of “fighting crime.” Retain a small specialized task force for dangerous crime situations.	1/6/2022 5:37 PM
1659	I think it’s important to look at what other opportunities are out there to help those experiencing homelessness, the underprivileged youth and revert funding to programs that provide safe spaces to help increase community support and decrease the need for aggressive police presence. I think it would be beneficial to give more support to places like sunshine house and Main Street project and point Douglas womens centre place more of the budget in the hands of those whose programs are trying to support those struggling in the community based on a platform that is not built on systemic racism.	1/6/2022 5:36 PM
1660	Although the survey discusses how to fund the police it does not discuss what exactly is being funded. Trim the fat, especially in management and admin, reallocate resources to mental	1/6/2022 5:30 PM

	health professionals instead of police officers who barge in with guns drawn and minds made up when what someone really needs is actual help. I don't even get me started on that monstrosity of a vehicle that serves absolutely no purpose except to stroke the egos of those driving it.	
1661	Defund the police.	1/6/2022 5:28 PM
1662	Reduce funding to police and reallocate it to work that does more prevention of crime	1/6/2022 5:27 PM
1663	The police do some things well and some things poorly. They do some things no other agency or service could do, and some things that could easily be transferred to another body. There are some elements of policing that are badly underfunded, and some elements of bloat and overreach. Without some degree of reform, all of these options are unattractive ones. For instance, if you give a budget cut, they might choose to allocate their reduced funds in ways that are contrary to the best interests of the city. In other words, a reduced budget adds fuel to the fire of bad policing if nothing is done to change the priorities about how the budget is spent. The question here seems to come down to: "How much money do we shovel into the unaccountable pit of the WPS?" I would love for you to move Funding Model 5, and offer Funding Model 3 or 4 subject only to major and lasting overhauls to the structure of policing in this city.	1/6/2022 5:24 PM
1664	Break the union. We need more officers at the same budget.	1/6/2022 5:19 PM
1665	I do not like the phase defunding the police. Police department is a vital resourse we need for winnipeg and surrounding areas. I would rather here alocating $$ to different departements of Police. Like someone to be on the payroll to mental health checks along with the police. Also this survey lacks alot of information for people to make a more educated decisions regarding this survey. We don't know currently what the actual budget is for the departement etc. We need more information??	1/6/2022 5:18 PM
1666	Maybe talk to addictions and homeless programs in the city? The police budget funds need to be allocated to other areas of need in the community, especially the homeless, mental health, and addictions services. I'm tired of hearing on CJOB a spokesperson for a homeless or addictions program, expressing their anger, again, because their voices aren't being heard in regards to funding and assistance from the city and government. I shouldn't be hearing their cries for help on CJOB because their needs should be met!	1/6/2022 5:12 PM
1667	Management of staffing levels and cut down on transportation get more police riding public transit when there out patrolling	1/6/2022 5:03 PM
1668	What do the police want????	1/6/2022 4:53 PM
1669	Only selected Funding Model 1 because survey refused to provide a "None of above are acceptable" option, and the budget is set by city council anyway. The police budget must be vastly reduced as it is destroying the city's ability to fund anything else. The first question in this survey is also unacceptably biased.	1/6/2022 4:51 PM
1670	None of these options mention the demilitarization/defunding of WPS, nor how the WPS receives 1/3 of the city budget. Until we acknowledge that we're investing a third of our total monies into a "service" that does nothing to improve the health, safety, and wellbeing of citizens, then we're still not having the right conversation. Invest money from the police budget into social services and watch crime rates drop. I dare you.	1/6/2022 4:51 PM
1671	I think all of these options are similar and work to maintain the current power that the Winnipeg police holds. Therefore, this survey is inherently flawed and clearly not created by a professional statistician.	1/6/2022 4:50 PM
1672	Police are the most important resource the City has. We need to have more funding for the police dept to keep this city safe. Funding cannot be based on inflation, or property tax increase or decrease. That is backward thinking. Property taxes need to be based on what the police department requires from the city to have a properly funded and properly working police force. The best way to do this is to Increase property taxes to cover what the police department requires. A special levy would make some people feel negatively towards the police	1/6/2022 4:48 PM
1673	The effectiveness of the police seems to be negatively related to their budget, as in as their budget grows they seem to be less and less effective and efficient.	1/6/2022 4:44 PM
1674	Redirect police funding to city resources that deal with refugees poverty, mental health, and	1/6/2022 4:32 PM

	education.	
1675	Police funding should be reallocated to community organizations making a real difference. The police are corrupt, ineffective, and starving the rest of the city of money. They are severely over funded.	1/6/2022 4:26 PM
1676	Model 3 makes the most sense, and I believe this is what sets the budget now and not Model 1 as stated here. Presumably if Model 1 is the current model and police wages inflate at a higher rate than inflation or city revenue then we would have seen a reduction in police services over the years. Or innovative ways to offer the same services at lower cost e.g. cadets. However I believe it is police wage increases above inflation rates, largely due to arbitration awards that see the current funding model being unsustainable. I believe the city needs to get control of police wages and reduce them to a fair level compared to other public employees e.g the military. Along with the firefighters our police receive remuneration and benefits well beyond peers in public employment, and the private sector. Their increasing share of the city budget seems to be achieved by reduction in other services. Other services such as social services, public housing, drug rehab etc that could actually prevent crime. My comments here are frequently discussed in the Winnipeg media and reform is needed. It requires political will and courage. Beginning with wage negotiation not arbitration. Try some innovation, more cadets, street patrol etc. And for the firefighters something similar, protecting jobs by utilizing them as first responders should be changed to replacing them with more paramedics.	1/6/2022 4:26 PM
1677	I am stunned at the four options presented to Winnipeggers as this feels like a deeply predetermined process. I am not a proponent of police abolishment in Winnipeg, and while I hold multiple criticisms of the Service, I acknowledge the important work that they undertake and I appreciate many of the dangerous scenarios which they place themselves in. However, slipping on poorly cleared sidewalks myself along Assiniboine Ave and Roslyn Ave, assisting previous neighbours in River Heights who are locked into their homes through winter months as snow piles up, watching our boulevard trees removed faster than they are replaced, acknowledging the complete inability of the City to fund sewage treatment and the (partial though not exclusively) connected collapse of Lake Winnipeg, the shambles of our transit system, and so much more makes me sad and scared for our City's future. I do not blame the good people who staff these services, but rather the lack of funding and resource capacity that doom they to subpar outcomes. I have made this city my home and I intend to remain here. There are things that anger me about it, but there are so many more things that I love about this place. However, I do believe that there are many people who have, or who are interested in, relocating - at least in part due to these consistent failings on our part. I know this because I have spoken with friends, colleagues, and have myself considered leaving before deciding otherwise. While these failings are complicated and multifaceted, the runaway police budget in Winnipeg is a partial cause of this inability to fund the other components of a great city. These other services and amenities are fundamental to attracting talent and investment in our city, and while investments in safety are crucial (and their sources are debates these days), it is painfully clear that Winnipeg is failing to invest in the other components that make a city remarkable. I was sincerely shocked to notice the percent of the municipal budget that the Winnipeg Police Service is allocated when compared to other Canadian municipalities (Calgary, Edmonton, Hamilton, etc). Overtime, I would like to see the Winnipeg Police Service's funding brought into line with other Canadian municipalities, because after multiple years of much higher funding than so many other jurisdictions, it doesn't appear that we have much to show for it at all. We are not trending in a direction that inspires confidence. I am not a CPA, nor am I well acquainted with public budget processes, collective agreements, political commitments, and the myriad other things that make up a municipal budgeting process. As such I do not believe myself expert in how to arrive at a funding model, but in future I ask that more effort be given to ensuring the budget does not rise above the percent of the City's overall expenditure that it currently is, and that it be gradually reduced over time. Thank you for taking the time to read this. I appreciate the opportunity to make my beliefs known and your taking the time to read them. All the best.	1/6/2022 4:26 PM
1678	The Municipal government needs to stop acting like it's only sources of revenue are taxes and corruption. Please create provitable city services like Winnipeg Transit that aid the city by creating useful services that the public desires instead of wasting time and money by proposing tax hikes. I do not support a capitalistic approach to city essential services however non-essential services should be put in place to round out funding.	1/6/2022 4:23 PM
1679	policing is "nearly" as critical as nursing. please do not underfund this area.	1/6/2022 4:12 PM

1680	There can be no defunding of the police without equivalent development of social programs to provide services no longer performed by police such as mental health emergencies.	1/6/2022 4:11 PM
1681	The WPS routinely schedules police coverage incompetently in order to increase the amount of overtime pay for each of their judgment-lacking officers. They conspire in order to increase officer pay through training and overtime.	1/6/2022 4:09 PM
1682	The City of Winnipeg Police Sevice is an exceptionally bloated bureaucratic institution, which, presently absorbs more than 25% of the city's operating budget. This is unacceptable. I applaud the desire to seek out a new funding model but cutbacks and new negotiations with the union must also accompany any planned revision to the existing funding model.	1/6/2022 4:04 PM
1683	Wages in the police force are need to be decreased.	1/6/2022 4:02 PM
1684	Yes you need to grandfather in the pensions for those there and change the idea of pensions to that of the public sector. The pensions make the police unsustainable private sector can not work for 25 years and then retire on a full liveable pension it is ridiculous	1/6/2022 3:52 PM
1685	The City's spending on Police service is too high and much higher than most municipalities across Canada. The scope of police services needs to reduced, and the funds saved from that reduced scope of service should be redirected to other front line support agencies with specialized knowledge and training (eg. mental health services / support workers, community support services, poverty reduction strategies). Overall, the police service should be defunded as their level of service does not merit 27% of my municipal tax spending. Continues high crime rates and incarceration point to a need for a new model for community safety, not for increased spending on a system that isn't working.	1/6/2022 3:49 PM
1686	The cops do not need as much money as they are given. Other city services are starving and the police have an extremely low approval rating and the second lowest efficiency rate in the country, plus they have been shown to not care at all about public safety when it comes to COVID. They made themselves sick by not taking proper precautions such as wearing masks. There are countless studies showing that decreased police funding is beneficial to cities. Cops shouldn't be called for mental health crises. The organization is rife with racism and corruption. Cops should not take priority over every other city department. It's time to release the stranglehold the cops have given and fix the lack of oversight that started with Sam Katz's poor decision making. Cops shouldn't be their own oversight.	1/6/2022 3:48 PM
1687	Police funding cannot be determined without evaluating the current services and programs that police provide in our communities and how these programs can be improved/additional and more appropriate programs and resources added. I would be HAPPY to fund APPROPRIATE resources and programs and supports for our communities. I would be HAPPY to pay a levy for these items to benefit community. The WPS is absolutely not worthy of this absurd amount of funding with the immense and, frankly, SHOCKING lack of appropriate resources and services being provided in our city.	1/6/2022 3:47 PM
1688	defund the police and fund crime preventative services like housing, medical, social, addictions and community services.	1/6/2022 3:43 PM
1689	Police need to accept a pay cut as individuals, their training needs to improve and they should not carry firearms.	1/6/2022 3:31 PM
1690	Tax the wealthy at a high tax rate	1/6/2022 3:29 PM
1691	Funding should be moved from the police to other social services that actually address issues that contribute to criminal activity. Fund social programs, schools, shelters, drug rehab, violence prevention, etc.	1/6/2022 3:22 PM
1692	I don't agree with this survey.Theres no way to predict how much we have to fund .The more crime the more we have to pay .Work on ways to fight crime .Not punish the hard working people with photo radar and the rest of the b.s. Also use the cadet more .	1/6/2022 3:18 PM
1693	Defund the police. Most bloated budget in all of Canada for a service that doesn't work. Rather we spend on funding affordable housing and social programs that will help people make their lives better	1/6/2022 3:11 PM
1694	Stop with Woke ideals . Keep the budget simple . But most of all protect us from bad people and theft . If you think policing is acceptable please go look at crime stats in the area of Stella Ave , etc.. how many gun shots and stabbings are going to happen before enough is enough or vigilantes start coming out ? I personally think there should be a watchdog un biased people	1/6/2022 3:11 PM

	who are transparent with numbers of crime and the costs involved ***redacted*** Adding funding to properly taxes to include inflation isn't fair , we the tax payers are already suffering with inflation faster than our wages allow, not all of us are so lucky to have a guaranteed raise every year like civil servants. Why not just do more surveys like this to hear from the taxpayers , yes soMe of us will be angry and you won't be able to make everyone happy , but we have voices and opinions we want you to hear . Crime is huge concern , How about recognizing what the people of Winnipeg want , I'm not naive I get there's huge costs ti running the city , but I think there's a lot of waste, if you don't see it from a critical thinking stand point , than the politicians running the show are just as bad as people say they are . TRANSPARENCY IS WHAT WE WANT **redacted**	
1695	Taxpayers should not have to pay more, just to get the same level of policing.	1/6/2022 3:06 PM
1696	whichever gets more guns off Canadian streets. drugs kill users, guns kill everyone else.	1/6/2022 3:04 PM
1697	Spend more on crisis intervention and resolution training and less on weapons.	1/6/2022 3:03 PM
1698	I would like too see in addition to this survey a report similar to that conducted by Murray Sinclair in Thunder Bay that would continue the work in examining police services in Winnipeg.	1/6/2022 2:48 PM
1699	I'm disappointed that the option to defund the police was not included in this survey, as that is the best option for funding the police in my opinion.	1/6/2022 2:46 PM
1700	Defund the police. The police service is an outdated community enforcment model based on promoting bullies and petty tyrants.	1/6/2022 2:45 PM
1701	This doesn't even begin to address what the movement to defund the police is about. It's about a wholesale rethinking of how we enforce the law in our community and what role an armed police force, essentially an occupying army, should have in that activity.	1/6/2022 2:43 PM
1702	Defund the police and invest in services that prevent crime, instead of responding to it. Such as affordable housing, safe injection sites, food banks, bear clan patrol, community 204, and public health and education.	1/6/2022 2:40 PM
1703	Police funding should be based on whether they are capable of providing the services that the city pays them to do. For example, the police do an extremely poor job of dealing with people who suffer from addictions and mental health issues.	1/6/2022 2:40 PM
1704	The police budget is out of control and Winnipeg streets are not any sacred for it. Their budget needs to be drastically cut and those funds redirected to community programs for addictions, mental health, housing and poverty. Winnipeg police do not need a helicopter and an armoured vehicle. These are wasting money!	1/6/2022 2:37 PM
1705	None of these models works. The police budget should not be tied to inflation or the council decisions which hasn't need effective to the date. Winnipeg police funding should be reduced and re invested within the community.	1/6/2022 2:36 PM
1706	The police already eat up enough of our budget, they don't need a bugger peice.	1/6/2022 2:34 PM
1707	**REDACTED**	1/6/2022 2:33 PM
1708	Reduce the police budget, make older officers retire, cut overtime, stop police overspending	1/6/2022 2:31 PM
1709	Defund the Police	1/6/2022 2:28 PM
1710	***redacted*** In WPS itself there is a thick layer of administrative fat who work less than a clerk. Hire more cops for streets instead of carpet cops. City tax payers never get the return for their buck from the police, as police are always busy ***redacted***.	1/6/2022 2:26 PM
1711	Sell the helicopter you can't afford or the tank. You can't afford neither of them and police used to not wear any kind of bulletproof vests and walk into bank robberies with guys that had submachine guns. So if they could do it back in the day the old-fashioned way the new boys can do it the easy way with body armor and the rest of it. They don't need tanks and helicopters that we can't afford when we can't afford it. Then we can buy one. Until then do it the old-fashioned way.	1/6/2022 2:24 PM

1712	Stop funding street parties, parades, events, etc. for special interest groups and put the money towards policing, fire, infrastructure. Stop making bike lanes out of already congested roads. The city has spent millions on them and they are under used (partly because they are inaccessible for four months out of the year).	1/6/2022 2:24 PM
1713	Do not impose a levy to pay for the police. If anything, more funds should be going to resources like homeless shelters and drug addiction services instead of the police. Thank you.	1/6/2022 2:23 PM
1714	None of these options are sufficient. We are spending the largest % of our budget on police in the whole country. We need to cut it down to at least 15% so that the city can allocate this money to other services that need it such as active transportation, social services, and road renewals. We spend 26.6% of our budget and still have the second most homicides in the country that's ridiculous. Our homicides have been 40+ for the last 3 years. Almost double the previous 5 years before that. I want less crime and our city to be safer and clearly the police are not providing this for the city of Winnipeg. I am a frustrated resident that is tired of this city rewarding incompetent work.	1/6/2022 2:20 PM
1715	The WPS budget should be subject to the same process as all other City departments/services. Council sets the budget. There's nothing to be done about negotiated salaries but everything else should be on the table. If you're going to limit increases beyond salaries to inflation than why can't other departments also get that increase? Other departments often get below inflation increases. Ultimately, we need to work towards large cuts in the police budget - this is on City Council who should have the courage to lead.	1/6/2022 2:19 PM
1716	Start doing actual police work instead of making money off of good hard working citizens by giving them traffic tickets for petty things	1/6/2022 2:19 PM
1717	I think if more funding is put into community programming, inner city programs, childcare programs, education etc.. We can eliminate many problems that police are currently "needed" for, therefore decreasing their budget.	1/6/2022 2:18 PM
1718	None of these options are good for the city. We spend an astronomical amount of the city budget on police to the detriment of everyone. No other department gets the cart blanche funding the WPS. Shhrinking and setting a strict budget the WPS must adhere to and choose to sacrifice staff or shrink their high salaries to keep the budget. Stop holding the citizens and our well being hostage so cops can collect even more money by adding overtime to their pensions. Enough is enough.	1/6/2022 2:18 PM
1719	Categorize the calls made to 911, and determine how many of those actually require police intervention, or if social worker would be more appropriate	1/6/2022 2:16 PM
1720	Determine police budget by its need and it's effectiveness to bring down crime. Figure out a model that starts to stabilize the police budget and cut inefficiencies like the police helicopter. Figure out what is truly needed for Winnipeg and start to reimagine how it could better serve Winnipeg.	1/6/2022 2:14 PM
1721	They have to discontinue using overtime towards their Pensions . This is definitely NOT sustainable!! Leave it for senior staff and all new hires CANT USE THEIR OVERTONE TOWARDS THEIR PENSION. THIS IS RIDICULOUS . NO WERE ELSE IN THE CONTRY DOES THIS .	1/6/2022 2:12 PM
1722	We NEED the police and not other things like bike paths etc..Money should be spent on our safety which means police protection..	1/6/2022 2:10 PM
1723	Better use of resources.	1/6/2022 2:09 PM
1724	None of these models propose the option of a complete review/overhaul of policing, their role in the community, or issues pertaining to racism.	1/6/2022 2:07 PM
1725	Police salaries and pensions are far too high and frankly irresponsible	1/6/2022 2:05 PM
1726	The Police services need to fully adopt the model for Welfare Checks/ Mental Health Checks that combines social services officer + 1 x plain clothes police officer for ALL of these visits.	1/6/2022 2:05 PM
1727	Defund the police.	1/6/2022 2:04 PM
1728	The Winnipeg Police do not prevent crime. We should be funding social services, help build better communities and make sure everyone has access to housing, food and water and other essentials. Not over fund a police service that only causes more harm.	1/6/2022 1:59 PM

1729	It really should be based on value to all winnipeggers, relative to other city services and better funding orgs better positioned to do some of the community support work police currently do.	1/6/2022 1:59 PM
1730	Funding should be based on need. Funding should also be based on providing front-line WPS workers fair wages. Funding should not, however, take away from targeting the root causes of crime and violence in the city of Winnipeg. The WPS cannot single handedly reduce the level of crime and violence in this city. The budget for social supports and services must be increased on a coordinated effort with police services. The two must support each other. As long as they are in competition for funds, they are working against each other.	1/6/2022 1:58 PM
1731	Get overtime and pension inequalities under control.	1/6/2022 1:57 PM
1732	Taxpayers cant afford tax levies. Soon people will be taxed out of their homes. Police are paid very well already and they have the Cadillac of pensions. No more gouging the taxpayer. We already live in a society that is being run by very bad economics.	1/6/2022 1:57 PM
1733	Remove funding to the police while also removing duties that are best performed by other trained professionals, and provide that funding elsewhere. Remove duties to remove need for funds. For example, mental health checks should not be performed by policy, but by mental health professionals.	1/6/2022 1:51 PM
1734	I urge the City of Winnipeg to keep pressure on systematically shifting material funds and resources away from the Winnipeg Police Services towards resources that support and strengthen individuals and neighbourhoods most negatively impacted by policing.	1/6/2022 1:49 PM
1735	Police funding needs to dramatically decrease with the funds being spent on better social services. Should be a holistic approach considering what is needed in this city.	1/6/2022 1:48 PM
1736	Members of our police force are expected not only to keep the peace but also be social workers, addiction experts, provide social services. This survey is asking the wrong questions, We must approach (mental health, addiction, homelessness, poverty) these issues globally. The three levels of government must work collaboratively to resolve these social issues guided by the jurisdictional responsibilities. The budget of the City of Winnipeg should be responsible for and address the responsibilities of municipal government	1/6/2022 1:46 PM
1737	All of the funding models are problematic. Funding model 5 might be workable if the proportion of the police budget re the total budget was drastically reduced from the current 25%. Current police funding needs to be dramatically reallocated to other city services that offer meaningful life sustaining and essential services outside of a police response.	1/6/2022 1:44 PM
1738	WPS cause harm to many citizens, especially racialized and Indigenous people. More of our budget should go to funding indigenous-led organizations and groups that support immigrants/refugees through healing, work placement, housing. PLEASE.	1/6/2022 1:40 PM
1739	Reduce pension payouts	1/6/2022 1:37 PM
1740	WPS budget should be frozen for 10 years regardless of inflation; limits should be set by Council on how budget is handled (ie: no more robo-dogs); excess funding should be given to Community Services	1/6/2022 1:34 PM
1741	I just think that the funding can be shared with other community based organizations that have the ability to deal with more mental health issues. That have proper non violent crisis intervention training. There's so many other pots that need to be filled in order for it all to work together but the police don't need to be tied up in mental health crisis's unless back up is needed in certain situations. We need to fund our community in other ways because people are scared of the police people don't trust the police to help them all the time. Police use force on people going through a mental health issue and it's not necessary it's not helpful at all. We need to end the homelessness on the streets and this police budget doesn't allow for funds to be allocated to assist in community operations to help people with mental health and our ever growing homeless issues.	1/6/2022 1:34 PM
1742	1) get new chief from outside wpg 2) complete through operational review 3)redesign based on review Believe we have sufficient funding, but $$ used inefficiently. To much union influence.	1/6/2022 1:34 PM
1743	I believe that the police service is over funded, and that a modest reduction in the amount of the civic funds spend on policing would benefit our city greatly elsewhere	1/6/2022 1:33 PM
1744	It seems as though this survey is simply giving people the illusion that they have any say in police funding or that the police dept and City are interested in responding to the overwhelming	1/6/2022 1:29 PM

	demand from Winnipeggers that police funding be clawed back. These options are all ultimately the same in that they're all unacceptable and none of them actually address the issue that Winnipeggers have been begging leadership to pay attention to. **redacted**	
1745	Police funding should reduced. Social services need more funding amd should be tied to inflation, and even an extra tax levy. Transition certain police roles to social workers or other programming. Resolve the police headcourters scandle and prevent further miss management of funds.	1/6/2022 1:26 PM
1746	The best way to manage budget is to make cuts from the top down. Management should always take a cut to pay and benefits before anyone working on the front line.	1/6/2022 1:23 PM
1747	Police funding is in the mess it is because Council and the Administration are either unwilling or unable, or both, to deal firmly the the Union representing the WPS. Any funding model other than that used at present would play right into the Union's hand by knowing there is process by which they will ALWAYS be able to settle for more money. It's time to start "clawing back" some of the increases that were in excess of the rate of inflation before there is any thought given to tying funding to the rate of inflation. As well, some police costs (fixed costs) have absolutely NOTHING to do with the inflation/CPI and yet tying all funding to inflation is just an invitation to spent money for no reason other that IT'S AVAILABLE!!!	1/6/2022 1:22 PM
1748	Personally, I think the WPS budget is grossly overinflated; it's disgusting the stranglehold they have over civic politics, what receives funding/what doesn't etc. It has been conclusively proven time and time again that throwing more money at policing solves nothing, other than to placate property owners. If we are serious about tackling crime, we need to get serious about attacking it's root causes; poverty, housing, mental health supports etc. Police arrive after a crime has already been committed; they don't generally "stop" crime. We'd be far better off MASSIVELY defunding them and putting that money into real community supports such as access to mental health services, housing, recreational facilities, crisis intervention, etc. We've been held hostage by the WPS for far too long.	1/6/2022 1:21 PM
1749	None of the listed funding models meaningfully create a system to redistribute taxes away from WPS towards other services required by the City and its residents. Compared to other Canadian cities, Winnipeg spends a disproportionate amount of its annual budget on policing. At the bare minimum, efforts should be put in place to bring our funding in line with other police services across the country. The City frequently cites lack of funds and revenue as a reason for failing to make improvements to the City's infrastructure and transit. Meaningful strides forward can be made on those fronts if the City were to decrease funding to the Police.	1/6/2022 1:20 PM
1750	none of these are acceptable, there should be an option for none of the above	1/6/2022 1:19 PM
1751	They get too much. Should go towards shelters for homeless	1/6/2022 1:18 PM
1752	cut it significantly	1/6/2022 1:15 PM
1753	I would use your data analyst to look at areas that are costing the department time and money. Why do you need PO supervising suspects in hospitals? Use cadets or other trained professionals that are paid less to do such mundane work? Use cadets and social workers for wellness checks or report car duties. Trim the fat where it is reasonable and safe to do so.Pay the Chief less. Use cadets for station duty. They probably would put on a better face to the public than the current staff. Spend your budget wisely and be creative and its reasonable for a budget to rise with inflation.Police officers are paid well and have a good pension especially considering their level of education.I don't think the general population would support wage increases.	1/6/2022 1:14 PM
1754	Take things like wellness checks away from WPS, and the corresponding amount of money to create a more Social Work style approach. Would likely result in fewer police shootings.	1/6/2022 1:13 PM
1755	These options are ridiculously skewed and clearly intent on maintaining the status quo, which is an overinflated police budget. It’s downright insulting given the amount of other services desperately in need of that funding.	1/6/2022 1:12 PM
1756	I had to pick one option from the five. I don't agree with any. Option 6 - Decrease police funding, through both direct cuts and collective bargaining. Police wages are too high and taking up large amount of the City budget. When there is no real gain except the union getting their members paid well. Pensionable over time, etc, etc. Keep throwing money at a problem that doesn't get better. While all other areas of Civic funding suffer. The grass doesn't even be	1/6/2022 1:10 PM

	cut in many parks for extended periods of time. Snow is piled on sidewalks and left to freeze. While Police officers have large salaries and don't even live in the City. Police reform is needed to direct resources at areas that will make the biggest impacts in the City. The Police budget should not be tied to property taxes at all. That is ridiculous. Police funding should be based on industry standards. Increase in budget yearly tied to inflation much like everything else, but not necessarily rising each year. Again budget assessed on needs, not fear. However, the Police union has taken over the City. And the City has done a poor job in managing this issue for various reasons. One because of fear. Police chose the profession they are in. Policing is not actually very dangerous, compared to other industries. Statistics prove this. The budget must be decreased and directed to other areas of Civic budgeting where it is needed. The City needs to stand up to the Police union and not bow down to fear mongering. Thank you.	
1757	Find education and health care more	1/6/2022 1:09 PM
1758	I do not suppor any of these models, but it requires me to select one. Any model that doesn't link police funding to delivery and outcomes unsustainable to our city. Our current t budget it too high for poor/inadequate/dangerous services. If they cannot deliver "community safety" within their budget, the funds should be directed to other city departments that could.	1/6/2022 1:08 PM
1759	Hire more staff and cut overtime. Implement competitive RRSP. Budget long term. Cut expenses of other city departments.	1/6/2022 1:08 PM
1760	If you are looking for savings for the City of Winnipeg you should also look at fire paramedic funding as well?	1/6/2022 1:08 PM
1761	Compare it to community funding	1/6/2022 1:07 PM
1762	Police like any other department should be given a budget and if they can't do the job within the budget, the chief should be fired and replaced by someone who can better manage resources.	1/6/2022 1:04 PM
1763	A specified commitment that ALL savings from the police budget go into community services which are proven to reduce crime and increase citizen safety. Reduce all police salaries by 25% effective immediately. Remove 20% of salary for police officers who do not live in the city, with the saved funds redirected to city services which reduce crime and increase citizen safety. Remove 50% of future police equipment funding with a direct distribution of this money into safe-injection sites. Remove all policing quotas immediately. Redirect all camera radar revenue away from police services and directly into traffic safety initiatives such as speed control bumps, crosswalk patrols, etc. Reduce police firearms and violent force training and budgeting by 50% effective immediately and growing to aim for near 100% reduction in this training. Decommission 20% of police vehicles and staff effective immediately. Cancel the helicopter, robo-dog and tank projects effective immediately and redirect all funds away from the police budget. Remove the chief of police from all city council decisions regarding the police services and police budget. Aim to match the amount of the police budget to the amounts of paramedic and fire department budgets. Suspended with pay police officers are to be paid out of the police union or pension funds and not by the city. Any court settlements in cases against the police are to be paid out of the police union or pension funds.	1/6/2022 1:02 PM
1764	There is no model that reduces funding to police. Studies in many jurisdictions shows that up to 80% of police work is social services work. That burden should be shifted to people who can do that work and be paid for it.	1/6/2022 1:00 PM
1765	I think that it is disingenuous to only offer options that allow for budget increases or for the budget to remain grossly inflated compared to nearly any city in Canada. I think there should be a strategy that begins with downsizing the budget by 10%. That 10% should be reinvested in community supports. Incrementally, based on data gathered about recidivism and community welfare, I think the budget should continue to be redistributed in such a way.	1/6/2022 1:00 PM
1766	I want the police department completely dissolved and the funding sent to new and existing social services	1/6/2022 12:59 PM
1767	Having Police in the city is an extremely important issue and should never be a shortage of officers or funding. If they need more money, cut the mayors, councilors and CEO's wages as they are not necessary at all!!!	1/6/2022 12:59 PM
1768	Cut other city services so that the police budget can be maintained. Donating $100,000 to a Quebec teachers legal fund is a completely inappropriate expenditure. Start cutting that type of	1/6/2022 12:59 PM

	nonsense to allocate more funding to police.	
1769	These options assume current budget as a baseline is reasonable. Many see current funding level as far too high.	1/6/2022 12:56 PM
1770	Why are police getting pension based on overtime? Crime in Winnipeg has not gone down as the police budget has increased. Things need to be rethought	1/6/2022 12:52 PM
1771	I believe that the current model of using the police to deal with social problems is incredibly shortsighted and a symptom of the narcissism of modern capitalist consumer culture. We need to reduce police funding and increase social supports to keep crime from growing in the first place.	1/6/2022 12:50 PM
1772	Given that the survey lists only five models, Funding Model 5 is the best option.	1/6/2022 12:49 PM
1773	the city of winnipeg and its taxpayers overspend on policing services. spending needs to be redistributed to other areas to help stabilize the health of the city. I believe this redistribuition will also have an effect on crime rates that out-paces the impact of spending more on the police force.	1/6/2022 12:49 PM
1774	Civilian oversight to check the priorities of the Police Association whose role is only to benefit sworn members, past and present, of the Service.	1/6/2022 12:48 PM
1775	Defund the police. What policing has become is too large and they have too many different roles. Instead remove some aspects and give that funding to publicly funded social workers and to program that target the root causes or crime.	1/6/2022 12:46 PM
1776	Defund the police. Put additional financial resources into more valuable services such as health care and education	1/6/2022 12:45 PM
1777	Citizens should not have to pay for this. If the city cannot afford it the government of Canada should pay millions of dollars for this.	1/6/2022 12:43 PM
1778	this should not fall on tax payers. We pay enough taxes in Winnipeg. Target city departments to work within a budget, perhaps reduce some areas.	1/6/2022 12:41 PM
1779	I am not opposed to policing because of budgetary constraints, but because there are other more effective and humanitarian streams to create a safe city - and in the case of WPS, their budget increases are constantly met with demands for more as we defund other more proactive social programs, creating further need for reactive strategies. The cost of housing all of winnipeg's homeless pop at market rent is roughly 14M, or roughly twice the police budget shortfall council recently approved. House people! Please stop chasing tent cities around town!	1/6/2022 12:39 PM
1780	The issues Winnipeg faces today and in the future will not be solved by increased police spending. We can not police people out of cyclical violence, poverty, and addiction; however, we can provide increased support to lift folks out of these horrific societal failings. A large police budget is a reflection of a city failing its citizens. I know and believe Winnipeg can do better.	1/6/2022 12:35 PM
1781	Stop spending money on vanity projects and actually admit that you run each department like a separate business. Why does the police service pay the city for gas etc? You're all liars.	1/6/2022 12:33 PM
1782	Increasing the police budget will most likely not reduce or prevent crime. Research shows that equality in education has a more meaningful impact on crime reduction. I'm not arguing to defund the police, but the budget increases do very little for the safety of Winnipeg citizens. Allocate funds for police and citizen education, not the embarrassing purchase of a robot dog.	1/6/2022 12:32 PM
1783	Focus on eliminating the broken and biased arbitration process for police salaries at the provincial level.	1/6/2022 12:31 PM
1784	I think the Winnipeg Police Service takes up an absurd amount of Winnipeg's annual budget and it's disproportionate to the services that they offer. None of these funding models are ideal, but to connect the budget so that it actually aligns with property tax revenue is the least awful. If the WPS budget was decreased in order to support other city programs and services (social workers, housing projects, etc.) I would support that.	1/6/2022 12:30 PM
1785	Seems like you are trying to create a formula for a budget. This is not a wise move, police are not a regular department. I want someone to show up to help me when I need it, not being limited because of budget constraints.	1/6/2022 12:25 PM

1786	These options are a little rough on all counts. Why should their increase be based on revenue or anything in relation to such? If wage increases and funding increases are more than what is going into health care, something is wrong. Funding should be based on results of good done based on metrics, more crime; rightful arrests; etc should determine funding as like with any other job.	1/6/2022 12:21 PM
1787	We need to put more money into prevention. Crime is a result of poverty and discrimination. Police don't prevent crime, they react to it. If we reduce poverty and foster a sense of community and belonging, crime rates will plummet, and quality of life for all will increase. Winnipeg Police budget is already far too high of a percentage of the city budget.	1/6/2022 12:20 PM
1788	I know that **redacted** fighting in the media over funding isn't the best answer. Fear mongering the citizens doesn't work, nor does blaming the police for rising costs when the city chose not to pay their portion of the pensions.	1/6/2022 12:20 PM
1789	Pegging the police budget to property taxes is absolute crap idea. Why are the home owners getting punished and having to foot the bill while people that rent or squat not having to pay for this service! Adding more fee's to already expensive housing costs are going to do one thing and that's drive people out of the city.	1/6/2022 12:19 PM
1790	City needs more supports so less police services are required. Correct the root issues. I'm also sure there are cost saving adjustments that could be made, but aren't just like in any other operation. It's the "not our money mentality" and it's wasted or over spent.	1/6/2022 12:19 PM
1791	Cut funding to police. Stop overtime. Reallocate money to social services. Decrease police funding 5% per year.	1/6/2022 12:18 PM
1792	Respectfully may I suggest the police board report to council. The board's role is to important not to be accountable to elected officials. Another benefit of this proposal is that the police chief would also be held accountable to elected officials, which he is currently not. That is the most effective manner to control no only funding of the police but what that funding is used for.	1/6/2022 12:16 PM
1793	ya defund them	1/6/2022 12:15 PM
1794	Over paid	1/6/2022 12:14 PM
1795	I would like to see a significant decrease in police funding, with additional funding made available to social services and mental health.	1/6/2022 12:13 PM
1796	I think the value of police services is highly overrated. They are provided with costly vehicles, paid far too much for overtime and there are superfluous expenses like the ridiculous helicopter that disturbs all of the inner city every night and barely helps reduce crime, if at all. City Council should be considering housing, planning, waste management, etc. AT LEAST as valuable as policing. Policing doesn't reduce crime, it simply punishes people for it whereas other investments do have the potential to reduce crime such as providing people with roofs over their heads or investing more in community services, recreation and prevention programs.	1/6/2022 12:13 PM
1797	I think looking at this as a general statement is not the right course of action. Having reviewed publicly available salaries for city of Winnipeg employees, I was shocked to learn that many city police officers make in excess of $200000 a year. This seems excessive. These people do not need cost of living increases, but the people making modest salaries probably require regular raises to keep up with our ever-increasing costs. Maybe we should be looking specifically at what is wasted by the police service. Get rid of the helicopter - I'm sure we're spending well over $200 an hour + salaries for pilots. If you need an aerial view of something a few thousand dollars can get you a small fleet of drones. Decrease the budget but put the strain on top earners and wasteful spending.	1/6/2022 12:12 PM
1798	I understand that police officers are routinely let off shift early. If they need to be let off early because of very long 12 hr shifts maybe shifts should be modified. Letting highly paid officers go home while still being paid and the crying short staffed is ridiculous.	1/6/2022 12:11 PM
1799	The city has to come up with something.. crime in this city is increasing and you have to have officers on the street to deal with the crime and citizens	1/6/2022 12:10 PM
1800	This survey is biased and **redacted**. The only option to reduce police funding was minimal. Defund the police and divert funding to community wellness and support organizations.	1/6/2022 12:09 PM
1801	The Police service needs better leadership. Winnipeg is ripe with crime. Police should be	1/6/2022 12:09 PM

	focusing on crime and not social work. Pro- active police work is necessary. Quit paying police officers who are accommodated to positions that aren't doing police work a police salary and the current budget would be more than enough.	
1802	Reallocate the funds to more deserving rehabilitation program - don’t punish as much, teach people to be functioning citizens. Other programs that support high risk vulnerable citizens would be much more beneficial.	1/6/2022 12:08 PM
1803	Police dominate too much of the city budget and money shoudl be redirected to harm reduction strategies, and programs that target the reasons people turn to crime, not over-policing marginalized people, and ensuring the downtown and urban areas remain visually acceptable to suburban elites.	1/6/2022 12:04 PM
1804	Police funding is skewed and should not be the highest funded branch of government. Working towards levelling it with schools and community centres/ crisis lines/ proper wellness checkers would put us in the right direction.	1/6/2022 12:03 PM
1805	I believe the city police are very over funded currently and their budget should be cut drastically. The money cut should be used given to other city departments for upgrades to city infrastructure. And a huge chunk should be given to outreach programs and community centres. People who are trained to address specific situations differently and properly. Policing is not the answer.	1/6/2022 12:02 PM
1806	I'm not in favour of formulaic ways of determining budgets. For example, inflation is based on a basket of consumer goods, not the cost of policing, which may be higher or lower than the rate of inflation. There's no substitute for Hands-On examination, which is the current funding model.	1/6/2022 12:01 PM
1807	Stop listening to fringe activists. Not one law-abiding taxpayer wants less policing. Ask them.	1/6/2022 11:59 AM
1808	None of these models truly suggest addressing the root issues here. Police are WAY over funded in Winnipeg. They hold way too much power and spend on useless expensive gadgets. Make them sell these expensive things that don’t keep us safe. Research shows defunding and re allocating funds to social services keeps us safer, **redacted**	1/6/2022 11:57 AM
1809	Policing is an unsustainable colonial system. Investing funds in affordable social housing, social services, and preventative programming for young people is a far more sustainable option than pumping increased money into police services year after year. Also, if the police budget is pegged to property tax revenue, there becomes financial incentive for the police to protect property over people, which will likely result in even further discrimination in policing across neighbourhoods.	1/6/2022 11:50 AM
1810	no tax increase for property owners we pay to much already .	1/6/2022 11:49 AM
1811	There is nothing more important than public safety and security of property.	1/6/2022 11:42 AM
1812	Out of the police control but my opinion is that we spend time going after people who should already be incarcerated but that is justice issue. I would like to see some process improvement reviews that may reduce some of the wait times police are at hospitals and places that take them off the streets during their shifts. In addition something to save paperwork time.	1/6/2022 11:39 AM
1813	Police officers at all levels are paid to much. Cut their income back.	1/6/2022 11:38 AM
1814	Police funding needs to be reduced steadily, and redistributed among essential services like hospitals, care homes, public transit, mental health services, food distribution, housing the homeless, and universal basic income. Crime is a last resort for the desperate, and we need to help them rather than jail or murder them.	1/6/2022 11:35 AM
1815	We need to pay and support the police at a level where they are able to do their jobs appropriately. The vast majority of the budget is allocated to wages but most of the resources available to officers are grossly outdated compared to the private security sector. This problem exists simply because the police do not have the funding to purchase new technology that could improve crime solvency rates, for example facial recognition.	1/6/2022 11:34 AM
1816	I buy into the Hospital lotteries and don't mind giving money to support it. People don't mind giving money if they can get something in return. No one twists their arm. Its their choice. Just a thought, I know I would buy into it. Thanks.	1/6/2022 11:28 AM

1817	The allocation of funds for public safety is not exclusively for policing. The budget has to be completely rethought to also include preventative programs as well as professional services that are needed for those under duress. The costs of so called policing should then be focussed on actual crime. Eventually such crime will be reduced using real public safety services. Culturally based programs for young people and adults will also ease pressures by diverting interests and offering alternatives that build character and knowledge.	1/6/2022 11:28 AM
1818	Do not raise our taxes any more!!! I almost can't afford my house anymore	1/6/2022 11:28 AM
1819	Funding for the police service should be reduced and diverted to other city programming. The Winnipeg Police Service has not shown any measurable success in reducing the rate of crime in our communities and is a poor investment of taxpayer monies.	1/6/2022 11:27 AM
1820	The base budget obviously needs to be based on the wages negotiated with the union and facility costs. Instead of inflation based, what if the police create a supply budget based on what they require in the year. City council reviews it and either approves the list and amount or sends it back with revisions. It would allow a bit more control over spending and require the police to take more responsibility for spending.	1/6/2022 11:27 AM
1821	Crime is high and you are considering a decrease in police funding? Look round. Do some research on how Minnesota did when they decreased funding. Maybe if you didn't live in the neighborhoodsnyou live in, you could see that the police are already stretched too thin and are unable to keep up with the crime growth.	1/6/2022 11:24 AM
1822	Winnipeg salaries and benefits should be as standardized wit nurses, paramedics and firefighters	1/6/2022 11:22 AM
1823	Defund the police and put more money into community and social services. Police are useless and suck up tax payer money. There is no need to pay a cop 80 grand a year. Social services such as youth programs, job creation, etc keep crimes low. The Winnipeg police service is over staffed.	1/6/2022 11:22 AM
1824	The police currently receive an unreasonable percentage of the City budget. Council should be able to continue to set the police budget, but it should be more balanced with other essential services. A reduction in the police budget would make more funds for other important services.	1/6/2022 11:21 AM
1825	these are all useless. so long as the city is allowed to talk itself into thinking the police are the most important public service, we will all live lives that are starved of genuine local improvement. defund the police. fund public transit. invest in actually sustainable public infrastructure **REDACTED**	1/6/2022 11:19 AM
1826	Each of these options are horrendous. The police have far too much money as it is. Redirect funding towards community supports, such as mental health, addictions, and homelessness. These suggestions are disgraceful. The people in this city are suffering and dying at an alarming rate and it is a direct result of overpolicing and overfunding of the WPS. Pathetic.	1/6/2022 11:19 AM
1827	Leave the mental health calls to the provincial health experts, who can have their own security to keep health care professionals safe while out on calls	1/6/2022 11:17 AM
1828	WPS suffocate our city's budget. Defund	1/6/2022 11:15 AM
1829	make new pension plans for new cops, its the pension that is major issue (paying pension time for Over Time work at Superstore?)	1/6/2022 11:14 AM
1830	WPS needs to be defunded	1/6/2022 11:13 AM
1831	police funding should be determined by tangible results of police action within winnipeg as a community. funding should be reallocated to public services such as healthcare and education because a main cause for crime in winnipeg is poverty and mental health. The winnipeg police service has proven to negatively impact winnipegers that are in need while consuming a large portion of the city's budget. money spent on police could be better used elsewhere, police budget should be determined by police usefulness as PUBLIC servants.	1/6/2022 11:12 AM
1832	Why are all these options for increasing budget? We have one of the highest rates of our taxes sent to our police department. There is a lot of research that shows increasing policing does not decrease Poverty and crime rates, which our city has a lot of. Maybe look to spend our money more effectively to help our people and prevent crime and poverty instead of intervening when it is too late.	1/6/2022 11:08 AM

1833	I would really like to see the police budget decrease. The amount of money and salary increases that individual officers receive is impossible to justify, when social services that prevent crime are being stripped of support. Please for the good of our city, divert police funding to other city programs that address poverty and other root causes instead.	1/6/2022 11:05 AM
1834	funding, no leadership, yes, which influences funding	1/6/2022 11:04 AM
1835	If it’s unsustainable, shouldn’t one of the options be to go backwards?	1/6/2022 11:03 AM
1836	Defund and put the money to more valuable community resources to help core issues.	1/6/2022 11:01 AM
1837	As a university-educated home owner and Winnipeg tax payer, I find the amount of funding police receive to be disgustingly high and a gross misuse of the city's resources. Social/political science studies and examples around the world continue to demonstrate the harms caused by our typical north american policing and justice systems. I beg whoever reads this to consider adding a 6th option to this survey to drastically reduce the police budget and transition to more community based systems for maintaining peace. As a person of colour, I have never once felt safer in the presence of Police. The system is flawed and needs to be significantly revised not bolstered with more tax dollars to grow into an even more terrifying monster.	1/6/2022 11:01 AM
1838	Police should be defunded and the money should go into other social services	1/6/2022 10:59 AM
1839	These are all terrible ideas. None of these models involve any dialogue with the public, and just continuously increase the police budget. We need an independent authority that doesn't include elected officials or anyone employed by, or related to an employee of, the WPS. This independent body should be setting the police budget, based on input from the government, WPS, citizens, and other sources.	1/6/2022 10:57 AM
1840	a forensic audit is needed for all emergency departments as their spending is not controlled and no one seems accountable.	1/6/2022 10:55 AM
1841	They should not be consuming so much of the city budget. The fact that they are is ridiculous. Someone stand up to their demands, please.	1/6/2022 10:54 AM
1842	Perhaps all city workers should take a five-year wage freeze to help the city get over it’s Covid expenses. And something needs to be done with the police pension not sure why everybody is so afraid to touch this. There is no need for most city workers police included to be making six figure salary’s when the economy is so bad	1/6/2022 10:51 AM
1843	Focus majority of WPS funding on the ARCC program and restorative justice special projects and reallocate funding from the chopper and other unnecessary expensive equipment to mental health/ addictions, education, shelter and income supports that actually improve public safety.	1/6/2022 10:50 AM
1844	None of these Models offer any real change. We need to substantially and permanently reduce the bloated police budget and put the savings into programs that make our city safer - like wellness checks by social workers, better active transport infrastructure and more ultra low cost housing. This is not even close to a rational response to the status quo.	1/6/2022 10:48 AM
1845	The police would be unable to do their job if there was a decrease to property tax. The last option is essentially when property tax decreases say bye to police.	1/6/2022 10:46 AM
1846	Funding should be taken away until the services provided are actually provided. There is no reason why the police budget should increase when wait times for calls are hours out and there is police brutality and police not adhering to Covid protocols. Funding should be taken from the WPS and given to community based programs that help with addiction, homelessness, mental health issues, poverty. If these issues are dealt with at the root, there is no need for such heavy policing. Giving the police more money at this point would be pointless as the money that it’s being given is not being utilized. The WPS is under a “state of emergency” because of funding right now, yet they had enough money to buy a robot dog? Sell the robot dog. Sell the armoured tanks. We do not need warfare here. We need community based outreach funding.	1/6/2022 10:46 AM
1847	Defund the police. Instead fund the services that help prevent crime. House the homeless. Feed the hungry. Better public transportation.	1/6/2022 10:45 AM
1848	My opinion is that many Winnipeg citizens have a poor opinion of the Winnipeg police and will base their answers on that rather than what the city needs.	1/6/2022 10:40 AM
1849	I believe Police services should not be compromised in the least. There are plenty of other	1/6/2022 10:39 AM

	areas that are being funded with money that could be used in better areas such as police services. I also believe the first step to properly funding the police is to fix the justice system and eliminate the catch and release practice that we are stuck in. These poor officers simply drive around and arrest the same people over and over, let's help them be more efficient by properly dealing with our criminals.	
1850	As a tax paying citizen, we respect Police Officers. Their loyalty to the citizens of the city of Winnipeg to ensure a safe, respectful community is highly respected and needed to give us the needed protection in the rising crime rates.	1/6/2022 10:38 AM
1851	Stop any and all increases of budgets to police. Reduce the budget altogether and divert funds to rehabilitative functions such as nonviolent intervention trained professionals, treatment centres, safe injection sites. Spend the money not to react to crime after it happens but to prevent crime from happening - actions which has been proven police cannot provide.	1/6/2022 10:38 AM
1852	There should certainly be some metric to determine how the funds are being used by the police service and outcomes, meaning public safety, how many incidents were actually deescalated or avoided with the more expensive parts of the budget like the helicopter or other expensive equipment. The funds should be required to be justified, not just provided regardless of efficacy.	1/6/2022 10:37 AM
1853	I don't want you guys defunded, but I want to see an audit as to where all your funding is going. For a department with TERRIBLE morale, I'd be hoping to see more cultural awareness training, trauma-informed training and more. For a place that can cry about a state of emergency when no other place can (hi healthcare) is a joke. You guys don't need more funding, you need to re-allocate your funding into your street officers. Enough is enough. Winnipeg Police does nothing but cause problems. And chase homeless people from bus shelter to bus shelter instead of ACTUALLY making a difference and helping someone.	1/6/2022 10:37 AM
1854	Police should be required to dedicate a large portion of the budget to crime prevention, and mental health professionals who are there with police on all contacts with Winnippeggers especially in cases where an individual may have used substances or are unhoused.	1/6/2022 10:36 AM
1855	City needs to determine the core police activities to be funded directly within police budget and those activities that should be budgeted thru contracts. Pay for core services only before considering noncore services.	1/6/2022 10:34 AM
1856	Redirect police services from tax collection, like speed traps, and make police services 100% for crime related issues.	1/6/2022 10:31 AM
1857	Crime is not negotiable. If you think you can control it, like a budget, then you should not be in management. Crime is rampant, **redacted**. I am embarrassed to bring visitors here because of the this. Blaming police is lazy and convenient. Look to the source of crime. ***redacted***.	1/6/2022 10:31 AM
1858	I feel strongly that other City departments should be given the same level of funding consideration. WPS funding should not be unique-other departments that serve the residents of Winnipeg are not given the same leeway with costs, and I do not think that is acceptable. WPS should not be prioritized over other City services.	1/6/2022 10:31 AM
1859	Police funds need to be increased for better services !!	1/6/2022 10:31 AM
1860	The police budget is already far too high while our crime rate remains extremely high and the amount of unhoused people in Winnipeg is also high. Winnipeg would benefit from substantially decreasing the extremely inflated policing budget and using that money to invest in housing for the unhoused population in Winnipeg, as well as social services and programs to decrease the high crime rate in the city.	1/6/2022 10:27 AM
1861	Defund the helicopter and armoured personnel carrier.	1/6/2022 10:25 AM
1862	Winnipeg is Burning, they are the only thing keeping a lid on the hooligans trying to overrun this city	1/6/2022 10:24 AM
1863	The WPS’s budget is much too high and it should be defunded by around 90%.There are more pressing issues in the city that the WPS are entirely unable and unwilling to deal with like Covid 19, mental health and homelessness support services. Officers’ refusal to wear masks and be vaccinated whist interacting with the public and vulnerable people in the community exacerbates these problems further. Further more the protection of Officers’ who have the ability to use lethal force to be protected by a union and disciplined behind closed doors by	1/6/2022 10:23 AM

	their peers is completely unacceptable, this I believe is the largest threat outside of the health and instability caused by Covid 19 facing the people of Winnipeg today.	
1864	No option in which the police receive or have the potential to receive more funding is acceptable. Police are already dangerously overfunded, to the detriment of useful social services, and the only reasonable options would involve guaranteed defunding.	1/6/2022 10:21 AM
1865	The police budget is way too high already. Please defund the police and use the savings for social programs and mental health support. Police are not needed for a large percentage of their calls.	1/6/2022 10:17 AM
1866	the government pays for drug addicts to have a safe place to inject so why can't honest people who have worked hard all their lives, paid their share of taxes among other things, feel safe going out? Winnipeg police should be paid a whole lot more for what they deal with day in and day out. They don't have the luxury of hiding behind closed doors. Just like our every month bills, the honest people will have to pay for the ones who don't pay theirs, so give the police what they deserve, not what government decides..Get rid on non-essential people in the city of winnipeg city hall that make ridiculous wages and give it to the people who try to protect us. You don't pay police anywhere near what they deserve. Quit putting government greed before public safety.	1/6/2022 10:15 AM
1867	Cut all over time, use more fuel efficient cars, get rid of the helicopter and armed vehicle	1/6/2022 10:14 AM
1868	Decrease funding of overall annual WPS budget by the amount that it costs the city to defend police officers in court for matters related to excessive force and racism. Any revenue from tickets levied for traffic and bylaw offences should go into public coffers, not the WPS budget. Increase the price to private businesses using WPS as security detail (Example: Superstore on Sargent). We should either be turning a huge profit on it or stopping this practice because it is a gross misuse of the public sector. Any new WPS hires need to reside in Winnipeg so they are part of the tax base. Otherwise we're just shedding money to the RM's outside city limits.	1/6/2022 10:10 AM
1869	More taxes =more people needing service. Otherwise keep costs down. We pay more than many other jurisdictions already. Figure out why and fix it	1/6/2022 10:07 AM
1870	Change Police Pension Plan, stop being held hostage to the Police Union. Look at other Police Depts across Canada	1/6/2022 10:07 AM
1871	Fund mental health services. Too many police not following restriction rules. Shouldn't have a job.	1/6/2022 10:06 AM
1872	It is truly disappointing that of all five proposed funding models, they all have either explicitly, or have the ability, to increase police funding. If crime continues to increase (as the police say), and the only solution is to give them more money - which isn't working, because crime continues to increase, then there is something fundamentally wrong with this mentality. To provide five funding models, wherein four are "increase funding", and the fifth is "sometimes it goes up, sometimes it goes down" is a vote of confidence in a broken system. Winnipeggers deserve better from their elected officials.	1/6/2022 10:06 AM
1873	The criminals need to have more charges with bigger BITE Why do innocent hardworking people need to pay for criminal actions and **redacted** illegal actions of people. Bring in harder laws with bigger penalties and curfews and instead of just costing money to put people in jail. Make people who do the wrongs in their life, pay money or if they cannot pay then do work on cleaning streets, washing walls feeding homeless or fixing areas that other criminals destroy. Not just throwing them in jail and make the honest population pay for their care. Surely there is a way for them to give back to society instead us paying for their forced holiday. Leave the dangerous in jail, working on secure production line of some kind that can earn the City of Winnipeg Police fund income. Make being criminal a true set toward them giving back to society, not just sitting in a cell and getting room service paid by the honest hard working. Our Police work hard to get these bad people off the street and the system after the police do their job, simply puts these bad/foolish people back on the street and our public is still at risk and the police are out having to catch them all over again. **redacted**. Plus we need more dterants that have a bite and stop **redacted**. If our smart society put their heads together, there can be better ways to handle illegal people in our society and time to do something, because the old system is not working. Lawyers and that court system is what is broken. That is where human rights are	1/6/2022 10:05 AM

	badly abused and is a problem, somebody has to fix this. It is the history of the system history that let's criminals back on the street over and over again. Judges are not being strong and the gift of the gab of Lawyers that help their client who did wrong, get away with a crime. ALSO Aside from the drugs and guns, other money to be made can be in getting a police type system that catches the bad drivers, bike riders and pedestrians who do not follow the law. There is a money making pit there. I have been cut off by many bad drivers who speed and do not turn signals on and go through red lights. Bike riders who do not signal. Semi trucks seem to be tipping over on corners, speeds do that. They need more tickets. Police System need to get help to balance and need help in other areas so they do not need to catch the same criminals over and over. ***redacted***. Why are we not ticketing the illegal parking and snow cleaning blockers. City could collect money from sources like that and stop taxing the honest and rule abiding.	
1874	As citizens of the city it is difficult for individuals to identify best funding plans as most individuals do not hold a full grasp on the severity of the issues facing the winnipeg police. Further, for a little less than 1% allocation of property tax the city can set up a secondary system of social service network support for struggling individuals including mobile response teams.	1/6/2022 10:04 AM
1875	Council should set it but do so within the context of decreasing funding to the police and increasing funding to social services.	1/6/2022 9:59 AM
1876	The WPS should receive the funding they need to curb the violence in this city. There should be more police, efforts to curb gang violence should be a priority.	1/6/2022 9:56 AM
1877	First thank you for the opportunity to address these issues. Second I think there has to be an overhaul of how the police department is managed and what actual input the City has. It is my understanding the activities of the Police are overseen by the Police Board. Not directly by the city councillors. This is wrong. The police board should be abolished. If I have a particular problem about policing, I call my city councillor who tells me his hands are tied because the the Police board is in charge . I vote for my councillor. - not for the police board members. I am not anti-police. I know several officers both retired and active. I myself applied approx 40 years ago but could not meet standards due to eye sight. Also the bureaucracy that runs the force is out dated and inefficient. As an example why does the force have fully trained, armed officers sitting behind desks taking complaints and doing clerical work? This should be handled by civilian staff under the supervision of a senior officer. Every body else should be on general patrol or other intelligence work. I don't think most people mind a modest increase in the police budget if you can show results. Look at New York City's crime reduction from 1990 to1999. Winnipeg used to be a relatively safe city. Now parts of it are turning into real **redacted**. Also perhaps instead of increasing the police budget parts of it should be diverted to other initiatives. Ex: more mental health workers, more crime reduction programs such as subsidies to buy backyard lighting,fencing,locks, etc. Neighbourhodd watches that actually work, Proper safe housing for homeless/mentally ill. I.e old shipping containers converted to housing. Province should look at tougher sentences for the roots of crime- drug dealers, gun runners, and organized crime etc.	1/6/2022 9:55 AM
1878	under no circumstances should the WPS receive increases to their budget when other areas are suffering.	1/6/2022 9:50 AM
1879	Some money now in the police budget should be used for mental health workers and community services.	1/6/2022 9:49 AM
1880	You can plan for a police budget, but in reality Police are called for everything even when other specialized groups try and make the difference. Rising cost of policing starts because the revolving door of justice. The provincial government should have to contribute as it's not just Winnipegers getting arrested and doing these crimes. Accountability / restitution from the assailants should have a monetary value as well	1/6/2022 9:49 AM
1881	The police service should be required to tighten its belt financially the way that all other government departments have been required to do in the last 30 years. The city should also make a greater effort to secure a reasonable collective agreement with the police union as officers make an unreasonably high wage.	1/6/2022 9:47 AM
1882	Im not sure of the best option but I don't believe in defunding the police. Remember the saying, you do the crime you do the time. It seems that the millennial generation doesn't want the criminals to do the time for their crimes. So let's change the saying to you do the crime you pay for the crime. Examples are to garnishee wages, go after their property, homes, cars and	1/6/2022 9:47 AM

	bank accounts, to cover the yearly cost of policing. I'm not a policeman but I know for a fact that if you send out a non police officer at 3am for a domestic call it wil not end well. City Council and the citizens of Winnipeg have to support our men and women in blue **redacted** and figure it out.	
1883	Police funding should decrease even if this means laying off significant numbers of officers	1/6/2022 9:45 AM
1884	find a way for WPS to save money through wage-pension and retirement costs.	1/6/2022 9:45 AM
1885	The last thing we need is defunding our police force. With crime as high as it is now we need as much protection as possible. The police force we have now is just barely able to keep up with the call volume as it stands now. Before we can cut police funding let's cut crime first.	1/6/2022 9:45 AM
1886	Model 5 is acceptable when covid is over	1/6/2022 9:44 AM
1887	Return seized money and assets back into the police budget.	1/6/2022 9:43 AM
1888	Changes are needed to the way police salaries etc are set. The union needs to let go of pensions which take into overtime as very few unions have that clause in. We need to start looking at cost reduction in a serious way as there is no other way out of this . Some hard decisions need to be taken. We are looking for leadership at both the town hall and the police union.	1/6/2022 9:42 AM
1889	The only reason i have selected any option at all is so you hopefully see my comments. I do not agree with any of the above options. Defund the police, the money can be used so much more effectively in nearly ANY other sector. Our transport, education, health, infrastructure and city services combined all receive a fraction of the total police budget. Reducing crime is proactive not reactive. This survey is a poor excuse pretending to take into consideration the publics opinion. This survey is not objective and does not give the population the opportunity to voice their opinions	1/6/2022 9:41 AM
1890	Calls responded to reflect areas where increases funding and resource are needed. The police are not and will not be mental health experts. Why are they responding the mental health calls? Ex: The new pilot program is simply utilizing funds that should be directed to community resources (community centres, recreational opportunities, family, girls and youth supports) in order to improve the wellness and safety of communities. Propping up police and providing another avenue for them to continue getting funds for a service they're not equipped or appropriate to provide is the wrong approach. There are community safety initiatives that should also be fully funded and supported. Not police. That's just one example. Outcomes are not improving. Clearly providing more funding for police is not having the positive impact or effect in communities some think it would. Redirect those funds so that safety outcomes improve.	1/6/2022 9:41 AM
1891	Instead of city of winnipeg offering $100,000 to Quebec to fight their laws we should meet our budget 1st! Also all the money been spend on unsafe bicycle lanes we should have met the police budget... I find the whole thing kind of out of control!	1/6/2022 9:39 AM
1892	Perhaps if police could go back to specifically dealing with crime and not wasting the resources on social problems and utilize the many well funded social services available, Winnipeg would get much more value from their dollar. We cannot afford police to wear all the hats, they are specialists for crime only, despite public expectations.	1/6/2022 9:35 AM
1893	Utilize other social services to aid in workload. Lean up the internal processes and utilize technology.	1/6/2022 9:34 AM
1894	I'm pro-union and believe law enforcement employees should be entitled to fair pay. I think there are likely other places in the police budget that could be cut. Perhaps we don't need armored vehicles, assault weapons, a helicopter etc when the police's primary focus should be helping keep people safe. If there is an armed insurrection that would require use of such extreme tools, perhaps we can rely on the army. I would not support any increase in budget without significant reform. We need to review the police's use of force policies and reconsider, for instance, whether the officers who write up traffic enforcement tickets need the ability to instantly kill anyone who they feel threatens them in the slightest. It seems like police have the attitude that they need to be excessively cautious and untrusting of citizens, as they can never know who is actually trying to comply or who may be about to pull a gun on them. I would argue that this burden should fall on the police, not on the everyday citizen. We have had many instances where the police kill someone under questionable circumstances. I am not suggesting that it would be less of a tragedy if a police officer was on the other side of that	1/6/2022 9:34 AM

	exchange, but police officers volunteer to put themselves in harms way. The same way many of our other brave public servants do. Citizens should not have to live in fear that they may make a small mistake in the presence of an officer and end up killed. Many citizens distrust the police, and with good reason. If the police want to present themselves as the line between order and disorder, if they want to think of themselves as warriors, then they need to be willing to make real sacrifices for others. Police have to be willing to walk into uncomfortable situations with the understanding that their life may be in danger, but they cannot take agressive action until this is confirmed to be true. The life of a soldier or a police officer are not worth less than that of an average citizen, but the life of an average citizen should be worth more to a soldier or a police officer than their own. The current arrangement seems to often have this idea flipped on its head. The way the police comport themselves tends to invoke fear more than trust in the communities they patrol. If the police are having difficulty meeting their budgetary needs, then it is absolutely essential that we take this opportunity to review what the police do and how they do it. Perhaps we can reach a compromise where police officers feel appreciated and are well paid for their service while also creating an atmosphere of safety and accountability. Citizens and police need not be at odds. Police should not be, or be seen to be, a violent tool of the state for supressing minorities, creating an atmosphere of fear, or encouraging authoritarian policies.	
1895	City needs to **redacted** put the money where it should go and the police need to stop worrying about giving **redacted** tickets like exhaust and lowered and others etc and the police need to start fighting crime **redacted**.	1/6/2022 9:32 AM
1896	None of these options take into consideration community needs and programs that are proven to help reduce crime. The police budget should be analyzed often to ensure that the use of public funding is effective.	1/6/2022 9:25 AM
1897	I don't feel policing is the answer! Cut the police and put half of that money into community building, social services.	1/6/2022 9:22 AM
1898	Council sets reasonable budget with input from citizens. Ie. If citizens would rather allocated some of the potential police funding to fund other community/ safe initiatives. Like reducing homelessness, shelters, drug help, that may help reduce crimes. Do that also based on data and statistics, potentially for what other cities have seen help reduce crime.	1/6/2022 9:21 AM
1899	While we understand the need to increase wages we also believe that fiscal responsibility involves future planning and not burning through an entire budget every year. We believe the police recieved more than adequate funding and that their issues lie in cultural sensitivity not fiscally rooted problems. We would prefer to see no increase to the police budget and instead see increases to other services which actually reduce situations that contribute to high crime rates such as poverty and substance abuse.	1/6/2022 9:20 AM
1900	Reduce it.	1/6/2022 9:18 AM
1901	The cost for policing the City of Winnipeg is out of control. The wages, benefits and pensions are ridiculous. **redacted**	1/6/2022 9:15 AM
1902	How is it the Winnipeg has the highest Officer/ citizen rate in Canada?	1/6/2022 9:10 AM
1903	Look at community based approaches rather than policing solutions, to properly deal with socioeconomic disparities that lead to increased demands on police services. What are other jurisdictions doing successfully to proactively address the social determinants of crime rather than having a policing solution to everything?	1/6/2022 9:09 AM
1904	It is unacceptable that unions have so much power to continue to negotiate never ending increases to salaries and pensions off of tax payers. Many businesses and individuals (tax payers) have taken hits to their bottom line but are forever expected to continue to increase budgets of police, fire and teachers. Completely unacceptable and disgusting. The police do not need to continue to purchase luxuries like robot dogs. Stop with this to help balance their budgets.	1/6/2022 9:09 AM
1905	Fund services that prevent crime, such as addiction, social services, housing, rather then militarizing the police	1/6/2022 9:08 AM
1906	We already pay an unsustainable amount of money for the police, and all of these options result in more money for the police. We need to invest in our communities instead of spending all our money on policing poverty.	1/6/2022 9:06 AM

1907	Overtime included in pensions is crazy. Wages for police are way too high.	1/6/2022 9:00 AM
1908	Begin by defunding the WPS. Take a long term goal of 5 years to reduce funding by at least 40%. Reallocate funds to social programming for youth, improved active transport infrastructure, plow **redacted** sidewalks during winter and establish a site for safe and supervised drug consumption for our most vulnerable citizens. After these 5 years begin a plan to abolish the WPS entirely by 2032.	1/6/2022 8:58 AM
1909	Police today already receive too much money. Why are 3/4 of the options presented proposing an increase to their budget? That's unacceptable.	1/6/2022 8:54 AM
1910	Determine the per capita cost of funding cities around the world with low crime rates and use that as a benchmark to set the police budget	1/6/2022 8:54 AM
1911	The Winnipeg Police receive too much funding, funding needs to go to other social services like HEALTH CARE. The police DO NOT need more money they need WAGE CUTS.	1/6/2022 8:50 AM
1912	I think all these options are awful. The WPS' budget is absurdly high and that leads to underfunding of departments and services that actually matter and are needed by Winnipeggers. The WPS budget should be reduced by at least 25 per cent and that money should be given to social services that are actually equipped to deal with issues such as homelessness, mental illness, and wellness checks.	1/6/2022 8:48 AM
1913	**redacted**	1/6/2022 8:47 AM
1914	If you actually want crime prevention you need to better find community services, addiction treatment, and food banks. You cut all their funding to give police more money which does nothing to help the root of the problem. Also you need more mental health crisis workers to do community checks rather than people. If you overhauled the system so police aren't who are needed for every call you wouldn't need more money	1/6/2022 8:44 AM
1915	I believe there needs to be a complete review of current positions held within the policing. From word of mouth there are very senior paid people that just "hang around" and hold significantly lower paying positions but are continually making their "full" pay. I believe the hiring system and placement system is corrupt in a way that "unfit" police personal (unable to participate in an active police roll - as the general public would view them as) need to scale back their pay to what they are capable of doing. a 70 year old man that used to walk the beat, inspector, enforcement, etc, that now casually plugs around at a desk making 100k plus does not seem like a good use of the publics funding. A cost savings analysis into current age, fit category, and current job title would go a long way in savings million of dollars annually. New cconstables starting out making roughly 60k and quickly make their way up to 100 and north. Same should happen as you age out. Decrease in real responsibility, decrease in pay, increase in new 'hands on' police that can actually make a difference in the community rather than old washed up folks in one way or another, using the system.	1/6/2022 8:44 AM
1916	I think we should explore defunding and reallocating those funds to departments that can actually prevent crime, instead of coming in after it has occurred. To my mind, none of the above options consider the most vulnerable in our city, who are often misunderstood or mistreated by police. Further, our police don't seem to demonstrate any sense of responsibility in exchange for their funding, **redacted** recent call for a state of emergency reveals. The police shouldn't get to wilfully flout public health orders and then get more money when members inevitably contract a pandemic. Especially not when those working in other areas, such as education, are suffering. We don't need more police, and the police we have don't need more money. We need integrative services that will ensure public safety from harms including the police.	1/6/2022 8:44 AM
1917	It is time to defund the police in Winnipeg and use those funds for social services. Policing does not prevent crime or keep communities safe. Winnipeg police cause harm.	1/6/2022 8:42 AM
1918	As the city population grows, it makes sense that the size, scope and cost of policing grows. The scope of policing has grown to include many mental health and social conditions which is a costly approach to managing those situations. The shared approach project to managing drunk people on downtown streets (Police, Fire, Main Street Project, Downtown Biz) is a good starting point to figure out where police presence could be reduced and other agencies more involved, thereby reducing costs. But realistically in a domestic violence incident for example, a social worker would not be safe going in alone and requires the presence of a police officer to ensure safety. Simple slogans like "defund the police" do not capture the complexity and	1/6/2022 8:41 AM

	danger that police face on a daily basis. City officials and the police chief need to show more support for what the police do.	
1919	The police should be doing their jobs not behind a desk or answering phones	1/6/2022 8:39 AM
1920	Try improving moral in WPS. Poor moral costs innocent lives. Review all police related killings. Think of families devastated by these acts.	1/6/2022 8:39 AM
1921	We need to raise taxes (via property or levy) if we want to maintain service quality just to deal with rate of inflation alone. coupling that with increased demand for services, i think this question of funding model is only 1 part of the larger picture about the type of city we want and how we want to run it. there's enough evidence around the world that overly policed communities are detrimental. we also know that our police service has an over-inflated service program where they deal with way tooo much that once used to be outside of their scope of service. it's worth considering offloading some of the less egregious matters away from the police to more affordable service providers (example: repeat offenders with mental health related issues). this of course is a much larger issue to solve as it involves a number of other players, some of which are beyond the scope of COW (provincial & federal bodies). But status quo is most definitely unsustainable long-term, so is pegging anything to inflation. we need to get fellow winnipegers (& more importantly our politicians) continue pretending that we can continue to live in a great city without raising taxes. it's absurd at best & out-right dangerous at worst.	1/6/2022 8:39 AM
1922	Ignore my response to question 9 because none of the presented models are acceptable. The media have reported that up to 80% of the police 911 calls are not for criminal matters - wellness checks, traffic control, homeless people, etc. The pension plan is too generous, including OT and special event income being counted. Wages are another area requiring restraint, with most of the City's highest paid employees being officers. Basic problem is that without restraint, the police budget will continue to take an ever increasing share of the budget. While the police do a great job, most of their activity is jobs that could be done better by others, such as social workers, mediators, etc. Council should spend the money like it is their own rather than coming from some revenue stream.	1/6/2022 8:37 AM
1923	I believe using property tax hikes to fund policing is both unfair toward property owners and unstable as a source of revenue. Using a public safety levy model ensures that the cost burden is shared equally among all city residents who would benefit from enhanced policing. I am however unclear as to how the increase in value and effectiveness of policing will be measured for each of the options. How will the city measure and thus ensure that residents receive greater value for the increased cost?	1/6/2022 8:34 AM
1924	Cut funding to the police. Stop giving them budget increases and instead give the money to fund other public services. None of the options are acceptable but I've selected option 2 since it gives them the least money.	1/6/2022 8:32 AM
1925	The city has too many things on it's plate. Police, Fire, snow removal, mosquitos should ne first among equals.	1/6/2022 8:32 AM
1926	Implement a hiring freeze and downsize the WPS. We cannot continue to fund **redacted** WPS at the cost of every other public service. Invest in community social services, including mental health response teams, housing first initiatives, safe injection sites, to address causes of crime. DEFUND THE POLICE.	1/6/2022 8:30 AM
1927	We should defund the police and divert those resources to what actually prevents crime: social services.	1/6/2022 8:29 AM
1928	I think it is very important to have people eg. physcologist trained to deal with the public with mental health issues. I do not feel that the police in general have enough training and support to deal with these people. We need to get peole off the streets and into programs to help with their mental health and a safe place to live. Also the police officers should have cameras on their person while on duty to record any interaction with the public.	1/6/2022 8:28 AM
1929	More importantly, the police budget should have more transparency, with funds redirected to mental health services and other 'front line' responses to citizens in need, to help reduce the root causes of crime and reduce negative outcomes from inappropriate police responses to situations that could be handled differently.	1/6/2022 8:22 AM
1930	The city needs to be more accountable with spending. Lawsuits over the past few years have lost the tax payers money. The police, fire those should be a top priority. Infrastructure should	1/6/2022 8:21 AM

	be up there too. Stop wasting taxpayers money **redacted**.	
1931	Funding the WPS is crippling the city. Pensionable overtime is ludicrous and removing it should be the #1 priority for the city during the next collective bargaining agreement period. Clearly, an overpaid police force has not reduced crime in Winnipeg. Diverting funds from the WPS budget to programs that would actually look at crime prevention and the welfare of Winnipegers is an obvious option that should be on the table.	1/6/2022 8:17 AM
1932	Cut the budget	1/6/2022 8:16 AM
1933	if the city wants money they should be looking at property taxes which have been unfairly frozen for too long while other expenses that hurt poor working people have gone up. I don't know why the police need more money when they're already the largest proportion of the city's expenses and adding cops doesn't reduce crime. use what you have to retrain for anti-racism and better mental health understanding so people who are sick and people who aren't white don't get brutalized when they need help or just to be left alone.	1/6/2022 8:16 AM
1934	Council needs to start from scratch and lower police budget and Stop OT tied to pension. More government over-site on how all money is spent and an independent entity to check all police conduct. We must have cameras on officers at all times including interrogations.	1/6/2022 8:15 AM
1935	Restructure public safety.... Tiering police work and pay scales - 80% percent of police work is low risk/low skill and could be lower pay scale. Also, establish competing public safety entities or have low risk police funding come directly from the areas they serve (citizen based funding) and the city manages high risk and public spaces. There must be many models and approaches. Just some ideas off the top and not really looking at pros/cons. It seems that change is needed to how policing is organized and managed.	1/6/2022 8:15 AM
1936	need an option with a more significant decrease in funding	1/6/2022 8:09 AM
1937	if the city started enforcing penalties for vehicles driving through school bus stop signs ($672.00 I think), millions could be raised	1/6/2022 8:08 AM
1938	The police can do their best on curbing expenses but our city has a high crime rate so most of the over budget is overtime due to these investigations. This falls on our city as a whole to stop crime until then everyone has to pay for it.	1/6/2022 8:06 AM
1939	Too much finding is allocated to policing. The city needs to redirect its budget towards human needs and social infrastructure, including transit.	1/6/2022 8:04 AM
1940	Police should not be doing any type of social service or mental health calls. Those should be left to other professionals better suited for this types of visits. Also if the City better funded recreation over the long term policing costs would not be as high as there would be fewer interactions with youth if they have things to keep them busy.	1/6/2022 7:59 AM
1941	It might be possible to lower the budget if you get the properly administered social programs helping those at the highest risk for committing crime in the first place.	1/6/2022 7:59 AM
1942	How about stop all the OT and not have OT accounted towards their pension. If other city departments can't use OT towards their pension why do the WPS get to?? Make it fair across the board. They are amongst the highest paid City employees. Stop with the ridiculous contract wage increases. There's your money savings.	1/6/2022 7:56 AM
1943	Tax payers in Winnipeg cannot take on a special levy to fund the Police. Overtime abuse needs to be addressed as does rates of increases. WSP employees on every level have a higher rate of pay than similar COW employees-starting with clerical, maintenance, IT. I have no problem with the rate of pay for Officers, however the increases are unsustainable for tax payers and that needs to be addressed.	1/6/2022 7:49 AM
1944	Some of the other models could work if the police budget wasn’t already so wildly out of control. It would be nice to have an option that reallocates existing budget to more humane intervening tactics and solutions outside of the WPS. This is largely the reason I chose Funding Model 5, the only option that would reduce the city’s knee jerk oppressive response to situations caused by racial and societal inequities as well as a broken health/mental health care system.	1/6/2022 7:49 AM
1945	All models except the existing one (Module 1) remove WPS's accountability the the public and their elected members on council. Allocation of a limited pool of public money is a problem all	1/6/2022 7:49 AM

	areas of the city need to work with, including WPS. Pegging to inflation or revenue removes motivation for WPS to find efficiencies or explore cost saving option as opportunity presents.	
1946	Police funding should be evidence based. It should not be determined by politicians. Pegging the funding to inflation is not acceptable when the police budget is already dominating civic expenses. The police service should be partially funded by the Province of Manitoba. There should be an independent board that sets objectives and puts together funding requests that are reviewed by another independent board (perhaps the police board) and then it gets confirmed by city council. I support the Winnipeg Police and know they have to deal with a lot. However, the police service cannot consume such an unsustainable amount of civic tax dollars. We know that policing is not preventive, and we need to implore the other levels of government to step up and properly fund affordable housing, addictions services, mental health and other social services that are currently missing (and none of these should be funded by the City, as they are not able to be funded with the City's limited funding model. These are clearly provincial and federal responsibilities that are being avoided). Do better.	1/6/2022 7:48 AM
1947	Do not reduce the police budget. They along with firefighters and paramedics that earn the wages. They need the best and most advanced tools to protect us and themselves.	1/6/2022 7:46 AM
1948	Reduce the public spending on the WPS budget. At almost 30% Winnipeg spends more per capita than any other city on their police budget. That is money that could be spent to bolster other public services which would lead to a safer city than just putting more cops on the streets.	1/6/2022 7:44 AM
1949	None of these options considers a staged lowering of funding. My belief is that the Winnipeg police service has too much funding. This is evidenced by the fact that their proportion of the overall city budget is higher than other similarly sized cities. Further, it is evidenced by the police departments ability to purchase and maintain high priced military tools. The police do not provide a service that I find valuable. I had my garage broken into last year and I filed a police report. The police showed up and basically said they wouldn't be investigating. I found one of my bikes that was stolen for sale online and I contacted the police to help me get it back, they said it was the weekend and the officers that did that wouldn't be in until Monday. Useless. Meanwhile they continue to harass citizens and believe that they are above the law. Recent IIU findings that illegal police behaviour shouldn't be charged is evidence of this. My preferred model is a staged defunding of the police until the police funding is in line with similarly sized municipalities in Canada and then tied to inflation thereafter.	1/6/2022 7:41 AM
1950	None of the options indicate a plan to shrink the police budgets size over time. 25% of the cities budget is unsustainable. It is chocking other critical departments.	1/6/2022 7:37 AM
1951	There wasn't an option to decrease the budget and allocate resources to address the underlying issues. I'd like to see a sliding scale option that decreases over time, ex. - by 10% per year over 3 years	1/6/2022 7:36 AM
1952	this would also include any other police related funding	1/6/2022 7:33 AM
1953	Higher taxes/fees for property owners that have a tendency to attract and house irresponsible and/or criminal active where police repeatedly have to show up.	1/6/2022 7:31 AM
1954	These options do not speak to citizens sense of safety and perceived value of service. Very poorly constructed survey	1/6/2022 7:28 AM
1955	We don't have enough police as it is and since salaries make up so much of the budget, how are they to improve technology which makes them more efficient and productive? From what I hear, the city charges them for rent and gas and cars so the budget isn't really what the city is giving them anyways.	1/6/2022 7:27 AM
1956	We can not afford to cut police funding. Especially since the city took the police pension funds and used them. It shows us how inept the people incharge are. Besides paying the money back the should be in jail for theft. The price we paid is overtime is part of pensiónale earnings. The city must keep paying.	1/6/2022 7:25 AM
1957	Manitoba is already pays the highest taxes in the country, we do NOT need another tax levy. You need to cut overpaid politician salaries, stop pensionable overtime, and change the pension to DC - take the money from there	1/6/2022 7:23 AM
1958	There's nothing in here tied to actual training or mental health services or anything that would actually prevent the budget from skyrocketing. Policing has to be smarter, not larger.	1/6/2022 7:23 AM

1959	I don't have the answers to these tough questions. I do know in the North end we receive little help with our break ins and constant people goi G through our yards.	1/6/2022 7:21 AM
1960	I think it's time our elected officials start showing more support for our police service . They have a job most of us would never want and without their service we all would not want to live in the kind of society that would be left. Recruitment of qualified candidates is going to become harder with all of the negativity in the media etc. Maintaining good wages, benefits and pensions will be important in recruitment and keeping officers. I personally support them 100 percent. I wonder how city council and the Mayors office would feel if the same survey was drafted to determine their salaries and budgets? I think public input has its place but it also gives a forum for every anti police person out there. I truly hope that there will much thought and consideration to this and not a knee jerk reaction . Unless you survey every Winnipeg tax payer you will not get a truly unbiased opinion on this .	1/6/2022 7:19 AM
1961	The police budget should be at least halved in favour of more worthwhile public services	1/6/2022 7:15 AM
1962	Police should be last priority	1/6/2022 7:13 AM
1963	I think the Police budget is too much, there are better ways to spend our tax dollars. While there are good things about having a City police force, the image of the police has fallen much in the last few years. They are not providing a service that people trust and the tax dollars should be put towards services that reduce harm not give more money to a group of people that seem above the laws they are inforcing.	1/6/2022 7:01 AM
1964	We are currently using an archaic system (aka the status quo) which highly incentives public officials and the city in general to cede more and more money to a continuously militarizing police force which fails to produce increased public safety along with its massive increase in public funding. It's clear that there is broad public distrust in regards to the Winnipeg police force, and Winnipeg, as a city, has an opportunity to move towards a more sophisticated means of improving public safety for its citizens: re-allocating a massively bloated police budget towards improved social services such as improved public housing initiatives, mental health crisis response, robust addictions help and therapy services, a safe injection site developed in conjunction with harm-reduction specialists and people who use drugs. The list goes on. We do NOT need to increase the weaponization of our cities public safety– we need to spend money, money which the city already has within its budget, in order to end the endless cycle of criminalizing poverty and disproportionate incarceration of marginalized and racialized communities. Please help this city.	1/6/2022 6:54 AM
1965	Des solutions pour réduire la pauvreté et l'isolement des marginaux. Prendre de l'argent (un pourcentage) designé aux services de police et l'investir dans les services sociaux.... nous réduirons les réponses aux crises qui alimentent ces dépenses (qui augmentes sans cesse) ET ça conduira à une société meilleure!	1/6/2022 6:53 AM
1966	Defund the police and restructure the distribution of resources to access facilities, government services to address root causes of homelessness and crime. If the police want to make money. Go ticket DUI's **redacted**	1/6/2022 6:49 AM
1967	Police funding should cut back on military type of training and equipment and focus on partnerships with psychologists, aboriginal elders and other less expensive staffing and response options. Police should also be expected to live within the city of Winnipeg to contribute to the tax base and be part of the community they serve.	1/6/2022 6:48 AM
1968	The WPS currently accounts for 27% of the budget, which is extremely high. In the past years we've seen cuts to many essential services. I don't see why the police would be exempt from cuts. It would be more valuable to focus on funding other areas, like affordable housing programs and affordable transportation. Studies have shown that when people don't have the supports and services they need, crime increases. The WPS is a bandaid solution to this issue.	1/6/2022 6:45 AM
1969	Funding should be used for prevention instead of reaction. Fund mental health services, social workers, homeless outreach, controlled substance centers. Then not so many police would be needed.	1/6/2022 6:44 AM
1970	Im less concerned about the method of funding than i am about ensuring that pay scale is in line with other cities relative to cost of living, that respurces are used efficiently, that ridiculous pensionable overtime is removed, etc	1/6/2022 6:41 AM
1971	make changes to the ridiculous gold plated pension plan	1/6/2022 6:21 AM

1972	How about following the Harvard Review of the police service. Reduce the use cases for police, reduces calls for service and diminishes their bargaining position. Currently they are being used for more social issues which are being used in bargaining to get wages. Stop that cycle. Police need to do their specific function again.	1/6/2022 6:12 AM
1973	There are way too many loopholes in these options. For example, raising property tax is way too easy an option for over paid police services. Property tax will NEVER go down. INFLATION...sure it happens every year but I haven't seen a raise based on inflation in over 25 years and I can't sustain their pay increases. SHOULD TAKE A SERIOUS LOOK AT THEIR OVERTIME PAY STRUCTURE. Adjusting this flawed and corrupt way of how they are paid. For example...all they have to do is get and answer a phone call for a call-out (and some request this call knowing full well they are going to say "no" to the OT situation) and THEY GET PAID 4 HOURS for this action of picking up their phone. That's a LOT of pay for no actual response to a police request to work. This is disgusting practice. No wonder they fall short on budget.	1/6/2022 6:11 AM
1974	The budgets in the last several years have been entirely too large and included wholly unnecessary very large capital expenditures on militaristic vehicles and equipment.	1/6/2022 6:03 AM
1975	Freeze their salaries until they are the same position in Canada cities rankings as WPGs nurses/teachers. Tie any future increases to their performance & the increases negotiated for other public city employees- reduction in crimes, community outreach,	1/6/2022 5:51 AM
1976	Use dollar per capita funding. Wpg police is paid higher than other cities in Canada	1/6/2022 5:08 AM
1977	One of the most important things funded should be the Police department. More funding means more training which also assists. The places that remove funding have seen massive spikes in major crime and will end up costly millions more to try and recover, IF they can even save some of these cities now. I believe funding the police is important enough that I would pay an additional levy to make sure they are funded properly.	1/6/2022 4:03 AM
1978	I think more money needs to be invested in Mental Health & Addictions. I think if we had more funded programs for people who need help. Its expensive but worth it in the long run.	1/6/2022 3:43 AM
1979	I don’t know that any of these options are clear winners. What I do believe is that police aren’t the answer to all of the calls that they currently go to. Police are a reaction and we need to see some prevention measures and programs in this city. Police do serve a purpose, but having them sit at the RBC vaccine site and collect overtime is not it. Having them deal with mental health calls is not it.	1/6/2022 3:31 AM
1980	Audit the WPS. Less overtime for officers, for petty reasons. Such as attending court for traffic violations. It’s ridiculous.	1/6/2022 3:08 AM
1981	The Winnipeg Police Board should determine an appropriate budget for the police, not City Councillors. Police oversight is the responsibility of the Board not Council, including budget oversight.	1/6/2022 3:00 AM
1982	Anything but a decrease in funding is unacceptable and unsustainable	1/6/2022 2:31 AM
1983	The City already spends as astronomical proportion of tax payers money on the police even though the police mainly reacts to security problems instead of averting them. There are many essential services such as housing for the poor which are underfunded so why would you want to increase police funding?	1/6/2022 2:23 AM
1984	Every WPS member who doesn't live inside the perimeter will be docked 5% of their salary to cover their lack of contribution to the city of Winnipeg's bloated police budget. They're smart enough to know that you'd have to be a fool to pay taxes in Winnipeg to cover their bloated indexed OT pensions.	1/6/2022 1:47 AM
1985	There should be a 911 levy on telephone bills like almost every other province. This would likely require provincial legislation that is not directly controlled by City of Winnipeg, but the phone levy model seems to work everywhere else so why not here?	1/6/2022 1:39 AM
1986	In addition to the taxation model . you need to garner more funds from areas where police are constantly attending. For example a slum landlord, where police attend on a regular basis should pay a fair share as opposed to a home in Tuxedo where the police rarely attend.	1/6/2022 1:18 AM
1987	Cut down on police overtime. Redeploy other units to reduce general patrol overtime.	1/6/2022 1:15 AM

1988	The police have a ridiculous amount of the city's budget. They are robbing us of community services. Slash the police budget and fund some useful services. Get advice from the people who propose to defund the police. They have expertise in this area. Stop thinking that defunding the police is radical and instead think of it as practical and prudent.	1/6/2022 1:15 AM
1989	Funding should be significantly shifted to preventative approaches such as re-allocating police budgets to hire mental health specialists, addictions support, help folks find affordable housing, etc. Policing budget should be reduced significantly and the role of policing itself reduced to specific situations that require their expertise.	1/6/2022 1:13 AM
1990	The WPS actively causes harm to citizens, especially those already disadvantaged due to poverty, racism, and intergenerational trauma. With so much conversation about police reform around the world, it's embarassing that our city has so little vision and foresight to find safer and more effective alternatives to our current model of policing. Right now, it feels as thought the city and the budget is held hostage by the police service, actively drawing precious financial resources away from preventative social services which end up more cost effective in the long term. Three years ago, I called 911 while hiding in my home during a home invasion and it took the police eight hours to respond. I had to escape while on the line with 911 because no police were available. This is not a matter of understaffing or budget cuts. This is simply a matter of the current police resources being deployed to protect property and businesses before citizens. Frankly, that the WPS would have the audacity to ask for an even larger share of our city's budget is disgusting.	1/6/2022 1:04 AM
1991	Don't raise taxes for extra funding. Find the funds elsewhere, in less important areas of services and money being given to special interest groups. Police, fire and ambulance services should be the first priority. Everything else is secondary.	1/6/2022 1:03 AM
1992	More transparency. Community improvement instead of police.	1/6/2022 1:02 AM
1993	None of the models are acceptable because the WPS already takes too much of the city’s budget. Defund the police.	1/6/2022 12:55 AM
1994	Police funding in this city is grossly disproportionate to other municipal services. We need more mental health resources, community resources, and conflict resolution experts, and less militaristic SWAT vehicles, helicopters, and heavily armed police officers. We could be preventing crime and violence in the first place rather than responding to it. Mass transit, community centres, libraries, cycling infrastructure, parks, day camps, recreational programs, mental health clinics and so in are integral services in need of better funding - if we invest in these, crime is all but guaranteed to go down without the need for growing an already bloated police budget.	1/6/2022 12:42 AM
1995	RISE IN CRIME AND NEED FOR STOPPING PROTESTS AND DESTRUCTION AS WHAT HAPPENED ON JULY 1, 2021. NO MORE OF A CERTAIN GROUP GETTING AWAY WITH CRIME AND BURNING THE CANADIAN FLAG PLUS!!	1/6/2022 12:32 AM
1996	Cut the police budget and use the money on life sustaining services that help people. 24/7 shelters, libraries, community services, transit, housing etc.	1/6/2022 12:27 AM
1997	Police pensions and benefits are way out of line and are not affordable or sustainable. Wasted money on high priced equipment such as an armored vehicle in a city of our size which virtually never gets used other than in parades. We need an affordable police service not a military installation.	1/6/2022 12:14 AM
1998	I just think we are taxed enough. They have to control there spending better. Speaking as a low income person. No more adding expectations of the public paying for this.	1/6/2022 12:09 AM
1999	The WPS needs to do like everyone else - figure out how to live within your means. Focus on the high value activities and stop doing things like preying on motorists doing 10k over in speed trap areas.	1/6/2022 12:05 AM
2000	Police budgets should be less about officers and more about immunity supports and crime prevention programs.	1/6/2022 12:01 AM
2001	There are too many hidden salaries : jobs and unnecessary expenses in the police budget. Someone outside the service needs to talk to the rank and file and I’m. Retain you would find savings. They have become too good at hiding people and money. I don’t trust them. I want to. I really do but I have seen and heard too much! Forensic audit time.	1/6/2022 12:01 AM
2002	Removal of pensionable OT is of critical importance. Said simply, police officers in Winnipeg	1/5/2022 11:58 PM

	are paid too much, and it will take time but we need to begin corrective action before the department and union's stranglehold on the city grows even stronger.	
2003	I feel like the police budget is too high. The lack of funding to other municipal services means that police end up being over-utilized for tasks that they shouldn't have to do (like non-crime related emergency response, mental health calls, etc). If the city allots the police less money and some of these other services get more funding (i.e. mental health services, addictions services, housing, etc.), I think it would make a big difference in how people in Winnipeg view the police, and also in the ability of people to stay out of trouble with the police.	1/5/2022 11:55 PM
2004	Police funding appears to be in competition with other social/community development funding in the city. The city does not fund housing and food security initiatives at an appropriate level	1/5/2022 11:54 PM
2005	The city of Winnipeg should define the budget for the police and have control over increasing or decreasing it. I don't think it should take up as much of the budget as it currently does. At the very least, we should be actively working to decrease the budget to be comparable to similar sized cities.	1/5/2022 11:49 PM
2006	Decrease the police budget and invest in social services instead. Maybe they could sell their helicopter, tank, and robotic dog to start with.	1/5/2022 11:43 PM
2007	Crime isn't connected to inflation or property taxes so it does not seem reasonable to connect WPS funding to either of those. There are other models to be looked at but a lot of the issues WPS deal with are actually the result of cuts to provincial and federal services and programs. There needs to be an uploading of services to the province instead of the constant downloading of services onto the city. IE all costs of crime along provincial or federal roads should be charged back to those levels of government. Houselessness is a provincial responsibility and costs of policing issues resulting from houselessness should be charged to the province. The list goes on but you get the idea. Winnipeg is subsidizing the provincial and federal governments and their fallout of cuts to services they are responsible so let for.	1/5/2022 11:39 PM
2008	POLICE PAY AND PENSIONS ARE TOO HIGH MUCH MORE THAN OTHER CITY EMPLOYEES TIME TO CUT PAY AND HIRE MORE CIVILIAN STAFF NEED ONE PERSON CRUISER CARS IF POLICE OFFICERS A BONUS IF THEY KILL ALL CROOKS MORE EG. $1,000+ POLICE NEED TO BEAT UP CROOKS WHO ARE CAUGHT IN THE ACT OR HAVE PROOF THEY DID THE CRIME	1/5/2022 11:35 PM
2009	Other services have inflationary pressures as well, and they do not have budgets pegged to inflation. The police budget should stop growing and priorities within the police department reassessed. Public safety levy would allow Winnipeggers to see how much the police administration wish to increase the budget each year.	1/5/2022 11:34 PM
2010	There is no option which includes a deliberate and progressive reduction in police funding which includes a reallocation of resources to mental health supports, addictions supports, poverty alleviation, housing, education and other means of reducing crime by preventing it.	1/5/2022 11:33 PM
2011	Reduce the compensation for senior (white shirt) police executive. This is an administrative role that deserves less compensation than a frontline officers. The compensation for police service executive should be tired to their ability to mange within the assigned budget.	1/5/2022 11:16 PM
2012	I have only selected Funding Model 5 from the above because it is required, and believe all of these models to be totally unacceptable. None address the critical need to re-allocate funding from the Winnipeg Police to the community. Public safety derives from healthy relationships with people and fulfilling basic needs. The goal should be to fund the building of a robust community infrastructure that works pro-actively to de-escalate violent situations and more importantly, prevent them by guaranteeing universal access to necessities. With the police budget already sitting between 304-312 million dollars (over 25% of the City of Winnipeg budget), we dealing with a massive sum that if reduced even simply through the abolishment of unnecessary surveillance to start (helicopter, body cams) could be put toward overall community funding which only receives a budget one-third of the size. As an example, a 24-hour safe space could be run for $312,000 a year. Also, a portion of the budget could be re-allocated to training social workers in de-escalating violent situations and mental health crises. I urge you to take a closer look at how this re-allocation of funds could begin to shift the system toward prioritizing the safety and well-being. We cannot stand aside and allow the city to starve communities of services in order to perpetuate violence and fear against citizens who are victims of a broken system.	1/5/2022 11:10 PM
2013	Balance with investment in core need items such as housing, health, social services and	1/5/2022 11:09 PM

	education.	
2014	The current funding model where council sets the budget is pointless, because council is held hostage by arbitration when the police challenge the budget. Council must regain the ability to set realistic budgets that are not subject to the whims of arbitrators with no regard to the City/taxpayer's ability to pay.	1/5/2022 11:09 PM
2015	I would prefer for the police department to have its funding gradually reduced, at something like -15% per year, and have that money reallocated to community services, mental health care, services for newcomers, for people with FASD, and other services for marginalized folks.	1/5/2022 11:09 PM
2016	Pensionable overtime should be removed in next set of negotiations. This is a proverbial hill to die in and is simply not sustainable.	1/5/2022 11:06 PM
2017	Funding constantly goes up for police and crime is always WORSE. Funding should be tied to results.	1/5/2022 11:06 PM
2018	A new Mayor and new Council	1/5/2022 11:05 PM
2019	Put money towards reducing recidivism. Invest in social services, like addictions and mental health. Take that money from the police budget.	1/5/2022 11:04 PM
2020	Less pension	1/5/2022 11:02 PM
2021	I would like less funding allocated to violence and more money allocated to incorporating mental health professionals into first responder situations	1/5/2022 11:01 PM
2022	There needs to be more oversight and accountability, to ensure funding is used the best way possible. Things like overtime and the pension should be reviewed and addressed in order to cut costs	1/5/2022 10:59 PM
2023	Divert police budgets for preventive measures like addiction treatment, mental health treatment, housing and the homeless	1/5/2022 10:58 PM
2024	If you want to stop police budgets from increasing then have the health sector deal with mental health issues and non-suspicious deaths. Waste of police resources	1/5/2022 10:56 PM
2025	The Council should set the Budget, and should make their decision based on community input, research evidence and prioritize indigenous peoples input.	1/5/2022 10:55 PM
2026	The current model at least recognizes that policing is not a need on its own; our society has a variety of interconnected needs and increasing funding for housing, safe injection sites, addiction services, and social workers would decrease the need for policing. If Winnipeg Police Service is actually working in the interest of public safety, it's stated goal should be to decrease the need for police by directing public funds elsewhere.	1/5/2022 10:53 PM
2027	This is an incredibly biased survey that does not give any option for us to disagree with ANY further increases to the police budget. They are not protecting the city and they do not make us feel safe.	1/5/2022 10:51 PM
2028	Kill the pension on overtime hours, this should never have been allowed in to their contract	1/5/2022 10:47 PM
2029	I think funding model 1 is a good model but too much funding is going towards police budget when other services like sustainability, water and waste, public transit, or indigenous relations. So I would have selected model 5 as it appears to be the one to reduce the police budget, but I am unsure about it in the long term.	1/5/2022 10:47 PM
2030	Police Pension Plan is unaffordable as one of the most expensive in the country. Make more and better use of Cadets.	1/5/2022 10:46 PM
2031	Ask the Police service of their needs to reduce the crime problem in Winnipeg.	1/5/2022 10:44 PM
2032	Council should set the budget and it should be substantially lower. Money should be put into services that actually improve the life of Winnipeggers, rather than an inflated policed service that is increasingly militarized and shows little benefit to preventing crime	1/5/2022 10:43 PM
2033	Any model that increases the police budget is unacceptable. Their budget is already massive and they should be defunded and those resources re-allocated to programs on a community level that will actually effectively decrease crime rates and make our city safer and healthier.	1/5/2022 10:42 PM
2034	Use of additional forms of revenue should be reviewed. For instance, funds from civil forfeiture	1/5/2022 10:39 PM

	or red light camera revenue should be redirected to community-oriented prevention measures. All police related expenses should only be covered through the regular budget process. This provides more control over police expenses, eliminates any (real or perceived) conflict of interest surrounding photo radar enforcement or civil forfeiture, and provides an avenue for funding to reduce demand for police services.	
2035	None of these are acceptable. Provide an option where police funds are redirected to community services. Reallocating money from policing to other agencies needs to be an option here.	1/5/2022 10:38 PM
2036	Ignore all people who say the police should be defunded. Maybe priorities and or who goes to call should be changed or modified	1/5/2022 10:36 PM
2037	My concern is with how police treat citizens and how they act like they're above the law- even not wearing masks (which is why I bet their covid cases are so high right now), but also treating minority groups with disrespect (racial profiling). I think Manitoba should train 'officers' to act with more competence of mental health and other issues (diversity and empathy training) or send social workers for situations where brutal lethal force is not needed (it never is). Cops are meant to keep all citizens safe including those committing crimes. Disarming situations is the priority- not escalating situations by using brutality. Any cops who do not tow the line of equal respect for all citizens, or who joined the police force because they like the feeling of having power over others should be removed. Abuse of power is not acceptable in any profession. So, it's ultimately not the funding that is the problem, but the whole system of policing.	1/5/2022 10:36 PM
2038	funding to match averages of other similar sized cities. fund traffic officers (speeding, no right turn tickets etc) spend more for outreach officers (people to help the unhoused population) only have a small portion of officers who carry fire arms	1/5/2022 10:35 PM
2039	If the City decides to change funding for the police, then funding should be reallocated to ensure adequate housing, mental health care, addictions services, etc.	1/5/2022 10:35 PM
2040	I want a model where the police budget is cut so that police only focus on core aspects of their job. Other aspects such as wellness checks should be allocated to other departments. The police budget ia not sustainable and City Council needs to get a backbone and allocate funding accordingly. Police funding is not related to crime rates and continue to escalate out of control.	1/5/2022 10:35 PM
2041	Police are getting too much funding. Fund social services before you add more funding to police. Get people off the streets and into homes, reducing downtown crime. Send crisis/social workers to mental health checks instead of untrained officers.	1/5/2022 10:32 PM
2042	Helicopter waste seems ti be grounded more then in the air.	1/5/2022 10:31 PM
2043	One of the key lessons from this pandemic is that health care, education, and public services make us safe - not the police. Winnipeg has the highest police budget of all Canadian cities. Not only is it not sustainable, but it has not made a difference in terms of safety and improving our community. Investing in public, community services will make much more of an impact. Why should the police force get over 30% of our city's funding when our public, community services are being cut, etc?	1/5/2022 10:30 PM
2044	Fine bad drivers. Often. All the time. Fine for no signals. Fine for tinted windows too dark. Fine them! No one seems to be doing this now!	1/5/2022 10:28 PM
2045	EVIDENCE based funding. Form an objective (non police) committee to review outcomes versus money spent on police. We pay a massive percentage of the budget to police but have the highest homicide rate of major cities in Canada. Why? Is our police helicopter actually reducing crime? If not, sell it. Make budget decisions based on outcomes, not fearmongering.	1/5/2022 10:24 PM
2046	It's time to set Salary Cap on all jobs across the board from top to bottom in all City Of Winnipe Departments and Police and Fre Depts. I dont get much of a wage nlr do I have good benefits and no pensions why should I Pay to enhance their luxury lifestyle, I know a Police Officer who is living well, i dont see the need to increase their wages or pensions. In fact, scrap the pensions and our problems is solved overnight, bashed the Unions out! Its unfair to middle and lower class taxpayers to satisfy their luxury lifestyle when they need to learn to live with their means.	1/5/2022 10:24 PM
2047	The police budget should be scaled back significantly before a plan for expanding is tables.	1/5/2022 10:18 PM
2048	focus on specific cost savings 1) pension is way too costly and unsustainable - pensionable	1/5/2022 10:15 PM

	overtime promotes overtime near the end of career to increase future benefits. 2) reduce "civilian" jobs worked by officers 3) sign long term (10 year) salary agreements. example 20% over 10 years. This helps in budgeting and reduces the constant union battles	
2049	I think the police are asked to handle emergencies which they are not trained or equipped to handle (ex mental health issues, addiction issues). I think there are many 911 calls that could be handled by other professionals which could result in lower costs to our system and more effective responses. Also overtime should not be pensionable.	1/5/2022 10:14 PM
2050	Stop allowing overtime to be pensionable.	1/5/2022 10:12 PM
2051	There is a model/method that is not discussed here, but could provide ample funding for the police service and actually improve public safety significantly. While I'm told there is a traffic division in Winnipeg I rarely see this in action. There is very little traditional enforcement of traffic laws here. When I was a young driver or when I would travel to other cities there was a good chance that speeding, intersection infractions and rules of the road were enforced by the police. Currently, drivers feel like they can do whatever they want except for when there's a known red light camera. There is no fear of getting caught. And if drivers have no fear of getting caught then any laws that are in place are almost completely ineffective. Why is there such little enforcement of the highway traffic act here? The revenue generated from REGULAR enforcement would not only provide revenue to the city, but would make the roads much safer. I realize it's the Province that cashes in on infractions, but that agreement needs to change. The Province would also need to help streamline the process by allowing electronic, not handwritten tickets to be issued. Done correctly this could provide enough funds for both crime-related expenses and a REAL traffic division that enforces the law and makes us safer.	1/5/2022 10:11 PM
2052	We don't need more policing. We need better social services. We need people trained to help other people in crisis. The police don't uphold the law, they don't even know the law most of the time. They need more training on the history of Residential Schools and indigenous history to curb the systematic racism that lives inside the WPD. Defund the police. We don't need a military style police force in our tiny city. We don't need a police helicopter.	1/5/2022 10:10 PM
2053	Funding model 6: Defunding. Allocate more of the city budget to other city services such as transit.	1/5/2022 10:08 PM
2054	Police budgets are wasteful! Please consider diverting their funding to community based organizations that can support the drug crisis, mental health crisis, homelessness crisis in our city. We need to support our citizens and community, the police budget is ridiculously inflated. It should not get bigger every year.	1/5/2022 10:07 PM
2055	Police do an amazing job, generally. But they're overpaid. Salaries account for a massive part of their budget, something needs to be done about it.	1/5/2022 10:06 PM
2056	Council needs to use their authority to set the police budget and they need to begin a process of cuts to that budget, beginning with 10% in the next budget. A 10% budget cut to WPS could fund the entire library system for a full year, for example. In general, cut to WPS need to be allocated to municipal services that contribute to a healthy society: libraries, recreation, active transportation, transit, etc.	1/5/2022 10:06 PM
2057	Funding should be based on need. If there is more crime, we need more policing.	1/5/2022 10:06 PM
2058	funding model 1 is acceptable provided city council enforces actual budgetary discipline on the wps	1/5/2022 10:05 PM
2059	The cost of Policing is basically totally dependant on demand, and should not be linked to non-related items such as Property tax or inflation, that makes no sense. Winnipeg needs more Police in various aspects, that's pretty evident. Lastly, during a time when the Federal Government is announcing a hand-out of $40,000,000,000 to first nation 'Programs', we are trying to find ways to scrape up funding to make Winnipeger's feel safer on our streets, i find this quite frankly, disgusting !!	1/5/2022 10:04 PM
2060	The police receive 26% of the city budget, which begs the question, how do the other 22 departments exist on the remaining meager funding. Time to start negotiating a wage, overtime, and budget freeze with the police department, enough of their games.	1/5/2022 10:01 PM
2061	Decrease police wages. Decrease police responsibilities. Spread funding around social enterprises and not-for-profit organizations and social services and Indigenous organizations	1/5/2022 10:00 PM

	that would act to decrease the rate of “crime” in Winnipeg. House people experiencing homelessness. Provide youth with free activities.	
2062	Just read that the city paid $900 000 for cars towed that were blocking street plowing. No brainer to shift this expense to the car owner.	1/5/2022 9:57 PM
2063	Stop paying them so much, an officer in his 3rd year is making over 100thousand. Fire them all break the union start over.	1/5/2022 9:56 PM
2064	The police should be defended and money redirected to social programs and people properly trained to deal with addictions and mental health situations.	1/5/2022 9:56 PM
2065	Defund the police and put that money into social services. Police should not be responding to mental health and/or wellness calls.	1/5/2022 9:54 PM
2066	Reduce funding significantly and redirect to real crime prevention services like housing, food and community services. Proper oversight as set by our bylaws. Not police do what they want and get money anyways current system	1/5/2022 9:53 PM
2067	Completely unacceptable to not consider significant cuts to the Winnipeg police Service, not only because of the negative implant of the WPS but given that public support favors defunding	1/5/2022 9:51 PM
2068	I don't believe that any of the proposed options would cover the costs of funding. So, i chose option 4 out of necessity for this survey. The sad state of affairs in this city and its police is staggering.	1/5/2022 9:44 PM
2069	All of these options are status quo, none of the options include significantly defunding the police, which many people are calling for. This process is a sham.	1/5/2022 9:41 PM
2070	I believe in funding police service but I believe our police are doing way too much social work, and non crisis intervention and those issue should fall under the province to provide more service so police stick to police work not act as social workers.	1/5/2022 9:41 PM
2071	You can't keep raising our taxes. I was astonished to learn policing is 27% of our taxes.	1/5/2022 9:41 PM
2072	Review funding that resolves in overall decreases to City of Winnipeg and WRHA costs (ie, incentives that result in $1 spent equals $10 saved)	1/5/2022 9:36 PM
2073	Defund the police as much as possible.	1/5/2022 9:30 PM
2074	I don’t like either the levy or property tax ideas. The levy idea I feel would charge everyone the same which wouldn’t take a person’s ability to pay or businesses into consideration. I don’t like linking to property taxes because it won’t be as visible. I like the balance of negotiated wages and inflation.	1/5/2022 9:30 PM
2075	We cannot continue to starve all other city departments and services at the expense of the WPS	1/5/2022 9:28 PM
2076	Defund the police and invest in public services and resources. The police do not prevent crime or make our communities safer. Strong, vibrant, healthy communities need to be invested in in order to thrive for the benefit of all. The WPS budget is astronomical, ineffective, and is bankrupting communities. Growth in the WPS budget - so that it is one of, if not the largest per capita policing budget in the country - is a travesty. The city has only suffered for it. Change course now and invest in communities. This is more vital now than ever.	1/5/2022 9:28 PM
2077	DEFUND THE POLICE Replace funding for WPS with funding for programs that decrease crime (housing, counseling, clean drug use sites, job training). Use city funds to make lives better, not to pay outrageous police salaries and a police TANK and other nonsensical costs. DEFUND, DEFUND, DEFUND.	1/5/2022 9:27 PM
2078	Start funding things that could mean the police would need less money in the first place. Special mental health and social work first responder, addictions programs, housing programs. All these things would mean police would be responding to fewer calls that they aren't equipped to deal with anyway.	1/5/2022 9:26 PM
2079	The problem isn’t policing. The problem is the contracts and pensions which are “negotiated” by highly partial city leaders. Deal with the contracts, pensions, and overtime costs!	1/5/2022 9:25 PM
2080	Police persons should not have an additional component (i.e. overtime at stepped up rates) of	1/5/2022 9:24 PM

	revenue based upon overtime wages going into their pension plan. I believe that this was collectively bargained by the City of Wpg with the Police Union some time back and this is not right. Most working individuals do not have such an excessive benefit bestowed upon them.	
2081	These options are all unacceptable. The police budget is grossly overinflated. Defund police and use the money in social supports.	1/5/2022 9:22 PM
2082	None of the options seem to address the issue of crime prevention through effective means such as affordable housing, mental health support and addiction resources. It's about reducing the WPS funding and reallocating the funds to actually prevent crime, which police are unable to accomplish.	1/5/2022 9:22 PM
2083	Defund the police and replace with social services	1/5/2022 9:21 PM
2084	There is plenty of money in the budget. The department just needs to be more efficient. I have numerous friends and family in the police force and administration. Too much waste on higher ups and supervisors, that could be used for more boots on the ground and general patrols.	1/5/2022 9:16 PM
2085	If police require additional funding they need to shift within house. Too much spent on motor vehicle policing rather than real crimes. Ticketing a 60 yr old Sunday night cruiser that's muscle car is too loud is not a good use of funding.	1/5/2022 9:12 PM
2086	I really think restructuring the police system would allow to have a balanced and sustainable police funding. All these other funding models are really not getting to to core to make it all more efficient. Have different levels of policing and less overtime.	1/5/2022 9:11 PM
2087	Options would only make sense if all services were treated in the same way. Why would Police Services be treated any differently?	1/5/2022 9:10 PM
2088	More 'police' funding should go to immediate response social services teams. This model that is doing well in one form or another across the continent, including Winnipeg.	1/5/2022 9:09 PM
2089	Lay-off 100 officers immediately. Cancel all police academy training for 3 years to reduce officer force by 20%.	1/5/2022 9:07 PM
2090	We must decrease the police budget and move those resources into community services and other resources that actually create community safety.	1/5/2022 9:05 PM
2091	none	1/5/2022 9:02 PM
2092	Seriously? These are the only options? How about we determine what can be done better by more skilled people including community works and social workers, fund them, have the city determine what WPS actually needs (not the tail wag the dog method in use now) and use that as a funding base.	1/5/2022 9:02 PM
2093	I would do more to shift resources to combat root causes of crime to try and bring down the police budget to 20 percent of total revenue	1/5/2022 8:59 PM
2094	Retirement options. Minimize overtime.	1/5/2022 8:57 PM
2095	the police budget is obscene and completely out of control. The police and union have way too much power and no oversight. They get whatever they want with threats. Completely unsustainable	1/5/2022 8:56 PM
2096	Take funding available for policing and direct it towards social services and community outreach programs.	1/5/2022 8:55 PM
2097	Ditch the VIU. Or, have them do their real job policing vehicles that are not road worthy. Instead of harassing enthusiasts with tint and exhaust tickets	1/5/2022 8:54 PM
2098	There has to be an active role for budget and service managers. They have to respond to shifting priorities and not reward historical budget choices that continue to be funded even if they no longer apply or are no longer relevant.	1/5/2022 8:52 PM
2099	Every line item in the police budget should need to be justified to the public as to the necessity of spending public money, rather than the police deciding how much they want to spend and blackmailing the city for it.	1/5/2022 8:51 PM
2100	None of these options are acceptable. Abolish the police and put funding into something useful like actual community supports. Take steps to foster a healthy city and stop funnelling money into this hole of abuse.	1/5/2022 8:45 PM

2101	End overtime so that you are able to more police.	1/5/2022 8:43 PM
2102	Police funding has to decrease, they currently receive FAR too much of the municipal budget.	1/5/2022 8:42 PM
2103	Defund. WPS has proven it cannot escape its historical function of protecting the interests of rich white business owners. It does not serve the interests of most Winnipeggers. Increased funding to and restructuring of other services would remove most of the demands we place on police. The large percentage of city budget allocated to WPS is inexcusable.	1/5/2022 8:40 PM
2104	City council setting the budget SHOULD work but the current budget is way too high for the requirements of Winnipeg. Why do we have a friggen tank? Why are there helicopters flying constantly? Why are police salaries so high, especially for a position that requires little education or training?	1/5/2022 8:35 PM
2105	DEFUND THE POLICE	1/5/2022 8:33 PM
2106	Way too much funding	1/5/2022 8:30 PM
2107	We need to stop looking for ways to give the police more money. This money will be better spent in other social programs	1/5/2022 8:26 PM
2108	Increasing social services and mental health programs will be a better way to spend that budget. You only need so many officers for serious crimes and offset other calls to programs like the cadets.	1/5/2022 8:26 PM
2109	None of these options are acceptable. ***redacted***. The police budget should be dramatically decreased. The entire police model needs to be re-created as it is currently broken.	1/5/2022 8:25 PM
2110	none of these address the issue of the unsustainability of salary and pension obligations.	1/5/2022 8:24 PM
2111	Costs of emergency services are disastrously high as a proportion of the city's operating budget - none of these options appear to do anything to address this. At some point the city's ability to fund emergency services must be balanced with the needs of other departments and services. Given that wages/benefits are a large portion of these costs, the city must also be responsible to citizens with respect to the collective agreements negotiated with these unions, particularly while other sectors are seeing wage/hiring freezes and even attrition/layoffs. The current levels are completely unacceptable and must change. I am tired of seeing poor services in other departments and the city stagnating while we pay incredible amounts to our emergency services/police - there are numerous social and economic reasons that this must be addressed.	1/5/2022 8:22 PM
2112	I think all of the models listed are unacceptable. The police budget is way to high and the money should be allocated to issues that actually matter like mental health initiatives, homelessness, drug awareness among other things. I chose the first model because the city council could make a positive change by decreasing the budget but they obviously won't. The city council seems to hate change that will benefit Winnipegers. **REDACTED**	1/5/2022 8:21 PM
2113	I wouldn't say I'm anti-police, I have close friends and family who are officers in other jurisdictions. But looking at our city's budget it seems apparent that the size of the budget does not serve the city. In 2000 the budget was 17% of our budget, now it's 27%. I don't think we're seeing the value here, and crime could be reduced in more proactive, community minded ways.	1/5/2022 8:20 PM
2114	How about using funds to address the needy Those who commit crime because of their circumstances. Instead of propagating a system that doesn't work. Also decriminalization of drugs as proven to be highly successful in other countries causing prisons to close	1/5/2022 8:20 PM
2115	Police funding needs to be re-allocated to community services that truly prevent crime and desperate acts. Using police to sweep homeless encampments instead of funding affordable housing is ludicrous. Having police, not trained mental health interventionists, responding to mental health calls is absurd. Reduce the police force and hire specialists who can make a real difference.	1/5/2022 8:19 PM
2116	We need to limit waste just like any big corporation	1/5/2022 8:16 PM

2117	My impression of the current system is that it is more reactive than proactive. It seems to be normal that WPS needs to increase their budget at least once a year. Crime has increased dramatically in Winnipeg - fueled by drugs and a Wild Wild West mentality. It is not the time to decrease funding to emergency services. To consider connecting increases in funding to the tax paying citizens via levy or other means does not seem fair to the tax paying public who are not likely the major criminals. In a non COVID world, changes to the budget process to determine funding makes sense. Unfortunately there is nothing normal about the world we are living in. I think the WPS and other emergency services have to be funded at this time - according to need. Hopefully in the near future other calculations can be used.	1/5/2022 8:13 PM
2118	Increases to Police budgets need to be agreed upon by Council each year, as the budget is more nuanced than simple math. In addition, any special levy used to supplement the Police budget should come from the proceeds of crime, not from the majority of us who do not burden the police service.	1/5/2022 8:12 PM
2119	Areas such as the core and north end (as examples) are currently not charged an appropriate amount of tax.	1/5/2022 8:10 PM
2120	The way things are currently is not sustainable. Also, overtime should not be pensionable.	1/5/2022 8:04 PM
2121	Winnipeg Police should receive less funding than they currently do. More of this funding should go to community social services and programs.	1/5/2022 8:04 PM
2122	Cut the salaries of police. They are super overpaid. No single officer should make more money than any school teacher in the city. Their budget is too high, they take advantage of overtime scheduling, and everyone else has to pay for the awful jobs they do. I would rather see every overpaid officer quit the force, then see their budget raised by even a dollar. They are evil con artists. More criminals with badges than criminals on the streets.	1/5/2022 8:03 PM
2123	With the high crime rate in Winnipeg specifically murders and the very unsafe areas of Winnipeg the budget should always be increased. Police are an essential service that needs all the funding it can get.	1/5/2022 8:01 PM
2124	You'll have to pardon my language, but the police already suck up enough **REDACTED** money. To have the nerve to ask for even a tax Levy is absurd. They already use up a quarter of our entire city budget, **REDACTED**	1/5/2022 7:59 PM
2125	Lower wages for the top earners.	1/5/2022 7:57 PM
2126	Put on fundraisers like the underpaid childcare sector has to do.	1/5/2022 7:56 PM
2127	None of these models seem to address return to spending on policing. There is no model that correlates police outcomes to dollars spent. Perhaps the police budget does not need to change, but rather needs to be spent better.	1/5/2022 7:56 PM
2128	All these options suck. DEFUND THE POLICE AND PUT THE MONEY INTO COMMUNITY CARE AND RESOURCES.	1/5/2022 7:55 PM
2129	A combination of Property taxes, PST, business taxes, and private insurance companies should pay the police salaries. The risk of “only home owners pay police salaries” means the police would be inclined to only help property owners (as opposed to random street crime, renters, etc). Those with the most stuff, and the most wealth, should fund the majority of the police services.	1/5/2022 7:51 PM
2130	It feels like Winnipeg police have too much freedom in their spending and they need better oversight and budget controllers. To me, any of these models, including the current one, COULD be acceptable if spending were better managed.	1/5/2022 7:51 PM
2131	It is of paramount importance for the police to fund their fair share/percentage of pension costs. It is completely unacceptable for tax payers to cover the difference.	1/5/2022 7:50 PM
2132	I wish I could underperform year after year while getting massive raises and know that more raises are coming my way. It’s wild, to think other city departments suffer due to the lack of funding as a result of the police force. Show some positive results to justify budget increases.	1/5/2022 7:50 PM
2133	Winnipeg police are paid too much and have too much freedom in their spending. They need better oversight in their spending. The people should be told annually exactly how much money the police has spent on what in the same way that MPI releases that information.	1/5/2022 7:50 PM

2134	If the city stopped wasting money on vanity projects and only focused on core responsibilities like policing, fire/responsibilities and roads this would not be an issue	1/5/2022 7:48 PM
2135	I think the police budget is too big already. Redistribute some funding to services that help prevent crime from happening in the first place.	1/5/2022 7:47 PM
2136	I drive across the city each day for work and think of how much money the police could generate from ticketing cars with defaced license plate(obviously done on purpose) and burnt out brake lights. I feel the income generated from just these two infractions would more than pay the cost of the officers needed to enforce. You could also add the people who text and drive which I feel I see more now than before it was an offence.	1/5/2022 7:44 PM
2137	**redacted**. DEFUND. FUND INTO OTHER PROGRAMS LIKE SUGGESTED THAT TAKE CARE OR MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES.	1/5/2022 7:43 PM
2138	Get rid of the police helicopter that alone would save one million a year. fix the police overtime policy (Police banking retirement time with overtime) Negotiate better contracts with the police union... OMG stop cowering to the police.	1/5/2022 7:43 PM
2139	More focus needed to reduce that which funnels people into crime. It all begins with family structure and children. No one is born a criminal.	1/5/2022 7:40 PM
2140	All poor options, they are paid to much and the pension is **redacted**	1/5/2022 7:39 PM
2141	Winnipeg Police Cause Harm is a hate group and should be treated like one.	1/5/2022 7:33 PM
2142	A tie to property tax ensures that those wealthy enough to be home owners or large businesses who theoretically benefit the most from the police service bear the most burden in funding it.	1/5/2022 7:31 PM
2143	Defund the police and funnel that money to programs for addiction, homelessness, food banks, mental health centres and education.	1/5/2022 7:31 PM
2144	I belive the police funding has gotten out of control and needs to find other alternatives to fund them than the tax payers.	1/5/2022 7:28 PM
2145	It really seems that the police and police union as the city officials by the balls. Their budget is disproportionately large compared to most other departments.	1/5/2022 7:28 PM
2146	This is absolutely not enough of a cut to WPS annual funding - none of these options are acceptable, or in line with what the community has been asking for (which is at least a 10% across the board cut to WPS budget). While option 5 appears to be the most reasonable, a QUARTER of the city budget going to WPS is still way too much, and there should be an option included for more substantial cuts, with no margin in the funding model for increases (which this survey still 'snuck' into model 5)	1/5/2022 7:27 PM
2147	I believe funding model 1 is the best choice, but am not happy with how high the budget is set. I would much rather this money go to things like public transit, health and education.	1/5/2022 7:25 PM
2148	Eliminate pensions!!!!	1/5/2022 7:24 PM
2149	Besides adding more tax, what measures is the city doing to reduce costs at the bureaucratic level? Why did property tax revenue decrease this year? More houses/condos built = increase in property tax revenue, No?	1/5/2022 7:24 PM
2150	If people break the law than make people in prison work like make stuff or farm and money made could fund the police. Thus making criminals pay for their wages	1/5/2022 7:24 PM
2151	Fund nonprofits that reduce crime equal to the police. In the long run we reduce the need for police funding increases	1/5/2022 7:23 PM
2152	The city increasing funding in accordance with agreements it has entered into with any service (police, fire, laundry whatever) should not be up for debate. This increased funding is implicitly agreed to when that agreement is struck.	1/5/2022 7:22 PM
2153	Funding the Police Department and Services should be proportionate to what is going on in the city and what safety issues need to be addressed. Funding to the Police service should never be cut or minimized as we need these brave and dedicated people to be paid their worth for risking their lives to keep us safe.	1/5/2022 7:22 PM
2154	I think Funding Model 1 would make sense and be acceptable IF Council could stand up to the	1/5/2022 7:22 PM

	Winnipeg Police Association. Pensionable overtime is a ridiculously expensive and unsustainable concept. It has to stop. A huge police force with lots of militarized equipment does not prevent or reduce crime; it reacts to it. Community services and supports reduce crime and we cannot afford those things with a police union that consistently demands (and gets) a larger portion of City resources.	
2155	Police funding should at LEAST be balanced with funding for other community services. Increasing the latter would reduce the need for police services as the community would be healthier overall.	1/5/2022 7:22 PM
2156	The union needs to take into consideration where the money is coming from when they negotiate, and the financial hardships of the general public.	1/5/2022 7:19 PM
2157	We have way too many officers per capita; their budget is out of control compared to the public return (ie more money/more officers doesn't lead to less crime)	1/5/2022 7:18 PM
2158	The proceeds of crime that are recovered should go to the police budget.	1/5/2022 7:18 PM
2159	None of these adequately address the fact that the police budget is enormous relative to the austerity inflicted on essential services. We can't afford to sustain a service that is far more costly than simply furnishing people with services and infrastructure	1/5/2022 7:18 PM
2160	Why not have an open opinion forum questionaire such as this one to ask Winnipegers how the Police Services could save some money . For example have Cadets do traffic control rather than a Constable paid $100,000 / year . Also try having the two person constable cars to have one driving the area while the other walks in the area getting to know the area residents and use this as a Community interaction . There are always a few cars in the area at one time . So if there was an incident that required more support . It’s just a matter of a radio call . These are just a few ideas but I’m sure other Winnipeggers have more .	1/5/2022 7:15 PM
2161	My u derstanding is the city charges the police service rent for HQ and other buildings including parking spots for service vehicles. This is all money that comes out of the police budget. **redacted**	1/5/2022 7:11 PM
2162	There needs to be accountability for overages. Such as any police service coming to council with an budget shortfall that chief's contract is immediately up for public review	1/5/2022 7:09 PM
2163	This is absolutely shameful, defund the police and fund education and social services. I do not believe that any of these models are acceptable	1/5/2022 7:07 PM
2164	Change the way the Police force is run, too many officers in administration, and the biggest total screwup is overtime included in pensionable earnings with the city responsible for any shortfalls. City council has been criticizing this for year but has no guts to do anything about it!	1/5/2022 7:05 PM
2165	Reduce expenditures in other departments including reduction in the support of arts, sports or other business development if need be.	1/5/2022 7:02 PM
2166	I’m theory I have no issue with the current model, but it would seem that our City Council is repeatedly favoring police funding particularly over public health and education. We’ve seen the police budget used to purchase military vehicles, helicopters, and means of perpetuating violence as a solution to crime. I’d rather see our money go into the enrichment of our communities from the inside-out rather than the outside-in approach of policing to make life “safer”.	1/5/2022 7:01 PM
2167	Adding a "public safety levy" is just adding another tax.	1/5/2022 6:58 PM
2168	There should have been options for freezing and gradually reducing the police budget over time.	1/5/2022 6:58 PM
2169	It’s disappointing that different policing models are not being considered in this approach that would see either a reallocation of police funds to community (who would work with police to support the needs of community that do not require police support but, over time, have been shifted to police response such as mental health supports) or budget increases that are explicitly tied to police reform.	1/5/2022 6:56 PM
2170	There's a lot of waste and lack of accountability with WPS. What services do they provide?	1/5/2022 6:53 PM
2171	These funding costs must be brought under control. The police departments pension must be changed right away. Enough is enough.	1/5/2022 6:51 PM

2172	Stop allowing overtime to be considered as pensionable. No other company allows that and contributes 10s of millions, if not more, to the police services cost.	1/5/2022 6:47 PM
2173	Council has proven itself to be unable or unwilling to adjust the police budget appropriately to the needs and requests of the people, however none of the other options suggested will curb the rampant spending the city seems to have an interest in approving year after year. Council needs to recognize that if the police continue to siphon money away from all other city services, the city and the people in it will continue to suffer. Slash funding to the police immediately and fund services that actually help people.	1/5/2022 6:47 PM
2174	Current and past police budgets are FAR too high. The money allocated to the police should be directed to community-based services for the homeless and for mental health and addictions services. The police must be defunded.	1/5/2022 6:46 PM
2175	So the province decreases property taxes and our greedy little mayor decides he wants to pick our pockets and take it all back for his budget. Stop trying to fund things off the backs of property owners. Get it from everyone.	1/5/2022 6:46 PM
2176	A lot of the WPS expense is linked to poverty in the city. Today, January 5, 2021 Chief **redacted** declared a State of Emergency- as a result of COVID. Winnipeg police have been drowning for years as overtime costs soar related to ouf record number of murders/year (43 for 2021) Now with the State of Emergency there will be more overtime costs. How else are the officers going to be paid. They can refuse overtime, but then the citizens of Winnipeg will suffer due to the lack of services and the criminals will take over the city.	1/5/2022 6:46 PM
2177	Seems to me the city has to go outside the usual. I recommend a Manitoba only Lottery be created, funding and revenue from which could help with all types of revenue requirements. You look at the amount of Money hospital lotteries can generate, look at the Lottomaxes and the 649s. Manitobans would love such a lottery as there odds would be so much better. I see this as a win win. Thank you.	1/5/2022 6:44 PM
2178	Cut the wages of police and eliminate overtime. Way too much of the overall city budget goes to police and what outcomes do the police have to show for all that spending?	1/5/2022 6:41 PM
2179	Alternative service delivery options should be a requirement to present every year by Police e.g. ARC expansion should be incorporated every year; Civilianize more positions - too many administrative positions being performed by high paid officers that are not qualified; Have Police purchase internal support services from the City corporate services rather than doing them in house; Audit the police overtime system	1/5/2022 6:41 PM
2180	Feel fair to employees	1/5/2022 6:40 PM
2181	transfer all funds needed from the welfare budgets, namely get rid of freebees for the safety for citizens	1/5/2022 6:36 PM
2182	As funding is directed from other services into police budget, more people dont receive the care they deserve. This ultimately results in homeless shelters and emergency rooms being overwhelmed. Provide healthcare, housing, narcotic harm reduction equipment, and food to people, and their well-being will improve beyond dependence on police service. Increasing funding to police is not a solution to the crisis in this city. Give people jobs, educate them, provide care to them, and crime rates will go down.	1/5/2022 6:35 PM
2183	Reduce numbers of officers through attrition Replace officers with mental health and other supports - many more appropriate staff available at a fraction of a police officer’s wage Stop the abuse of overtime (no constable should make as much as the Chief)	1/5/2022 6:33 PM
2184	The police budgets have increased over the years with the promise of reduced crime however a police presence alone does not reduce crime. Police salaries should reflect their successes. 2 Police Officers per car, no patrols, traffic handled by cadets and camera, expensive helicopter and armoured vehicles, run away overtime, attending court on days off, and the list could go on and on. Policing has become a joke. They continually have their way with the politicians at bargaining. Police should have to requalify annually because the bulk are not psychically or mentally fit to properly conduct their duties.	1/5/2022 6:32 PM
2185	Do not include overtime money earned in police pension plans. BIG savings. Therefore, money would be saved and not have to be accounted for.	1/5/2022 6:31 PM
2186	Police funding should be constantly reviewed and adjusted while taking into consideration all aspects of the city budget, and alternate methods of funding crime reduction policy and	1/5/2022 6:30 PM

	programs should be given emphasis over the police budget.	
2187	Policing used to be an average wage job. But with police ,they kept getting higher percentage increases then average workers Now the average salary is 125 to 175 thousand. Salary increases going forward should be by a cents or dollar amount.	1/5/2022 6:29 PM
2188	I'm in favour of any funding proposals that transfer police funding to services for poor/disabled/disadvantaged people.	1/5/2022 6:27 PM
2189	Increase traffic enforcement and triple all traffic fines. Proceeds to go directly to police budget.	1/5/2022 6:27 PM
2190	Increase the Police budget. Better budget, better training. Keep us and the Police safer. God Bless our First Responders.	1/5/2022 6:25 PM
2191	There were no options available that would look at redirecting existing and future funding away from WPS budgets to other organizations that can more effectively and proactively deal with situations that should not require police service intervention.	1/5/2022 6:24 PM
2192	Be careful what you choose... people could begin to feel the police are directly picking their pockets and be resentful. Many already feel the police are getting to be entitled to expensive benefits including the overtime pension issue.	1/5/2022 6:24 PM
2193	More creative thinking and realistic budget preparing is needed. Slashing public services and attacking wages and benefits of those who do public service work is the easy way and it is not productive. Work harder, smarter and more creatively to solve your budgeting issues! What do other municipalities do? Make cuts to the services that benefit some - not the ones that protect all of us.	1/5/2022 6:22 PM
2194	I only selected an option here because I had to. The WPS are a drain on city resources and should be defunded and ultimately abolished. None of these funding models is satisfactory.	1/5/2022 6:21 PM
2195	police wages are the issue. The OT that is uncontrolled to have police officers paid well over 100k per year is unsustainable no matter what funding model is implemented. Look at the compensation model. The fact that almost every police officer I know own cabins and posh houses in East St. Paul is the issue.	1/5/2022 6:21 PM
2196	Would like to see options involving redirection of funds to professionals who are better suited for handling mental health crises. Police are not providing a service equal to the investment from citizens.	1/5/2022 6:19 PM
2197	Before you set a model you need and full evaluation of the police budget compared to other Canadian cities. I believe our budget per police office is way too high. I also think it is time that all new cadets must spend two years on walking the street. Thus we can reduce the number of cars needed. We also need to de-link their pension to over time hours place their pension should only go up by 50% of inflation	1/5/2022 6:19 PM
2198	Stop paying overtime. Stop paying officer going to court.	1/5/2022 6:19 PM
2199	Funding needs to go down to create a livable city. Cut half the funding and spend it on actual community services and then we can lower property taxes and appropriately fund all public services.	1/5/2022 6:18 PM
2200	redirect funding to address the problems where police is usually needed. Create educational resources to prevent crime and stop excessive overtime used to determine unsustainable pension benefits.	1/5/2022 6:18 PM
2201	Funding for police should be reallocated to social services that will increase public safety like, safe injection sites, mental crisis responders and social workers.	1/5/2022 6:16 PM
2202	Just like healthcare and education, there needs to be a review of how existing funds are spent first before throwing more money at the police.	1/5/2022 6:16 PM
2203	pay our police as much as needed to maintain their good service	1/5/2022 6:15 PM
2204	Police budget is far too high of a percentage of total annual expenditures. Fire service should be cut back significantly with funds going to ambulances. Why do we have 4 people with only basic training on a fire truck going to a call instead of two better trained paramedics with an ambulance?	1/5/2022 6:12 PM
2205	The police should be demilitarised and retrained as public servants. They should not have	1/5/2022 6:11 PM

	armoured vehicles nor a police helicopters. They need to be retrained in deescalation techniques. Parts of the police budget needs to be reallocated to social services. White supremacists beed to be rooted out of the force.	
2206	We have the highest murder rate per Capita in Canada. I regularly see the police drive past crimes with no interest on a regular basis. They are ineffective at best, incompetent at worse.	1/5/2022 6:11 PM
2207	I`m tired of payiing the wages of the many criminals in WPS. The WPS has no credibility, and aren`t held accountable for their misdeeds.	1/5/2022 6:11 PM
2208	Why are we talking about giving them more money? We should be investing in communities, public growth, education, and opportunities.	1/5/2022 6:08 PM
2209	There's got to be a better way, most of us do not know what services we pay for with property tax and water/sewer bills as it is.	1/5/2022 6:07 PM
2210	We live in south St. Vital and see very little of the Police. Is it worth considering some kind of a user pay funding model?	1/5/2022 6:07 PM
2211	No	1/5/2022 6:02 PM
2212	Whatever the police service needs to keep people safe **redacted** give it to them! I'm happy to pay more in property tax if it takes **redacted** off the street.	1/5/2022 5:58 PM
2213	Whether we like it or not, we need to accept that protective services like police come with a significant cost. The courts demand a higher burden of proof than they did many years ago. This burden comes with a cost to do business. Perhaps instead of pouring money into rapid transit, the city could fight root causes of crime to reduce the burden on police. That approach would reduce overtime and the amount of officers required, while helping the citizens.	1/5/2022 5:58 PM
2214	Policing costs, just like everything else, increase every year. Our police officers are very much appreciated and they are doing the best that they can to combat crime and keep the citizens of Winnipeg safe. They are not shown, anywhere near enough, appreciation for the job that they do. The money that has to cover these costs has to come from somewhere and I agree that all taxpayers and citizens of Winnipeg should help pay for these costs. Thank you WPS for the job that you do!!	1/5/2022 5:55 PM
2215	Why should us tax payers/home owners have to pay more…. To pay for Winnipeg Police Budget when some home owners are stretched as is.. why is it on us to pay for there budget. This is to be figured by the city, and police and not stretched on homeowners.	1/5/2022 5:54 PM
2216	None of these models seem to factor the budget relative to crime rate. Defunding has been a huge failure in the States.	1/5/2022 5:41 PM
2217	Use funds from the sale of marijaina and goods obtained from crime	1/5/2022 5:40 PM
2218	The Winnipeg Police Service should have it's budget cut by 10% every year for the next 3 years. This 10% should be spent on social workers and groups such as Bear Clan Patrol. After 3 years of cuts reassess at that time.	1/5/2022 5:39 PM
2219	I don't like any of these options to be honest. It's shocking to me that the police receive 25% of the city budget. Are we lawless here? Is this amount similar to other cities in north America?	1/5/2022 5:37 PM
2220	Fund the police properly. Stop inflating the buget amount in the media. If the City is taking back 10 million for rent of city buildings from the declared budget... well that's not actually a policing cost is it. **redacted** Stop wasting my tax money & use it properly. I want Police when I need them. Wpg has a serious crime problem, defending the Police will only make it worse	1/5/2022 5:36 PM
2221	Cash grab - get them doing more ticketing for city coffers	1/5/2022 5:35 PM
2222	We need to make sure the police are adequately funded but adding anything to the the already exorbitant property tax bill would be ****redacted****	1/5/2022 5:32 PM
2223	Must get rid of the pension benefit which includes all overtime to be included in the best 5 years of a members service.	1/5/2022 5:31 PM
2224	Health care employees had no wage increase in 6 years, no money for it. I'll gladly pay extra in	1/5/2022 5:31 PM

	property tax or any other way to increase police budget as soon as I get a increase in my pay and meet the average income .	
2225	Yes, significantly reduced the price budget. Police is for keeping peace and safety that's it that's all… Reduce police total staffing by 2/3rds, re route those funds to hire and employ for positions to cover what the Police are doing and should certainly not be doing.	1/5/2022 5:27 PM
2226	I think it is reasonable for the policy budget to reflect the the amount that the city receives in property tax revenue	1/5/2022 5:25 PM
2227	Quit giving so many ridiculous raises and benefits! No one in private industry gets even close to that!	1/5/2022 5:25 PM
2228	Give our courageous men and women the tools, leadership and wages they need to priory us all.	1/5/2022 5:22 PM
2229	1. Freeze wages for 5 years. Then max 1%/year increase. 2. Stop paying full days for court appearances. This is a massive amount of money for the actual number of hours 'worked'. 3. Be more flexible in the scheduling of court and other OT. 4 use technology improvements to limit OT. 5. Limit pensionable earnings to base wage, not including OT. 6. Have WPS members only fund their pension not the tax payers.	1/5/2022 5:16 PM
2230	Funding never seems to decrease, even when revenue decreases, lacking in funding this year the helicopter should have been chopped. If salaries/legacy costs go up but photo radar revenues are down why are we still funding a helicopter? Hard choices are never made with the police budget. Greater accountability would be nice, however no budget for Police worn body cameras, but we still have a helicopter, our city is the reason for the aboriginal justice inquiry, we should have had body cameras a long time ago, but instead we have a helicopter. Priorities in our city are messed up, our citizens have photo radar on every street corner, but cannot expect our police to have body cameras to keep them accountable, is a travesty.	1/5/2022 5:16 PM
2231	You didn't give an option of none of the proposed plans. We need to defund the police. Take the money from the police departments. They don't need it. They are a complete waste of resources, time and money.	1/5/2022 5:15 PM
2232	Police funding needs to be decreased and the funds allocated to social services that will decrease the need for policing.	1/5/2022 5:13 PM
2233	Toll booths at the perimeter to have the rural people who work in the city, use the roads and services but pay no fees to help the upkeep of the city. We need to stop basing everything on property taxes, many home owners do not have their wages increase for inflation, may have a weaker union and would be forced to have less to pay police officers who make twice to three times as much. Not a good way to promote harmony. Have every person in Winnipeg contribute, renters should pay fare share of taxes along with property owners. Stop urban sprawl, creates a watered down services (incl fire, ambulance and schools) as the patrol areas increase without the numbers to do so.	1/5/2022 5:09 PM
2234	A decrease in police funding and an increase in public services would help the community and therefore make policing less necessary. The Winnipeg police have a terrible reputation in the community and have no right to receive so much money from taxpayers when other important budgets get slashed in order to support it.	1/5/2022 5:08 PM
2235	Is there no other way to decrease funding?	1/5/2022 5:06 PM
2236	Less $$$ for arts & and other entities that don't contribute to public safety, more $$$ for police, poverty prevention measures, some few selected charities...!!!	1/5/2022 4:58 PM
2237	Revised pension plan not including OT accumulated.	1/5/2022 4:55 PM
2238	Maybe there could be a two to five year moratorium on expensive toys for the WPS.	1/5/2022 4:53 PM
2239	Have the city concentrate on the core services they are to provide to the tax payers of Winnipeg. Vanity expenditures, which fall under provincial/federal governments , should not be allotted funding. All decisions including preparing of budget should be decided by all councillors and not just a select few. The citizens of Winnipeg voted for these councillors to represent them in all stages of policies not just voting on items that have already been formulated at a selected group of councillors and the mayor.	1/5/2022 4:50 PM
2240	This is not the correct way to doing this. Look at what is taking up police time and see if can	1/5/2022 4:46 PM

	get some of this worked moved to non police (lesser wage) to get this done. This is what my work did to save money and job stress and it worked well	
2241	In a city with 864,026 people in it, it is absolutely absurd the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) is yet AGAIN asking for more funding. Every year, WPS asks for more and more money without ever providing cost-cutting measures or providing statistics on how they're actually helping the communities they were hired to serve and protect. The audacity of the Winnipeg Police Service to ask (YET AGAIN) for additional funding is ridiculous. Our communities need funding. Our healthcare, education, and housing systems need funding. Crime has not gone down because of WPS, incidents of police officers **redacted** citizens has gone up. How is that deserving of additional funding?	1/5/2022 4:43 PM
2242	cut out all overtime as pensionable earnings. Go to single officer cars	1/5/2022 4:42 PM
2243	Are revenues from traffic enforcement and proceeds of crime directed towards the police budget to reduce the strain on property taxes or do these revenues go into general city revenues. these dedicated sources may provide the police with additional fundingthey require	1/5/2022 4:40 PM
2244	The Winnipeg Police Service's current level of funding is completely unacceptable. According to CTV in 2020 (https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/defund-the-police-this-is-how-much-canadian-cities-spend-1.5018506), Winnipeg spends 36% of it's operating budget on the police service. When compared to similarly sized cities, (Calgary - 13.9%, Edmonton - 18%, Regina - 26% and Hamilton - 22.8%), it's obvious that we have a serious problem here. Our infrastructure is crumbling, our education and healthcare systems are underfunded, and yet the WPS receives year over year funding increases while other departments are cut to the bone. What do we receive in exchange for this generous funding? One of the worst crime rates in Canada and a 35% clearance rate. (https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/cv.action?pid=3510002601). It's time to reimagine policing in Winnipeg. Bring the Police budget in line with other similarly sized cities in Canada and cap it at 20% of the Municipal Budget. Cut everyone a 5% property tax rebate and reinvest the other 11% into expanding emergency response by having social workers and mental health professionals handle calls that are appropriate to them instead of sending armed police units to every call. Offload traffic enforcement to an entirely civilian enforcement agency. Winnipeg can no longer afford to write blank cheques to the WPS, it's time for change.	1/5/2022 4:37 PM
2245	Air purification for police cars	1/5/2022 4:35 PM
2246	The cost of policing Winnipeg is related to the amount of crime committed in Winnipeg. As crime increases the costs associated with policing increase. Crime rates are not pegged to inflation so creating a correlation between them is not going to provide the correct quality of service.	1/5/2022 4:35 PM
2247	You detail more about what the police budget is used for in order for people to accurately make a decision.	1/5/2022 4:27 PM
2248	I'm thoroughly confused as to why this is a public debate. The city votes for mayor and city councillors and the expectation is that they will do their job, one of which is to manage the budget including the police budget. Asking Winnipeg citizens to weigh in and make this decision with absolutely no context is ridiculous.	1/5/2022 4:22 PM
2249	25% of the city budget does nothing need to go to a service that causes more harm then good	1/5/2022 4:20 PM
2250	None of these models will result in the policing budget falling under 25% of the city budget. Funding for the police should be diverted to more social programming in order to slow crime at the root level rather than treating a symptom of a greater problem.	1/5/2022 4:19 PM
2251	Why not negotiate out the overtime rate from the pension formula. Helps avoid added costs as well as inappropriate ticketing and OT just prior to retirement.	1/5/2022 4:19 PM
2252	Their pension fund cannot be maintained....this is a ridiculous pension fund is beyond maintaining for the present and the future....NO WAY can I continue to be supportive of this **redacted** pension fund.	1/5/2022 4:18 PM
2253	too much money is wasted on overtime	1/5/2022 4:17 PM
2254	Cut administrative positions. Have more feet on the street	1/5/2022 4:16 PM
2255	Only options four and five do anything to make police funding more sustainable without cutting other city services, which need to be invested in before police get any more money.	1/5/2022 4:11 PM

2256	Eliminate pensionable OT	1/5/2022 4:11 PM
2257	If the police put in a full day of work we wouldn't have the budget issues we have today. If the officers worked while they were scheduled to work we wouldn't require as many officers and overtime. There is currently too much waste of time money and resources.	1/5/2022 4:11 PM
2258	No	1/5/2022 4:10 PM
2259	Society circumstances, crime rate, etc should support how the community can be kept safe for years to come. If crime dropped, should the policy budget increase? i don't see why. It should be supporting community efforts to reduce crime.	1/5/2022 4:02 PM
2260	I believe the Police Budget is overinflated. There is no reason a police budget should take up more than 25% of the city budget when those funds could be reallocated to services that better reflect the housing, mental heatlh, healthcare, educational, etc needs of our city. The citizens of this city have been done a disservice by choosing to give the police service so much of their budget when healthcare, education etc have been cut so severely by our province. I cannot express to you enough how much better our city could be for those living in it if you reduce the police budget and reallocate for needed social services.	1/5/2022 3:59 PM
2261	The police budget should not be increased and by absolutely no means be funded by Manitoba Public Insurance	1/5/2022 3:58 PM
2262	WPS is too Top Heavy, several senior management (civilian) that did not exist 15- 20 years ago. Also sworn positions too heavy at the top. Way to many managers not enough boots on the ground, a way to many specialty units and training positions with full time officers sitting around when training is not happening. Trim the fat at the top and easily save 2 million a year in wages and benefits with the stroke of pen. That's a start, and inflation will fit into that very nicely. Also look next door at the Fire Service, not efficient, poor paramedics doing all the work.	1/5/2022 3:54 PM
2263	$301 million dollars for a department with personnel totaling about 1900 sounds extremely excessive especially for a rather ineffective police force. I think the focus should be put into new and innovative forms of policing as the current model seems to do nothing to reign in rising crime rates and or addressing the route causes of crime such as poverty. I don't believe throwing more money at the police department will help make this police force any more effective with its current strategy towards crime fighting and prevention.	1/5/2022 3:54 PM
2264	I live downtown. More police are the last thing we need. Please give us social workers and health units.	1/5/2022 3:50 PM
2265	None of these options are acceptable the budget for police is poorly managed, policing resources are not equal and largely those who pay the most get the worst service. The current management and policing model especially pensionable ot needs to go. The co tinuation of throwing money and not expecting results is completely unacceptable. There is many good officers but sadly a large facet of their SOPs encourages fraudulent costs with little to no service to the majority of winnipegers	1/5/2022 3:50 PM
2266	Police funding should be tied to successful improvements to public safety and justice. If police cannot demonstrate that they effectively improve public safety, funding should be reallocated in an evidence-based way to social services like affordable housing and mental healthcare, which actually do improve public safety and prevent crime.	1/5/2022 3:48 PM
2267	Put one officer in a police car, as many other cities around the world do, not two. Reduce the overly lucrative wages paid to police officers. Reduce the number of supervisory, overpaid police officers. Reduce the pensions paid to police officers.	1/5/2022 3:47 PM
2268	This is a difficult policy question to answer. I feel that police funding has become completely detached from reality or results. We have no outcomes based approach to determining how much funding WPS receives. Each year, it seems that if crime declines, the police need more money because they have been doing a good job, and they need to continue that work. But if crime goes up the next year, the police need more money to respond to increasing crime. Most other government programs and services (and unions) are being asked to find efficiencies, innovate, and reduce their staffing through attrition (at minimum). WPS, however, does not seem to be asked to do these things, and there is very little oversight in police funding as there appears to be for most other programs and services. The bottom line is that policing cannot continue to consume an increasing share of the municipal budget year after year, as other programs are suffering while police continue to have incredibly high salaries, a rich	1/5/2022 3:45 PM

	pension (unrivalled by essentially any other public sector pension in the province), and little to no oversight. I am favourable to option 5, as it would have WPS under some kind of budgetary constraint. However, I would like to see some sort of outcomes based funding - with stronger community oversight - which could be applied to police staffing and capital programs alike. This would enhance accountability and public trust in the police system.	
2269	I don't know why police and fire get raises every year yet other city departments are settling with a wage freeze. I believe with all the people calling in sick and others who were scheduled for vacation come in on overtime should not be allowed. Maybe if the police wore masks in there building we wouldn't have a state of emergency.	1/5/2022 3:44 PM
2270	The police force budget should not be allowed to take up 30% of the city's expenses and keep increasing that percentage every year. This is no longer sustainable and changes must be made. The police force must live within a budget and there must be consequences when they have gone over. We need accountability, we cannot be held hostage by this funding model.	1/5/2022 3:44 PM
2271	The police budget is inflated. We need more money in transit already!!!	1/5/2022 3:43 PM
2272	Wages are out of control. Should not be able to draw pension until age 60 minimum.	1/5/2022 3:43 PM
2273	When officers are suspended for any reason - sometimes for very lengthy times - don't pay them. They can collect EI like the rest of the working population	1/5/2022 3:41 PM
2274	Our current system of policing does much more harm than good in Winnipeg. Please read statistics that prove this and consider re-allocating police funding to community services that prevent crime at a systemic level rather than respond to it after the fact.	1/5/2022 3:37 PM
2275	Funding needs to be significantly reduced to traditional policing, and redistributed to social programs and other services to reduce police involvement in most public safety issues	1/5/2022 3:33 PM
2276	Trim the fat - get rid of the programs which are excessive (the helicopter, the urban assault vehicle), get overtime under control, quit paying people for untaken sick leave, and get the union to accept that the days of pork are over. Every other organization is learning to live within their means - it's time the police do as well....	1/5/2022 3:31 PM
2277	This is likely the most ridiculous survey created about the Wpg Police Service because it has no bearing on benefit to taxpayers. the citizens footing the bill. The police service budget is not for police it encompasses what police do and the success of those initiative/responsibilities should be measured against value taxpayers(our society) receives from the service. At this point the city could simply take random amounts and allocate elsewhere **redacted** TO MAKE WINNIPEG A BETTER PLACE REGARDING SOCIAL CHALLENGES. Why not take the % of funding removed from community centres from police budget and put back into community centres so they can help build back communities? That's one basic,simple idea but before you change anything go look at what's been cut to afford this service and what we then get from it.	1/5/2022 3:30 PM
2278	Save money from unnecessary school trustees and redirect to police.	1/5/2022 3:29 PM
2279	The struggle here is that we're balancing the population's general feeling that WPS is taking up too much of a share of the budget (perception being the amount of budget is -unjustifiable-) while other services suffer. Maybe it's just a matter of WPS being very good at ensuring their budgetary needs are met in order to provide their service compared to other departments, and so WPS's operating costs have increased at a reasonable rate, with the budget following suit, while other City departments have progressively not been able to justify budget increases in step with their true operating costs. Could be various reasons for this, but mostly less strong union protections - compared to Winnipeg Police Association's extremely strong bargaining position which leverages public safety, CUPE is not able to push as effectively to maintain civil service budgets, and also represents the entire remainder of civic services, compared to just one department. Thus, as the cost to operate the City of Winnipeg increases, WPS' budget maintains a closer tie to true operating costs while other departments' budgets fall further away from the true operating costs to run their services, due to the City's overall revenue failing to increase adequately to provide its promised services. Said another way - the City's total operating budget doesn't increase year-to-year enough for all departments to see increased budgets that allow them to maintain the same service levels, because there simply isn't enough revenue. WPS (which bargains and argues for its share extremely aggressively/effectively) increasing its operating budget to keep step with actual cost increases thus takes more and more of the pie over the years compared to other departments (which struggle to get traction in Council to justify their cost increases since they are not "life	1/5/2022 3:29 PM

	or death"). I do not want to see the police pegged to inflation across the board, as they should have the ability to collectively bargain, but operating costs should not be so unrestricted as to allow WPS to throw budget around on things like tanks, helicopters and robot dogs when other departments desperately need their funding to engage in services that are critical in preventing crime from arising in the first place. Two-phase model seems best.	
2280	Better management of other department funds. Reduce city council size and reduce the allotted funds for each councillors office expenses. Less government and more efficient over site would be a starting point.	1/5/2022 3:27 PM
2281	There should be another option. The city should be setting a set amount aside every year for the police budget . Property tax is already too high. I had to see my property, and move intona flat with my father because we together could not afford the high cost of the property taxes anymore. My father is a senior ,and.we almost ended up homeless. I am a past graduate of the law enforcement Academy of northwest . The problem is not police funding, it is finding the right portal for it. There should be a property tax freeze ,and property tax increase will also increase the cost of rent for tenants because the building manager will pass that tax increase on to tenants. The problem is the high cost of living ,and provincial and city officials not seeing the burden it is putting in the low income, seniors, and its contribution to crime . Upping inflation won't help. It create more crime ,and gang violence as people already out of work ,work the black web or under ground. Robberies will increase. There needs to be a specific plan by the province, city ,and police that satisfies funding without driving up inflation, and the cost of living.	1/5/2022 3:27 PM
2282	Is there areas that need to be trimmed in their budget?	1/5/2022 3:26 PM
2283	Police go out everyday unsure if they are going home to their families. In my opinion they should have a raise above cost of living. Their gear should be the best of the best. They put their lives on the line everyday so YOU and I can be safe. PAY them a decent wage, upgrade their gear and if you think it's to much then maybe you shouldn't get paid as much as you do. The truth is I respect th Police and if I was ever in trouble they would be the first to trust. Police, Doctors and nurses deserve top pay. Make it right don't be hypocrites.	1/5/2022 3:21 PM
2284	Policing needs to be more fiscally responsible in regards to members on sick leave - too much abuse of the system	1/5/2022 3:17 PM
2285	The police force should be treated like any private business. Holidays, pay, pension (defined contribution), sick days…. If the costs are too high the. Find a way to improve efficiency and lower costs.	1/5/2022 3:12 PM
2286	Yeah, maybe allocate some programs to social workers in the city for mental health calls(well being checks), and some funding too.	1/5/2022 3:12 PM
2287	Cut the pension costs	1/5/2022 3:07 PM
2288	All these models are flawed because they assume that the current level of funding is sustainable. Proportion of funding is way to high and continues to grow. Needs to be reigned in before considering go-forward funding models.	1/5/2022 3:07 PM
2289	I think a serious audit of how finances are spent by the Winnipeg Police needs to be conducted. Third party municipal resources such as mental health professionals, social workers, and underserved population experts should be granted funding and work with police using a method that DOES NOT see the money flow through the Winnipeg Police Service. Purchases such as the Armored Rescue Vehicle or continued funding for the Police Helicopter should not be included directly in the Police Budget. These purchase and/or funding requests (and any other acquisitions that are not deemed absolutely essential for the WPS to conduct day to day operations by a committee of individuals with no connection to the police force) should have to go through specialty grant approvals by an entirely separate committee. It has been made perfectly clear that when given funding, the WPS will abuse that power. Better oversight is needed.	1/5/2022 3:06 PM
2290	Police are necessary, but are badly treated by the public! Courts release criminals to reoffend!	1/5/2022 3:04 PM
2291	The current pay system for the police is already high enough. And similar to the militaries. They are OVERPAID.	1/5/2022 2:57 PM
2292	The police are a necessary service to the city and should be well funded. Please ignore the calls to defund the police. If anything, remove funding from private interest groups to fund the	1/5/2022 2:55 PM

	police.	
2293	The police receive too much funding. Funds should be diverted to other city services such as those that enrich communities.	1/5/2022 2:52 PM
2294	Maybe revisit all the city's expenses and reallocate some to the police instead going to the pockets of the Winnipegers.	1/5/2022 2:48 PM
2295	expenses for robots etc are ridiculous and must stop. increasing funding for police services while cutting or underfunding community services is counter-productive to a safer city.	1/5/2022 2:47 PM
2296	this is an insulting survey. the police. budget should just be reduced. the answer is obvious.	1/5/2022 2:42 PM
2297	Cut funding the police budget is too expensive with golden pensions and overtime. Most police are rude and violent because that is the way they are trained to act. Tired of funding a power tripping, out of control, unaccountable police force. I have no more money to give to the government. None. Live within your means. Do more with less like every citizen is forced to everyday here in Canada. This country is going down the drain same with this city. Demanding more funding from citizens that are broke. Does the police service realize there are over 90,000 poverty stricken wpgers. That is 1/8 people. The money is running out and the gravy train is over. Too much corruption and waste is finally breaking the system. No more endless tax dollars for greedy government workers and politicians.	1/5/2022 2:42 PM
2298	Manage overtime and pension funding better. Labor costs are way too high. Set up a lottery to get extra funds.	1/5/2022 2:41 PM
2299	Council needs actual control over the police budget. It seems like any attempt to reign in spending is opposed by the police, and just doesn't happen. The police get too much money from the city budget and this needs to decrease.	1/5/2022 2:36 PM
2300	I don't see a distinction between Funding Model 1 and Funding Model 4, except it becomes more clear to citizens the full costs of policing. Funding Model 4 (as described) doesn't define well enough what the costs will actually be. As a professional with survey design experience, I'd suggest hiring a consultant or someone with further expertise to assist in your survey design. What is presented does not follow best practices and appears to be designed to arrive at a predetermined conclusion.	1/5/2022 2:26 PM
2301	Only because it offers the only opportunity to shrink the police budget. It is ridiculous that the City writes a blank cheque to the WPS every year while cutting funding to other important community building initiatives.	1/5/2022 2:24 PM
2302	Police budgets should not get automatic increases. They already receive far too much funding and the fact that OT is pensionable while majority of costs is on staffing is not acceptable.	1/5/2022 2:24 PM
2303	Please consider investment in crime reducing initiatives so that the police will require less resources in the future.	1/5/2022 2:22 PM
2304	Police are wildly overpaid Police pensions are unsustainable	1/5/2022 2:21 PM
2305	I think it has to be flexible and not automatically increase annually. If it just automatically increases the. We loose control over the decision making process. Further I think it's important that they city defines the budget and the police force has to find a way to abide by it. Not the other way around.	1/5/2022 2:18 PM
2306	A tax levy would have to increase yearly to cover costs. As a city we need to find more concrete solutions to reduce and prevent crime thus eliminating the need for these necessary large increases.	1/5/2022 2:17 PM
2307	Take funds from mental health - transfer to police - given that 70% of the calls are addiction and mental health related !!	1/5/2022 2:16 PM
2308	Funding needs to drastically be reduced to similar budget % of other Canadian cities	1/5/2022 2:14 PM
2309	Get rid of pensionable overtime. Also, have cadets trained to do traffic stops. This would allow for traffic patrol officers to be rerouted to where they might be needed more.	1/5/2022 2:14 PM
2310	It's outrageous to not allow us to choose the most popular option: defund the police. I would prefer fixed funding but not at 25%, or a levy	1/5/2022 2:13 PM
2311	Police funding should be decreased with the ultimate goal of abolishment. Police services	1/5/2022 2:11 PM

	need to be re-evaluated and structured in a way that is proportionate to the value they provide and the services they render, considering that 80-90% off their work could be better handled by proper social services and service workers trained and educated to support communities and individuals more severely impacted	
2312	None of these suggestions address the fact that police funding at current levels is already far too high relative to other departments and it's own historical level, and all options entail one way or another continuing to increase the budget at various rates, except #5 which describes a "decreasing tax revenue" scenario that is unlikely to happen and would imply a major and far reaching economic crisis for the city going way beyond just police funding, in the event it did happen. Lastly, all of these options are irrelevant except #1 because the Winnipeg Charter grants Council total control over the budget and is supreme, therefore any alternative model would require Council approval. Is that all that's being considered???	1/5/2022 2:11 PM
2313	Police funding should be reduced to allow for much needed increases in mental health services, services for the homeless and those in poverty. A huge police budget is not needed if we divide the funds to assist people in other ways.	1/5/2022 2:10 PM
2314	inflation costs are a must cost cutting internally is a must - bring in more cadet type programs to receive main stream officers of sundry duties	1/5/2022 2:10 PM
2315	defund the **redacted** cops.	1/5/2022 2:05 PM
2316	Invest more on front line, reduce the overtime, and reduce the top end multiple managers.	1/5/2022 2:05 PM
2317	More police, no overtime , let them pay for there own meals	1/5/2022 2:05 PM
2318	1. Funding should not include the application of overtime earnings to pensions. 2. More oversight relative to the true need for the inordinate amount of overtime being worked currently. 3. Cap overtime spending. 4. Use above savings to hire more boots on the ground.	1/5/2022 2:03 PM
2319	None of these options address the obvious problem: the fact that giving 25% of our budget to the police is far too much. This is a flawed survey designed to only get a result you are comfortable with. I selected 5 above as I couldn't complete this survey w/o selecting an option, even though I agree with none of them.	1/5/2022 1:59 PM
2320	Police budget should not be 25% of city budget. Unacceptable.	1/5/2022 1:54 PM
2321	The police budget needs to be reduced. Instead, funding towards crime prevention services should be increased. More programs to help people get out of poverty and to support mental health and sustainable reinsertion.	1/5/2022 1:54 PM
2322	It is clear that the WPS sets their own budget and bullies the council to approve it. the council should create a separate committee to draft and develop the budget without WPS interference, that the council can approve	1/5/2022 1:53 PM
2323	What options are there for process improvements or reduction of expenses within the department?	1/5/2022 1:50 PM
2324	The police need an overhaul on their budget. Bring in new blood and community input on where spending should go. We have one of the highest policing costs in Canada, and it doesn't have to be that way.	1/5/2022 1:49 PM
2325	Cut all that useless social spending. It’s not the city’s job and 50 million dollars a year is utterly ridiculous amount to spend on something we get no return on our money for. Make the social spending cuts and we can fund everything we need and pay down debt. Also you can convince the province to amend the city’s ability to tax so that property owners aren’t saddled with paying for everything.	1/5/2022 1:47 PM
2326	I think that police budget is way too high. Plus they get so much money from speeding cameras installed across the city! Plus the money they get from the driving violation tickets. They have more than enough! Please do not add this cost to property taxes. We have been paying too much already on property taxes.	1/5/2022 1:46 PM
2327	Reign in salaries and total compensation - it's out of line compared to the private sector (the OT rules are absurd). Look at the highest paid city employees, this isn't rocket science.	1/5/2022 1:45 PM
2328	The police have been tasked over the past several years to take on roles that are outside of their scope while things that should be a higher priority are not done. This is totally unacceptable. Instead of paying the police MORE how about we fund community programs	1/5/2022 1:45 PM

	that actually HELP people?? Instead of paying the police to **redacted**, let's see that money be put to better use with the Bear Clan, and other similar programs that actually treat people properly and fairly instead perpetuating a cycle of abuse and racism. Let's see more funding for social workers and Indigenous groups to help end some of the problems in our city (homelessness, poverty, addiction, etc.) instead of funding a group of **redacted** that make it their personal vendetta to harass homeless and Indigenous individuals? #DEfundThePolice	
2329	Our police force is getting paid too much and doing too little. If they want more funding they really need to earn it.	1/5/2022 1:41 PM
2330	Funding research to find ways to invest in system changes to help prevent crime based on socioeconomic issues and decreasing police presence	1/5/2022 1:39 PM
2331	Police funding should be heavily decreased and the money should be diverted to community supports, affordable housing, addressing homelessness, harm reduction, addictions treatment, supervised injection sites, etc.	1/5/2022 1:38 PM
2332	Less man power wasted having 2 officers sitting in patrol cars manning intersections or covid test facilities. No need to have 2 officers sitting in a cruiser watching traffic. Absolutely unnecessary. This is City if Winnipeg not MB Hydro.	1/5/2022 1:35 PM
2333	I believe police funding should be tied at least somewhat to a measurable quantifier of policing effectiveness in the city. How well do they achieve their stated goals of community safety? Could there be a more effective method of harm reduction other than policing? There have been numerous studies done that point to non-police community safety measures, such as safe consumption sites, measurable financial support for homeless populations, and services for low-income families that do a more effective job of decreasing crime rates than throwing funds at a police service to buy tanks and helicopters. What measurable returns have these investments provided for Winnipeggers? As a taxpayer funded service, the police should have sound justification for their funding, and be able to clearly report on the benifits their funding has provided to the community.	1/5/2022 1:35 PM
2334	Funding social services that assist those committing crimes with mean the police budget doesn't have to eat up so much. Homelessness and addiction cause crime, food insecurity cause crime, lack of access to proper childcare causes crime. Put more money into those services and make them accessible to more people. Able to TRUELY help someone from start to finish we wouldn't need so many police. Invest in communities which decrease crime,	1/5/2022 1:34 PM
2335	Get costs under control. Stop buying helicopters and tanks and use that money for frontline police services.	1/5/2022 1:34 PM
2336	Policing is the requirement failures of public policy to address issues of poverty and the ensuing issues that result from it. I support short term increases in policing, but there needs to be larger investments in programs long term to reduce / address social issues. Additionally perhaps the city planning needs to cost capture the costs of urban sprawl and increased policing.	1/5/2022 1:31 PM
2337	Perhaps some funding could be recouped from repeat offenders, like court costs are?	1/5/2022 1:29 PM
2338	Reduce overtime, you don't need 12 cop cars at a robbery(see shell station 2 years ago). Move calls to other departments like social services.	1/5/2022 1:28 PM
2339	The WPS have too big a share of the city's budget and needs to be reduced with resources allocated to preventative measures.	1/5/2022 1:25 PM
2340	Reduce the police budget. Increase funding to crime prevention services.	1/5/2022 1:24 PM
2341	You say funding model 4 would be shared by all Winnipegers and that is not correct. It would be paid by city of Winnipeg property tax payers not shared by all Winnipegers.	1/5/2022 1:24 PM
2342	That none of the proposed funding models aim to decrease Winnipeg Police Service's 25% share of the city budget—and re-allocate the money towards other city services—is entirely unacceptable and undemocratic.	1/5/2022 1:23 PM
2343	Stop the pensionable overtime **redacted**.	1/5/2022 1:23 PM
2344	The assumption here is that there's value for money in these options — there's not enough information provided about police efficiency to actually make an educated viewpoint.	1/5/2022 1:23 PM

2345	Cut police funding!! Perhaps allocating more funding/resources towards poverty, homelessness, addictions and mental health supports would ease the need/usage of the Winnipeg Police Service. You know, help the root cause of the issues rather than throwing money around trying to "police" ongoing social issues without any sight of resolving or even making life any better for the citizens of Winnipeg.	1/5/2022 1:21 PM
2346	None time to start pulling money from them and reallocating it to more useful social services	1/5/2022 1:19 PM
2347	Minimize command staff positions	1/5/2022 1:17 PM
2348	We spend far too much money on the police and need to significantly cut their budget. Any option that even keeps pace with inflation is totally unacceptable. Reduce their funding, reduce their budget, significant department shrinkage. Give the money to social services.	1/5/2022 1:16 PM
2349	The police budget should be base on current economic growth and base on other sector such as health care, education and public. Police overtime should not be included in pension.	1/5/2022 1:15 PM
2350	Enter into next contract negotiation fairly. Don’t speak about reductions before even having preliminary discussions.	1/5/2022 1:14 PM
2351	It is clear that the WPS is grossly over-funded and that there are better ways to ensure the safety and well-being of Winnipeggers. I am disappointed that none of the proposed funding models suggest a reduction to WPS funding, diverting those resources to other community programs that would be far better suited to assisting with the systemic issues that manifest into the so-called problems that the WPS "address". Affordable housing, clean and safe drug supply, resources for addictions and mental health issues, let's focus on the organizations that can actually help!	1/5/2022 1:14 PM
2352	Stop the overtime.	1/5/2022 1:11 PM
2353	**redacted** tax payers as seniors we can not afford anymore	1/5/2022 1:10 PM
2354	There may be increased opportunities for fee-for-service, including increased rates for police service requests for events, increased fines (so increased income for already-established infractions paid by those who commit the infractions), and possibly, punitive costs (e.g., cost recovery) for repeat overuse or misuse of service (e.g., multiple non-emergency calls within a specific timeframe)	1/5/2022 1:08 PM
2355	I think the police budget should be lowered, drastically. To levy a property tax when education taxes are being lowered and schools are being asked to do more with less is actually criminal. Maybe the police should learn how to tighten their belts.	1/5/2022 1:06 PM
2356	It concerns me that the population that least uses police services funds them the most through our taxes.	1/5/2022 1:05 PM
2357	More fundraising	1/5/2022 1:04 PM
2358	Cut salaries	1/5/2022 1:01 PM
2359	These are all awful ideas. The police are hideously overfunded. Their funding should be frozen (and/or reduced) for 10 years at a minimum to allow more important areas of the department to receive additional funding.	1/5/2022 1:01 PM
2360	Defund the police and invest the money into social services, such as providing affordable housing, funding rehabilitation centres and safe-use sites, and improving infrastructure related to transportation and accessibility. Police do not prevent crime, nor do they solve it. According to their own numbers, the WPS only solved 1 out of every 3 crimes. 300+ million dollars for a 33% success rate. As a taxpayer in this city, I am appalled that over a quarter of our yearly municipal budget can go to such a failing service. 13% of cops have covid or on on covid-related leave, and there has been no change to “crime” rates in the city. It’s almost as if police and the incarcerated system don’t serve to improve the safety or wellbeing of Winnipeg’s citizens. Defund and abolish the Winnipeg Police Service. **redacted**	1/5/2022 1:01 PM
2361	These are all terrible options that presume police budgets need to increase in perpetuity. Police budgets should be frozen or decreased with savings used to fund initiatives to alleviate poverty and housing inequality.	1/5/2022 12:58 PM
2362	Police funding should be based on the services provided and their service load should be decreased by reallocating services to better suited agencies (e.g. mental health, social	1/5/2022 12:58 PM

	services) and by reducing the service load in the long term through investing in social programs now.	
2363	Substantially reduce poloce funding immediately. Then peg any future increases to property tax revenue	1/5/2022 12:57 PM
2364	Fund the police so they can continue services. Stop this defund the police nonsense.	1/5/2022 12:51 PM
2365	For me the police don’t do nearly enough in the city so I don’t even see where they spend their budget. I only ever see a police car on the northend or elmwood. I don’t know if they have enough cops or certain higher ranked cops are taking huge salaries but something needs to be done and it shouldn’t just be down to people who own properties to pay for it.	1/5/2022 12:50 PM
2366	Overtime and Pensions are Totally Acceptable Police officers are Very Well Paid for their very difficult job	1/5/2022 12:49 PM
2367	How are you even considering cutting the police budget? This city is crime ridden.	1/5/2022 12:48 PM
2368	Gradually decrease police funding and increase spending on social programs, affordable housing, mental health, education and addiction resources	1/5/2022 12:48 PM
2369	Separate all law enforcement requiring physical force or violence from all other administrative tasks to be done by non-police officers	1/5/2022 12:47 PM
2370	Instead of taxing us more. Cut out unnecessary police programs and services. Such as speed camera cars	1/5/2022 12:47 PM
2371	Stop funding the Mayor's pet projects and get back to core funding....roads, fire, police, water, sewer.	1/5/2022 12:46 PM
2372	Someone other than the police service should have final approval of all capital expenses. I think that robot and the helicopters they bought were absolutely uncalled for.	1/5/2022 12:46 PM
2373	Drones are cheaper than helicopters, and do we need to support a dog training and breeding program,	1/5/2022 12:44 PM
2374	Change the WPS pension plan to defined contribution! cut back on overtime.	1/5/2022 12:44 PM
2375	I think policing in general requires a major overhaul. We have seen how the current model does not meet the needs of most people. We have also seen this untouchable type of behaviour exhibited by police. I am not in support of defunding the police but I am in support overoverhauling the model to meet the needs of the communities they serve. I’m also in agreement to do an overhaul of the City of Winnipegs income earners over$100k. The salaries are outrageous for tax payers paying them.	1/5/2022 12:42 PM
2376	Possible user fee, to chronic callers. Charge other agencies who use police resources to supplement their own, eg: CFS, WRHA,	1/5/2022 12:42 PM
2377	Must be a priority in our budget not a will think about attitude.	1/5/2022 12:36 PM
2378	All models are flawed. They all assume that the status quo is correct. There should be an initial review of line by line expenditures and determining the effectiveness of those expenditures. Then there should be a determination of efficiency. As well, there should be a review of what activities the police are involved in and determine if another agency could take over that role. There likely would be cost savings. Unless an analysis like this is completed the proposed models will always be faulty. I would be willing to help in an analysis.	1/5/2022 12:36 PM
2379	Need to get those pension cost under control.	1/5/2022 12:36 PM
2380	Because many employees have not had a raise based on inflation I do not think the police should have a raise based on inflation. Perhaps certain sections of police should have raises or bonuses based on their type of work.	1/5/2022 12:35 PM
2381	Overall I believe the budget is being handled very poorly. The money is available, but where it is being allocated and how is absolutely awful. Public safety should be number one priority. I see us wasting money on helicopters that are not needed for a city this size. I see us continuing to waste money on red light cameras and radar cars (yes it provides you profit, but also eats away at the budget). I see a lack of police presence in areas that should be strongly policed (DOWNTOWN CORE). I see us wasting money on a cadet program.	1/5/2022 12:32 PM
2382	None of these models get to the source of the problem - the police budget is too large and	1/5/2022 12:29 PM

	need to be significantly rolled back.	
2383	Funding needs to be diverted from policing and into social services and community development.	1/5/2022 12:28 PM
2384	Do not increase funding at all and put money towards preventative measures not reactive (police)	1/5/2022 12:28 PM
2385	Like many union based services it's not a revenue problem it's a spending problem	1/5/2022 12:28 PM
2386	we need more police presence in the city, especially downtown in the skywalks	1/5/2022 12:27 PM
2387	Have a publicly subscribed committee (people are appointed with public signatures) determine community needs	1/5/2022 12:10 PM
2388	The Winnipeg Police Service is a malignant tumor on the city. A parasitic organism taking resources from vital services and using it for incarceration, paramilitary equipment, and overtime fraud. The only moral option is to defund and abolish them. None of these models proposes this. In 2020 the city saw one of the biggest protests in its history dedicated to accomplishing just that. I implore decision makers at the city to consider the overwhelming will of the people when making decisions on police funding. None of these models are acceptable. Because the survey forces me to choose one, I chose 5, as it is the only one that could theoretically lower the WPS budget. But this is not a sustainable option. As the city grows so will the police, and that's not a city me or tens of thousands of others want to live in.	1/5/2022 12:10 PM
2389	These options are terrible. The funding model is unsustainable with all these options. The city needs to cut funding drastically and then fund as needed. The money from cutting the police budget should go into funding programs that actually reduce crime and go to helping reduce root causes of crime. If that isn't a choice then this survey is unless.	1/5/2022 12:08 PM
2390	None of these options consider methods of increasing tax revenue for other city services, and/or drastically decreasing the police budget. The budget should be determined by elected representatives yearly - it is political, and shouldn’t be prescribed in advance. It should reflect diverse demands of citizens who have been demanding defunding	1/5/2022 12:07 PM
2391	Doesn't ask for a ranking, but Model 1 is my second choice. I don't want police budget increases to take away from other valuable services to taxpayers.	1/5/2022 12:05 PM
2392	The police service should receive a minimum of 10% cut to funding so the city can ensure to properly fund departments and programs that actually help the needs of citizens. The funding could go to many alternatives such as affordable housing, community services, and public transit.	1/5/2022 12:03 PM
2393	The WPS already receives SIGNIFICANTLY too much funding, at an expense of many community services. It should be dramatically reduced, not increased	1/5/2022 12:01 PM
2394	Defund the police and reallocate funding to social determinants of health (housing, affordable transit, healthcare, safe consumption sites, etc) that demonstrate crime PREVENTION instead of crime reaction which the police currently do.	1/5/2022 11:52 AM
2395	Other things like court times, hospital wait times etc need to be cleaned up to reduce police OT. Perhaps stop some of the community projects with kids who grow up hating police as they are taught that home and that is more powerful then shooting hoops.	1/5/2022 11:52 AM
2396	Policing needs to be re-thought in Winnipeg. More focus needs to be on being proactive to prevent crime - which means more for social services, less for police. There’s too much focus on reactive policing and generating revenue from people speeding/rolling stops through stop signs, other minor vehicle/bicycle infractions which is a total waste of policing time.	1/5/2022 11:43 AM
2397	The police service should be funded based on need, even if that means raising taxes. If Council isn't prepared to fund, then they need to decide which duties will be removed.	1/5/2022 11:42 AM
2398	Our over-reliance on police to address all social ills must be re-examined as it is proving to be too costly and completely ineffective. Three of your funding models presupposes that policing costs must rise every year which is unsustainable. Model 5 - linking budget to property taxes is not practical as the union will never abide layoffs, short or long term, based on revenue shortages. The only funding model that holds elected officials to account on a yearly basis is the current one. However, the current one, in which successive mayors and councils have	1/5/2022 11:42 AM

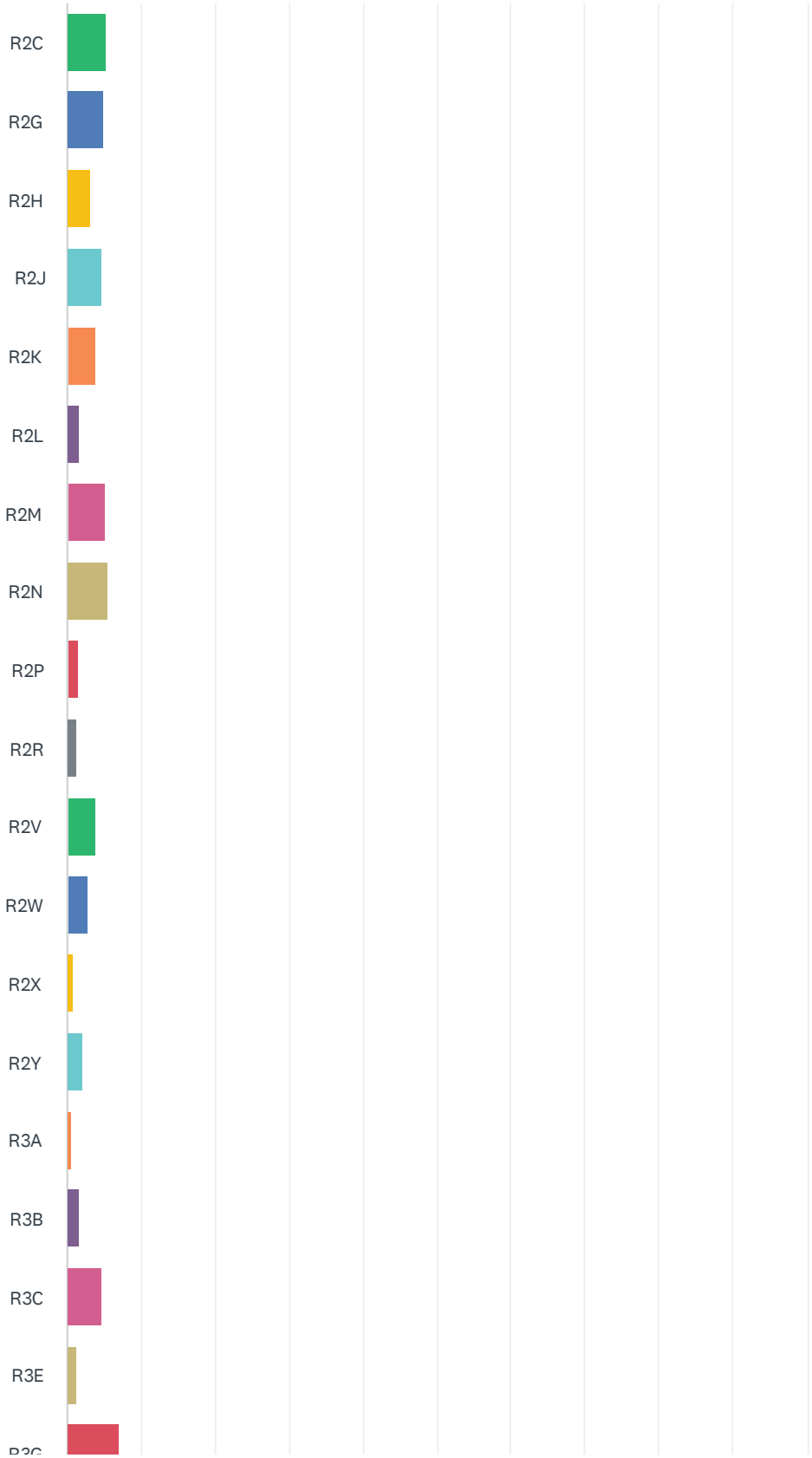
	refused to make the evidence based decisions and cutback on policing in order to court votes has got us into the current situation.	
2399	Model1 is the best model that can account for changes in demand, crime rates, arbitrated wage increases, etc.	1/5/2022 11:41 AM
2400	It is entirely unacceptable that no funding models aim to ecplicitly and deliberately decrease police funding, and re-allocate monetary resources to life sustaining and community resources. Parks, public transit , housing initiatives, librairies, etc. Winnipeg Police Service takes up an enormous portion of the city budget (mainly tied to police income and pensions), at is not at all sustainable not realistic while other city services continue to lose funding.	1/5/2022 11:41 AM
2401	Why would social services not be considered. What funds can be taken from the police budget to support other social services? Why do they automatically get and increased budget, why not look to allocate funds and defund the police budget where other social services and supports can better step in?	1/5/2022 11:40 AM
2402	The police budget is unacceptably high and can't be sustained under any of these proposals. Resources should be shifted away from police toward appropriate alternative supports such as social work, mental health, etc. we are using costly police resources to address problems which typically dont need a police response.	1/5/2022 11:40 AM
2403	Funding Model 6: Don't fund the police and move funding to mental health services, addiction services, housing first initiatives, and other organizations that actually help people in the community.	1/5/2022 11:39 AM
2404	Reallocate funds to social services and bring on mental health professionals for non-violent intervention. Policing can be so much more than what it currently is and I'd like to see our city be a leader in that.	1/5/2022 11:37 AM
2405	The police are incompetent and overpaid. Would love to be taking a survey that decides where to allocate money clawed back from the bloated police budget.	1/5/2022 11:36 AM
2406	Police budget represents a massively outsized portion of our budgets, with no significant improvement in perceived and actual safety in the city over the past decade or more. Winnipeg citizens cannot afford to hand over this disproportiante amount of funding to WPS; money that would be far better served in providing social outreach programs that would provide a much greater impact to those in need.	1/5/2022 11:35 AM
2407	Police budget should be diverted to evidence based initiatives like community programming and social supports that reduce crime before it happens.	1/5/2022 11:34 AM
2408	Require all police officers, as well as allCity of Winnipeg employees to live within the city boundaries and thus pay taxes here.	1/5/2022 11:33 AM
2409	The best model would be one that greatly decreased police funding more and more each year. The police budget is bloated beyond belief and they have done nothing but hurt this city. They deserve as little as possible.	1/5/2022 11:33 AM
2410	Policing shouldn't take up a quarter of the city's budget. ****redacted****	1/5/2022 11:22 AM
2411	None of the options mention anything about need. If crime decreases, budget could be reduced. If scope of police services changes (such as having mental health visits covered by a different area), budget could be moved from policing to the other area.	1/5/2022 11:12 AM
2412	This option does still not do enough or at the very least does not contain enough information to prove it is enough. Funds must be moved to social services. Helping people in our city is a much better use of funds than policing them.	1/5/2022 10:55 AM
2413	Funding Model 5 while the best option does not go far enough. The police budget is bankrupting the city and that money would be better spent on community supports.	1/5/2022 10:51 AM
2414	Will savings from police budgeting go towards social community services to replace policing?	1/5/2022 10:50 AM
2415	The police receive far too much of city monies. Decreasing their funding and diverting those funds to social initiatives proven to reduce crime overall would be far superior.	1/5/2022 10:50 AM
2416	Where are our community centres doing there part in neighborhood watches . Are you aware that a lot of areas in Winnipeg have Facebook groups for crime watch We need to re direct	1/5/2022 10:49 AM

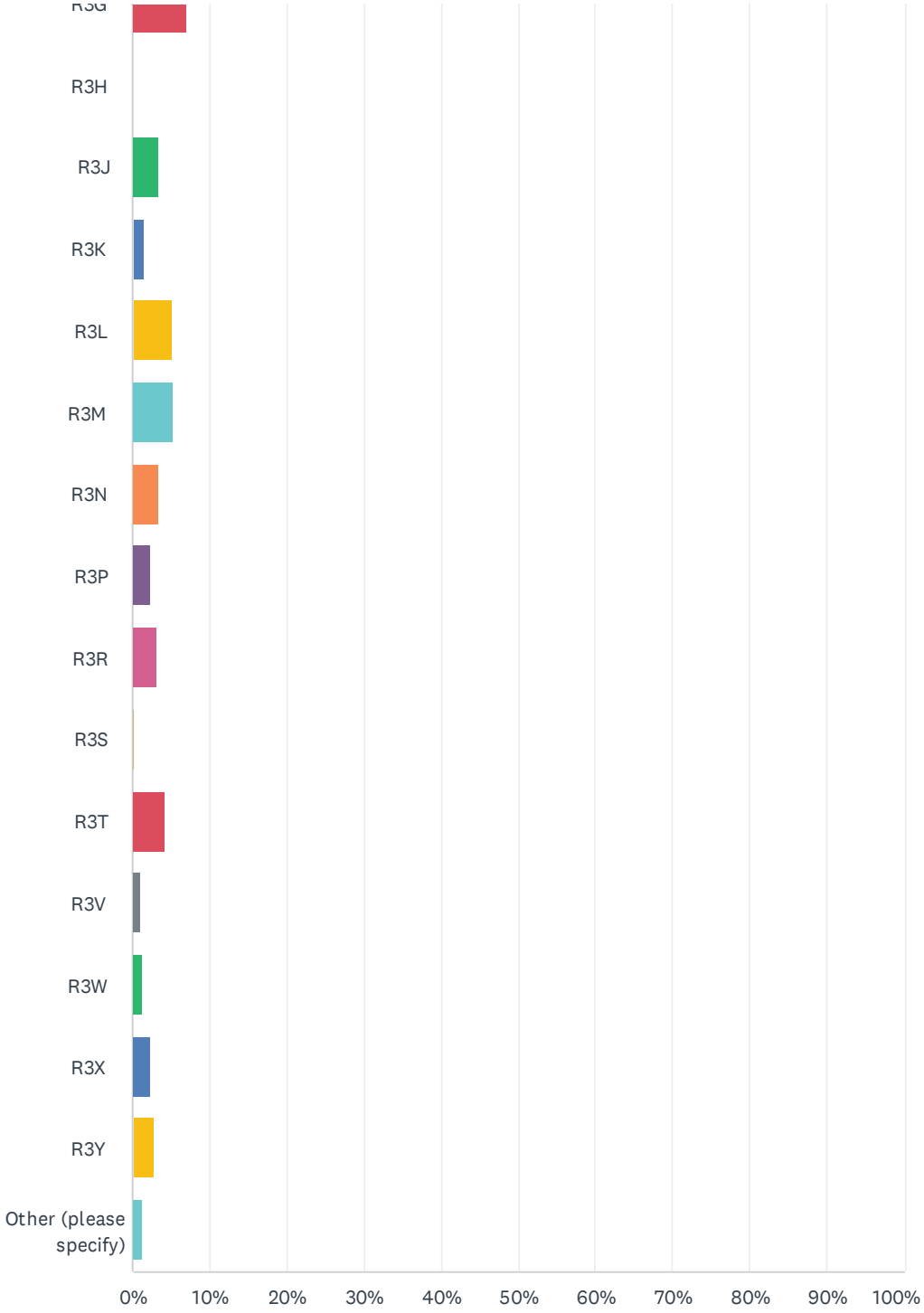
	funds for after school programs, YMCA programs , etc . We pay police more to do less. In my eyes something has to give and should not come back on the tax payer every time . Compare there pensions to government employees pensions start there	
2417	Funding model 1 is only best insofar as council is willing to ask the WPS to return with appropriate budget reductions as is done with every other department. It requires leadership.	1/5/2022 10:46 AM
2418	Hire hard line negotiators when the WPS collective agreement is up for re-negotiations…I'll volunteer…	1/5/2022 10:35 AM
2419	Less money needs to be spent on policing in Winnipeg. Support programs and poverty-mitigation are the keys to focus on, not enforcement.	1/5/2022 10:27 AM
2420	Police salaries have grown at an unacceptable rate. Only one of these models (funding model 1) allows for strategic and structural reductions to policing costs.	1/5/2022 10:24 AM
2421	I don't think that any of these models are truly appropriate without a systemic review of existing police funds, with a strategic emphasis on reducing the scope of police work. Part of the funding problem is that police are viewed as the service of last resort, where they are required to react against the upstream failings and lack of funding of so many other strategic barriers (lack of housing, substance abuse support, education, and so many others). There needs to be a multi-year strategic shift towards appropriately funding preventative justice and social determinants of health, to reduce the pressure on the WPS to act as health care providers / social workers / counsellors / etc.	1/5/2022 10:21 AM
2422	I prefer 5 the most because it is more realistic and rational. The WPS currently gets too much public funding with little accountability. The WPS budget should also be data driven and pegged social outcomes. The City of Winnipeg should explore options to reallocate police funding to appropriate social services.	1/5/2022 10:20 AM
2423	This survey was missing many questions or options, what was neglected from this survey is noting that all other city services are being cut in order to maintain and increase the **redacted** large police budget. It is only fair that the police budget receives cuts the same way transit, our parks and our libraries have constant cuts. All of those services struggle everyday to work within their budget meanwhile the police service has the audacity to buy a helicopter, a 500,000 tank and go over their budget and then ask for more money. If any of the other city departments acted this recklessly they would be denied more funds. **redacted** All of these funding models are **redacted** and you need to go back to the drawing board.	1/5/2022 10:19 AM
2424	I certainly think with such a high paying job being had in policing that we should require our officers to get a university degree before applying. Considering teachers make far less money and have to attend post-secondary for 5+ years it is quite ridiculous that police officers can make over 100k/year without such education. Additionally, I think police officers of Winnipeg should have to be living in Winnipeg and be paying our property taxes, not in a rural community.	1/5/2022 10:16 AM
2425	City council should have more control over the police budget. Budgets should be determined based on community needs and currently the police budget (which take over 25% of the overall budget) is too high and does not align with community needs. Budget resources should be pulled from the police budget (with wage freezes, layoffs, etc.) and redirected to fund essential communities services like transit, community centres, and housing.	1/5/2022 10:15 AM
2426	Police funding should be reduced 1% per year, with that money going directly to public services that actually reduce crime and make the most vulnerable people's life better.	1/5/2022 10:12 AM
2427	I want cops to be paid less than teachers/nurses please	1/5/2022 10:10 AM
2428	Reconsider some of the equipment and other expenses that are contributing to the police budget. Rather than trying to figure out how to match increased expenses all the time, reduce some of those.	1/5/2022 10:10 AM
2429	Funding for WPS should be decreasing year-over-year until all other city services are operating at acceptable and functional levels. Please note - the options provided in Question 9 are unfair and do not offer a concrete way of defunding the WPS	1/5/2022 10:06 AM
2430	Police should be considerably defunded and a large portion of the money they would be receiving should go to social workers, addictions specialists, mental health organizations,	1/5/2022 10:02 AM

	community groups, and others who are able to de-escalate situations without involving violence or aggressive law enforcement.	
2431	Policing cost must be pegged against reality and not the police union threatening Council nor citizens through scare tactics. Cost and salaries should be consistent with the environment in which they exist, i.e. not compared to municipalities where the cost of living is much higher.	1/5/2022 10:01 AM

Q11 Please provide the first three characters of your postal code.

Answered: 3,935 Skipped: 834

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
R2C	5.39%	212
R2G	4.90%	193
R2H	3.18%	125
R2J	4.65%	183
R2K	3.89%	153
R2L	1.80%	71
R2M	5.18%	204
R2N	5.51%	217
R2P	1.55%	61
R2R	1.32%	52
R2V	3.94%	155
R2W	2.85%	112
R2X	0.94%	37
R2Y	2.03%	80
R3A	0.53%	21
R3B	1.65%	65
R3C	4.68%	184
R3E	1.37%	54
R3G	6.99%	275
R3H	0.10%	4
R3J	3.46%	136
R3K	1.40%	55
R3L	5.16%	203
R3M	5.26%	207
R3N	3.33%	131
R3P	2.29%	90
R3R	3.25%	128
R3S	0.18%	7
R3T	4.24%	167
R3V	1.04%	41
R3W	1.37%	54
R3X	2.41%	95

R3Y	2.82%	111
Other (please specify)	1.32%	52
TOTAL		3,935

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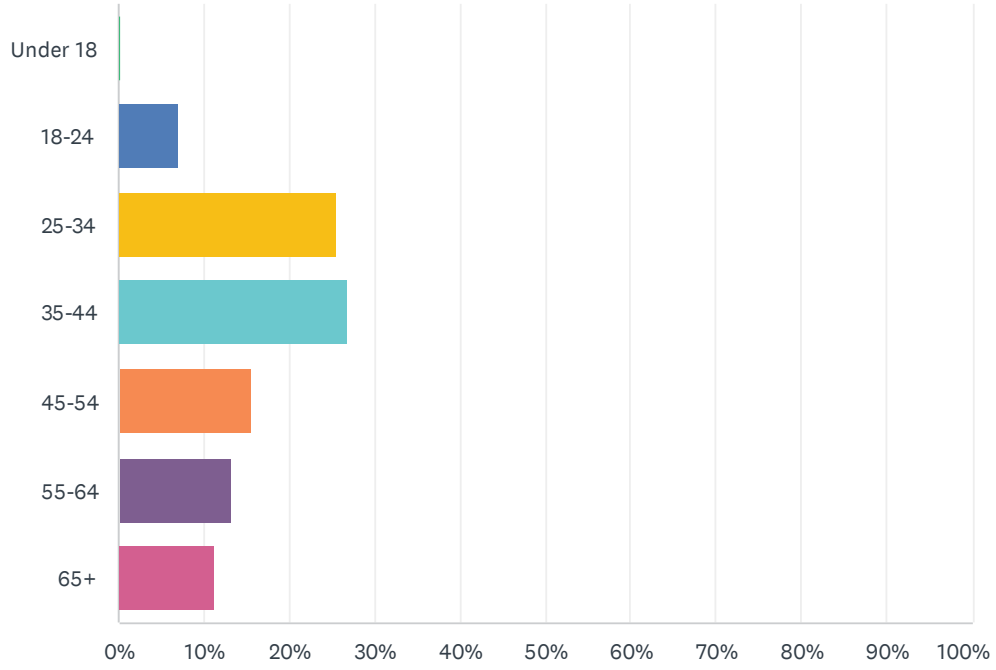
37	R1C	1/6/2022 10:59 AM
38	R0A	1/6/2022 9:35 AM
39	L3R	1/6/2022 9:24 AM
40	r5m	1/6/2022 7:17 AM
41	R4A	1/6/2022 1:20 AM
42	R5K	1/5/2022 10:58 PM
43	r4a	1/5/2022 10:54 PM
44	R5a	1/5/2022 9:57 PM
45	R4J	1/5/2022 7:32 PM
46	If doesn't matter where my postal code is	1/5/2022 7:08 PM
47	R5N	1/5/2022 6:46 PM
48	r4a	1/5/2022 4:32 PM
49	R5K0R5	1/5/2022 3:45 PM
50	r5a	1/5/2022 3:02 PM
51	RRR	1/5/2022 12:10 PM
52	R0C	1/5/2022 11:43 AM

Q12 What is you age group?

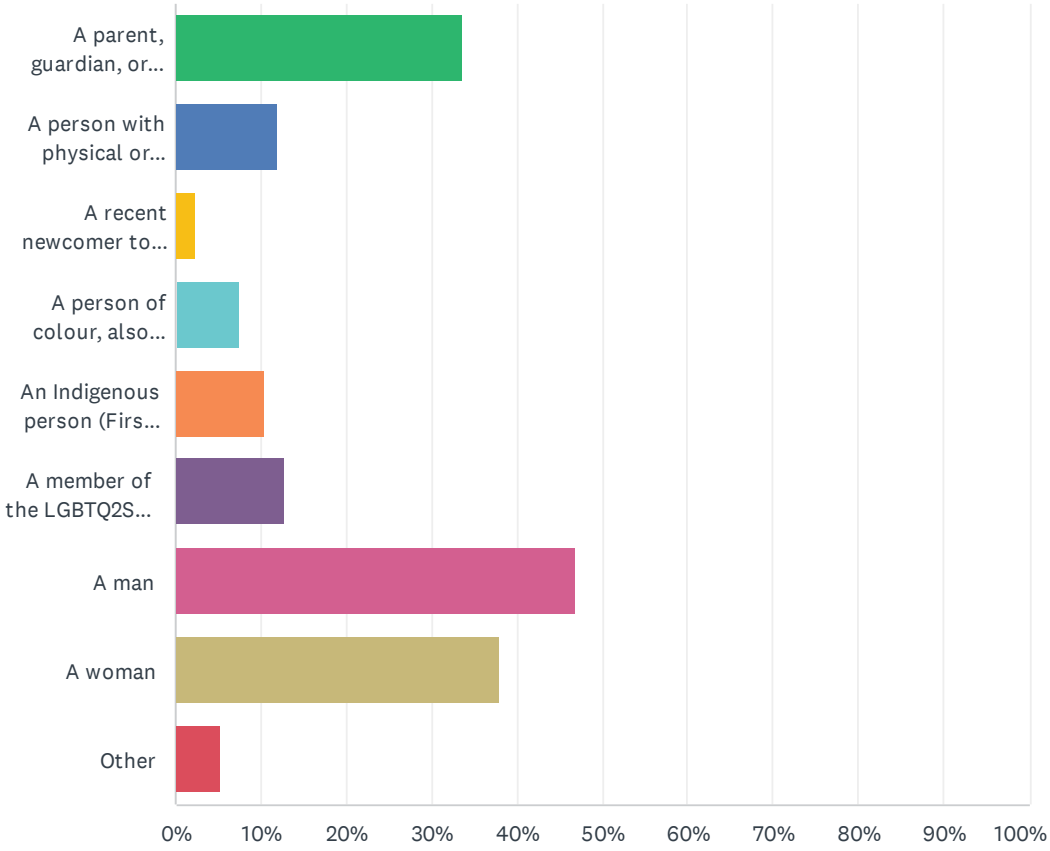
Answered: 4,198 Skipped: 571



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.24%	10
18-24	7.12%	299
25-34	25.51%	1,071
35-44	26.82%	1,126
45-54	15.60%	655
55-64	13.32%	559
65+	11.39%	478
TOTAL		4,198

Q13 Please self-identify as you feel comfortable. (check all that apply)

Answered: 4,084 Skipped: 685



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A parent, guardian, or caregiver of a dependent	33.64%	1,374
A person with physical or non-visible disabilities	11.88%	485
A recent newcomer to Winnipeg	2.28%	93
A person of colour, also referred to as a visible minority	7.54%	308
An Indigenous person (First Nation (status or non-status), Métis, or Inuit)	10.48%	428
A member of the LGBTQ2S community	12.88%	526
A man	46.84%	1,913
A woman	37.90%	1,548
Other	5.39%	220
Total Respondents: 4,084		

#	OTHER	DATE
1	A winnipegger	2/2/2022 9:55 PM

2	Retired	2/1/2022 10:04 PM
3	Ok	2/1/2022 12:23 PM
4	Nonbinary	1/31/2022 6:34 PM
5	A concerned winnipegger	1/30/2022 9:22 PM
6	An abolitionist	1/30/2022 4:18 PM
7	does not matter? Canadian Citizen of Winnipeg	1/30/2022 11:01 AM
8	An honest and appreciative taxpayer	1/30/2022 6:29 AM
9	Long time resident who has seen the breakdown of policing in Winnipeg	1/29/2022 6:41 PM
10	DP	1/29/2022 9:39 AM
11	A single parent	1/28/2022 1:35 PM
12	A little old lady	1/28/2022 1:35 PM
13	not relevant - this type of stat creates hate.	1/28/2022 9:19 AM
14	Im canadian - nothing else matters	1/28/2022 6:40 AM
15	A wife, neighbour, auntie and community volunteer.	1/27/2022 7:31 PM
16	North American	1/27/2022 7:10 PM
17	a retail small business owner	1/27/2022 4:18 PM
18	A concerned citizen	1/27/2022 4:11 PM
19	Francophone	1/27/2022 1:32 PM
20	Permanent Residence	1/27/2022 11:19 AM
21	First generation of Cdn	1/25/2022 8:15 PM
22	Lived here over 40 years !	1/25/2022 7:53 PM
23	cat	1/25/2022 7:52 PM
24	A hard working tax payer	1/25/2022 7:50 PM
25	A citizen	1/25/2022 4:23 PM
26	low fixed income senior citizen	1/25/2022 2:19 PM
27	A victim of domestic abuse who couldn't get help from the police	1/25/2022 1:29 PM
28	senior	1/25/2022 8:39 AM
29	non binary	1/25/2022 12:20 AM
30	healthcare services administrator	1/24/2022 9:56 PM
31	My husband and I filled this out together	1/24/2022 9:26 PM
32	A beleaguered taxpayer	1/24/2022 7:52 PM
33	senior retired full paid into the system	1/24/2022 7:37 PM
34	Prefer not to answer	1/24/2022 7:18 PM
35	You are either a man or a woman	1/24/2022 11:42 AM
36	A Taxpayer & homeowner	1/23/2022 10:38 PM
37	One of Winnipeg’s many tax payers who pay there taxes.	1/23/2022 5:42 AM
38	Person who regularly commutes to Winnipeg for work	1/22/2022 8:04 PM
39	Senior	1/21/2022 3:40 PM

40	Senior	1/21/2022 11:22 AM
41	This doesn't matter	1/21/2022 10:00 AM
42	NB, two spirit	1/21/2022 7:49 AM
43	gender queer	1/21/2022 7:25 AM
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47	Tax paying Winnipegger	1/19/2022 8:44 PM
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50	Veteran	1/18/2022 8:55 PM
51	Long time citizen and taxpayer	1/18/2022 3:57 PM
52	An educator	1/18/2022 1:08 PM
53	Human	1/18/2022 12:41 PM
54	A lifelong Winnipeger (3rd generation)	1/18/2022 11:12 AM
55	we nolonger are living in the 60s-90s **redacted**	1/18/2022 8:50 AM
56	I feel uncomfortable checking any of the rest of the boxes.	1/18/2022 7:19 AM
57	Does the answer change the validity or importance of my opinion in any way?	1/18/2022 4:29 AM
58	Retired Police Officet	1/17/2022 10:47 PM
59	Non-binary	1/17/2022 5:38 PM
60	You should add a prefer not to disclose option **redacted**	1/17/2022 7:28 AM
61	I've been an on and off activist over 50 years, a holistic approach to social change - advocating and trying to facilitate cooperation among those working for a better world, across the spectrum.	1/16/2022 8:57 PM
62	That is none of your business	1/16/2022 5:26 AM
63	A lifelong resident of Winnipeg	1/16/2022 12:04 AM
64	This has no relevance to the survey.	1/15/2022 12:01 PM
65	Disillusioned and disgruntalled	1/14/2022 7:38 PM
66	Social service worker	1/14/2022 12:08 PM
67	**redacted**	1/14/2022 10:41 AM
68	Lower socioeconomic category	1/14/2022 7:16 AM
69	mixed race	1/14/2022 12:33 AM
70	Iam married with 2 kids 1-26 1-21	1/13/2022 10:56 PM
71	A ex f.f.	1/13/2022 9:39 PM
72	Francophone community	1/13/2022 8:28 PM
73	Mom of 2 kids and a wife	1/13/2022 7:42 PM
74	Sagacious Dinosaur	1/13/2022 7:32 PM

75	Person of faith I hope	1/13/2022 3:34 PM
76	Health Care Worker, trained in trauma informed, mental health, cultural safety, and non violent crisis intervention	1/13/2022 1:36 PM
77	a single parent and taxpayer who is tired of paying for those in society who refuse to contribute	1/13/2022 1:19 PM
78	Seniors on pensions	1/13/2022 12:35 PM
79	A community organizer	1/13/2022 11:20 AM
80	A taxpayer.	1/13/2022 11:05 AM
81	An ally to racially marganized folks	1/13/2022 10:51 AM
82	A tax payer	1/13/2022 10:50 AM
83	Senior	1/13/2022 10:38 AM
84	Parent of a person with a non visible disability	1/12/2022 9:38 PM
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99	CItizen of Winnipeg...no differentiation of people	1/8/2022 6:16 PM
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101	V	1/8/2022 2:48 PM
102	X	1/8/2022 1:34 PM
103	Non binary	1/8/2022 1:30 PM
104	non binary	1/8/2022 1:00 PM
105	I find this question offensive - I identify as a human being ffs	1/8/2022 12:47 PM
106	A law abiding taxpayer	1/8/2022 12:35 PM
107	Marginalized person	1/8/2022 12:32 PM
108	She/They	1/8/2022 12:28 PM
109	Non-binary	1/8/2022 12:11 PM
110	Can’t believe you have this in the survey, shame on you	1/8/2022 11:59 AM
111	Na	1/8/2022 11:53 AM
112	A concern citizen	1/8/2022 11:41 AM

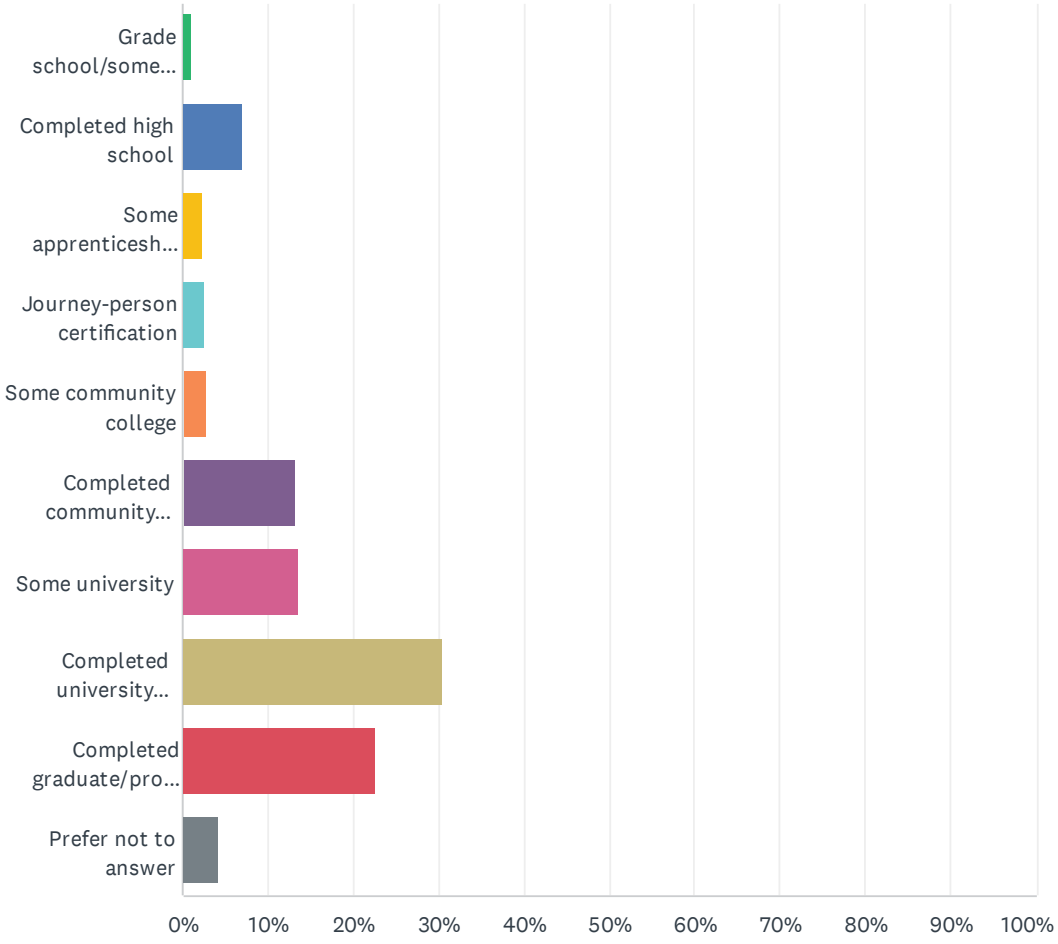
113	Caucasion	1/8/2022 11:38 AM
114	Non binary	1/8/2022 10:27 AM
115	None of your business	1/8/2022 9:47 AM
116	Prefer not to answer	1/8/2022 9:41 AM
117	Na	1/8/2022 9:38 AM
118	A person	1/8/2022 7:57 AM
119	Jewish	1/7/2022 10:20 PM
120	A mental health professional	1/7/2022 10:17 PM
121	Non-binary	1/7/2022 8:58 PM
122	A person trying to decolonize them self.	1/7/2022 6:09 PM
123	Zee	1/7/2022 5:32 PM
124	I am angry at the mere suggestion that the WPS deserve MORE than they currently get budget wise, let alone anything at all	1/7/2022 5:12 PM
125	Prefer not to answer	1/7/2022 4:48 PM
126	Nonbinary	1/7/2022 4:37 PM
127	Retired. 4 children who are self suffice t homeowners	1/7/2022 2:19 PM
128	a person with mental health issues who has been arrested instead of being helped in the past	1/7/2022 1:44 PM
129	Non-Binary	1/7/2022 12:58 PM
130	None	1/7/2022 12:18 PM
131	I	1/7/2022 12:08 PM
132	A home owner and tax payer	1/7/2022 11:54 AM
133	Nonbinary	1/7/2022 11:47 AM
134	Citizen of Winnipeg	1/7/2022 11:35 AM
135	Jewish	1/7/2022 11:26 AM
136	WHITE	1/7/2022 11:23 AM
137	King of Kings	1/7/2022 11:09 AM
138	A federal GOC employee and union member	1/7/2022 10:49 AM
139	woman - parent - tax payer - full employed	1/7/2022 10:22 AM
140	Caregiver of semi-independent young adult children and older parent	1/7/2022 10:14 AM
141	Ok	1/7/2022 10:09 AM
142	what does it matter to the cost of policing survey?	1/7/2022 9:26 AM
143	White middle class male.	1/7/2022 8:03 AM
144	Trans-woman	1/7/2022 7:31 AM
145	A low income worker.	1/7/2022 6:55 AM
146	Parent of person of colour	1/7/2022 6:38 AM
147	Minimum wage survivor	1/7/2022 5:52 AM
148	Teenager	1/7/2022 1:47 AM
149	Middle eastern	1/7/2022 12:44 AM
150	**REDACTED**	1/7/2022 12:24 AM

151	Why am I asked to add a comment?	1/6/2022 11:30 PM
152	My skin colour education and income should have no effect I’m a tax payer and this is my Community the police are here to protect us as equals and not tax is as individuals	1/6/2022 10:30 PM
153	I've lived in Winnipeg since September, 2019	1/6/2022 10:15 PM
154	Foster parent of indigenous children.	1/6/2022 10:08 PM
155	a senior	1/6/2022 10:05 PM
156	winnipeger	1/6/2022 9:53 PM
157	Retired owner of home in Winnipeg	1/6/2022 9:49 PM
158	Non-binary	1/6/2022 9:28 PM
159	Small business owner	1/6/2022 9:16 PM
160	A taxpayer in a high earning bracket	1/6/2022 8:55 PM
161	French Canadian	1/6/2022 8:53 PM
162	Concerned citizen	1/6/2022 8:06 PM
163	saw	1/6/2022 7:33 PM
164	non binary	1/6/2022 7:21 PM
165	No	1/6/2022 6:33 PM
166	Nonbinary	1/6/2022 4:51 PM
167	Local small business owner .	1/6/2022 3:13 PM
168	5D Unicorn	1/6/2022 3:05 PM
169	A radicalized person but not a visible minority	1/6/2022 2:36 PM
170	Non-binary	1/6/2022 1:59 PM
171	Parent of person with disabilities	1/6/2022 1:11 PM
172	I	1/6/2022 12:08 PM
173	56 year old white guy	1/6/2022 11:44 AM
174	A female senior, who sadly, in recent times, has become an “easy pickings” vulnerable target for crime by the unsavoury. unsavoury	1/6/2022 11:40 AM
175	Shouldn't matter except for your divisive mindset	1/6/2022 11:26 AM
176	Low income	1/6/2022 11:05 AM
177	Gender - He/Him	1/6/2022 10:40 AM
178	The police are over funded	1/6/2022 10:20 AM
179	Parent of grown independent family in Winnipeg	1/6/2022 10:09 AM
180	Visible minority is an old term. I am Black. Not a person of colour. There are specific race based experiences which should be respected and respected in these identifiers. Anti-Black racism is a global issue which cannot be conflated with general racism or lumped into the experiences of “people of colour.” Proving “other” for anyone who isn’t a man or woman is lazy and offensive. Do better.	1/6/2022 9:44 AM
181	Human being like the rest of us	1/6/2022 9:11 AM
182	A born-and-raised Winnipegger who cares about the community.	1/6/2022 8:49 AM
183	Human. What else is there?	1/6/2022 8:49 AM
184	A voter that remembers and votes every time.	1/6/2022 8:33 AM

185	Caucasian	1/6/2022 8:29 AM
186	taxpayer	1/6/2022 7:41 AM
187	une victime d'agression sexuelle dans wpg, une survivante chaque jour	1/6/2022 7:11 AM
188	inner city resident	1/6/2022 6:50 AM
189	na	1/6/2022 6:13 AM
190	Concerned citizen of corrup policies and those who encourage them	1/6/2022 6:13 AM
191	Professional Driver	1/6/2022 1:49 AM
192	Veteran	1/6/2022 12:18 AM
193	**REDACTED**	1/6/2022 12:06 AM
194	A VICTOM OF PROPERTY CRIME THEFT OVER $5,000	1/5/2022 11:36 PM
195	Canadian person	1/5/2022 10:58 PM
196	A human being	1/5/2022 10:41 PM
197	Not applicable	1/5/2022 10:39 PM
198	I am a married woman of 48 years and proud of it	1/5/2022 10:20 PM
199	Parole officer	1/5/2022 9:57 PM
200	Cancer patient	1/5/2022 9:57 PM
201	Person	1/5/2022 9:06 PM
202	A person invested in the success of the city through property ownership who will ultimately get stuck with the bill after all the special interests get mollified.	1/5/2022 8:55 PM
203	Open minded that believes in changing what has not worked with status quo	1/5/2022 8:22 PM
204	Progressive	1/5/2022 7:26 PM
205	White	1/5/2022 7:23 PM
206	Gender does not matter in this context	1/5/2022 7:08 PM
207	There, I checked all the boxes. Am I important enough now? Does my opinion matter?	1/5/2022 6:49 PM
208	a taxpayer paying way too many taxes	1/5/2022 6:49 PM
209	privileged white male	1/5/2022 6:31 PM
210	Canadian	1/5/2022 6:27 PM
211	A Winnipeger	1/5/2022 6:00 PM
212	Why would this matter?	1/5/2022 5:40 PM
213	Tax payer	1/5/2022 5:18 PM
214	Does not matter	1/5/2022 3:59 PM
215	Non-Binary	1/5/2022 2:12 PM
216	Retiree on fixed income	1/5/2022 2:04 PM
217	Chronically ill	1/5/2022 1:39 PM
218	Prefer not to answer	1/5/2022 1:02 PM
219	A long time standing citizen of Winnipeg and Manitoba	1/5/2022 12:38 PM
220	Who lives in Toronto for 7+ years and felt more safe there then here…	1/5/2022 12:33 PM

Q14 What is the highest level of formal education you have completed?

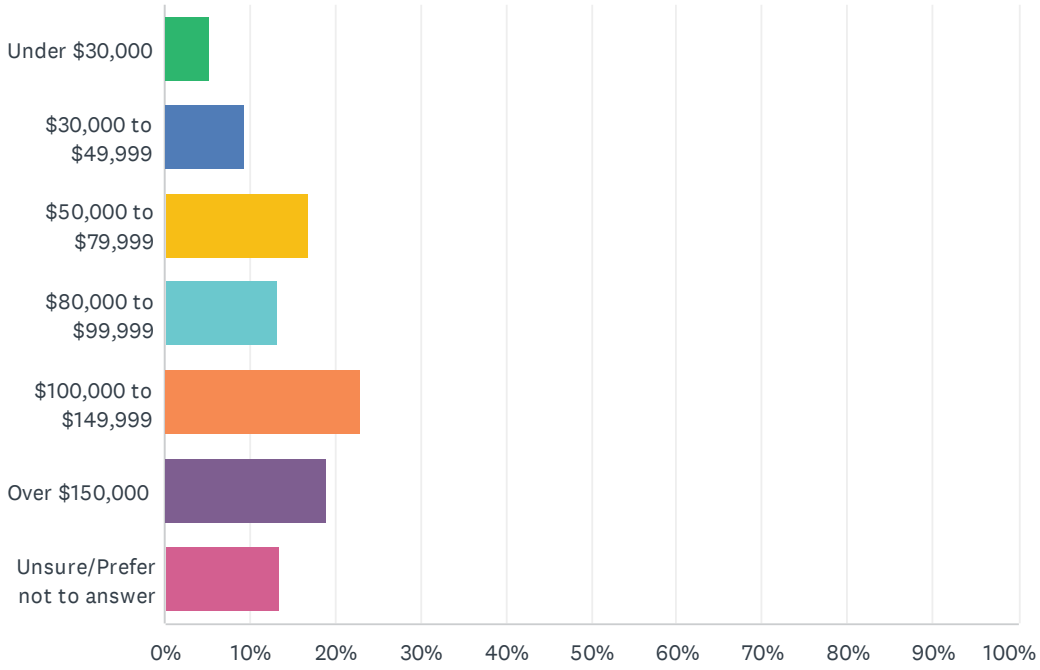
Answered: 4,207 Skipped: 562



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Grade school/some high school	1.12%	47
Completed high school	7.06%	297
Some apprenticeship or trades training	2.33%	98
Journey-person certification	2.47%	104
Some community college	2.83%	119
Completed community college diploma	13.22%	556
Some university	13.69%	576
Completed university undergraduate degree	30.43%	1,280
Completed graduate/professional degree	22.61%	951
Prefer not to answer	4.25%	179
TOTAL		4,207

Q15 Which of the following categories best describes your family income? That is, the total income before taxes of all persons in your household?

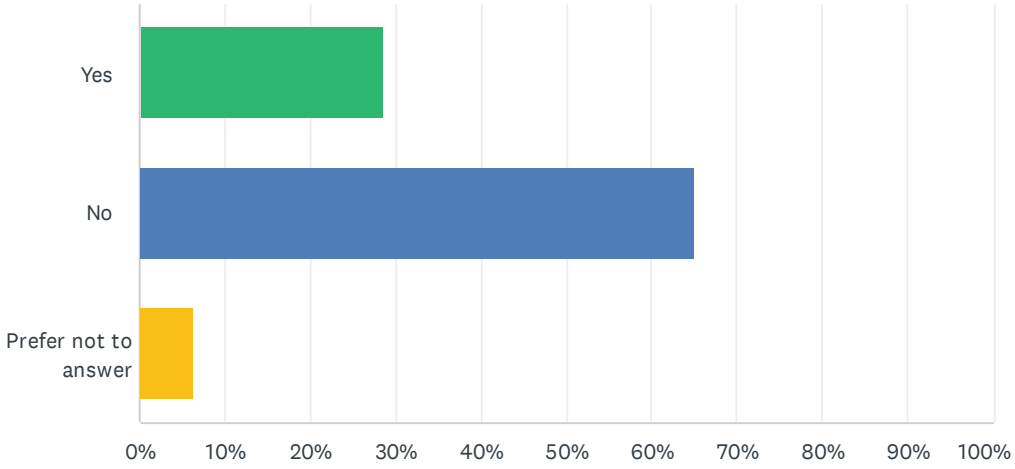
Answered: 4,179 Skipped: 590



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under $30,000	5.41%	226
$30,000 to $49,999	9.31%	389
$50,000 to $79,999	16.75%	700
$80,000 to $99,999	13.26%	554
$100,000 to $149,999	23.02%	962
Over $150,000	18.90%	790
Unsure/Prefer not to answer	13.35%	558
TOTAL		4,179

Q16 Do you have children aged 15 years or younger in your home?

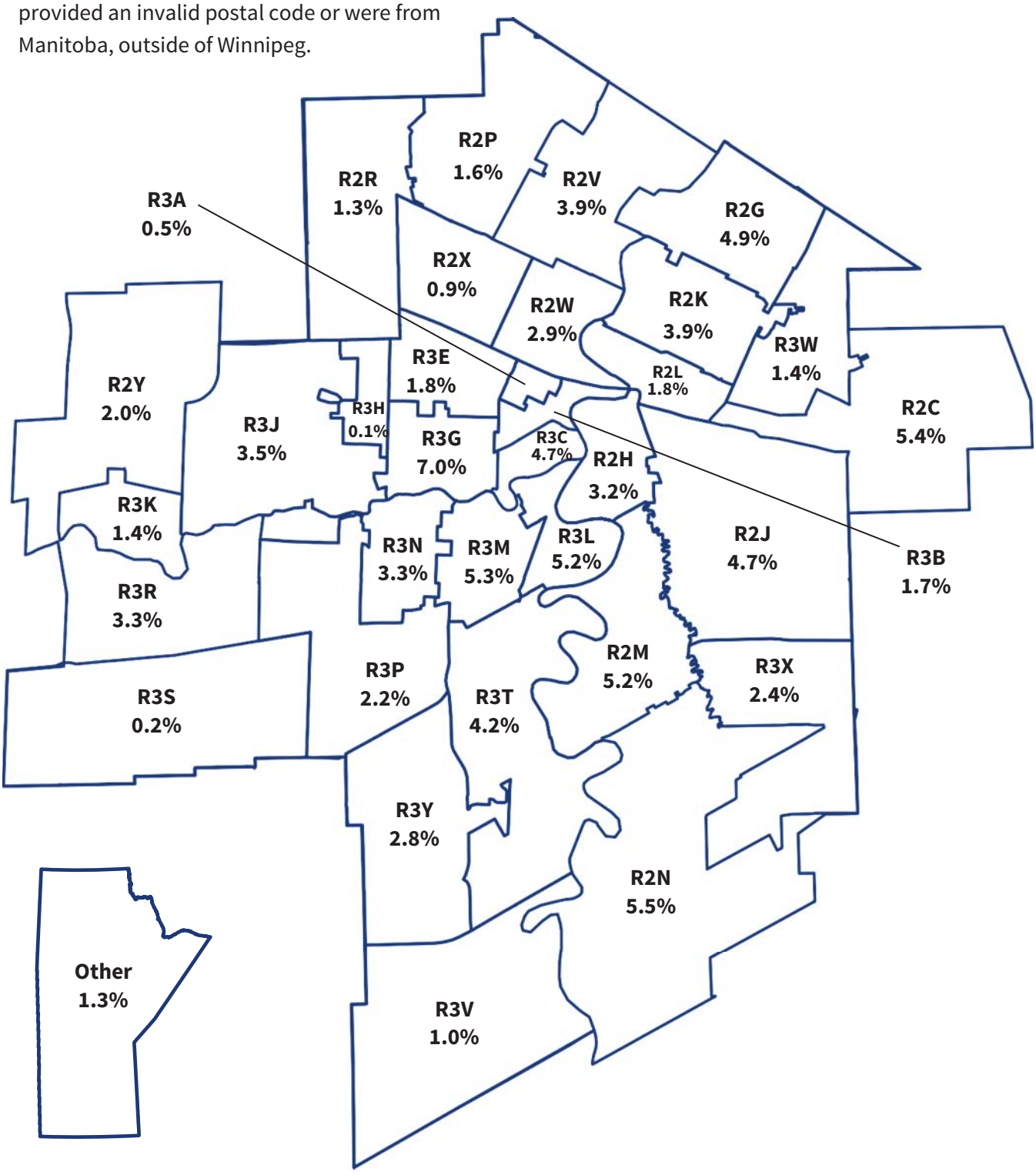
Answered: 4,187 Skipped: 582



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	28.59%	1,197
No	65.06%	2,724
Prefer not to answer	6.35%	266
TOTAL		4,187

Geographic Distribution

Respondents were asked to provide the first three characters of their postal code. Respondents represented each ward within Winnipeg. Approximately 1.3% of respondents provided an invalid postal code or were from Manitoba, outside of Winnipeg.



Appendix C – Public Workshop Event Notes

Option 1 – Status Quo

- Budget Working Group balances requests from all City departments and determines budget.

What do you like about this option?

- Mayor & EPC have approval over working group/budget
- Recognizing that governance plays a role in this model
- Alignment between police board, city, and Wpg police association (not so much association)

What do you dislike about this option?

- City Council generally does not say no to requests from Police
- Status Quo is not currently working (would like to see more funds allocated to social services) Or address social services separately
- Challenges with how police respond to those with schizophrenia

Additional Comments
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Option 2 – Inflation Increase

- Police budget increases by the rate of inflation (using Consumer Price Index)

What do you like about this option?

- Not a problem with the increase due to inflation

What do you dislike about this option?

- Oppose increases to the police budgets
- Mayor and EPC choose the rate of inflation not in correlation with Bank of Canada's inflation rate (City of Winnipeg may choose a lower rate than BOC)

Additional Comments

- Would like to see service funding re-allocation to social services, ** General comment**
  - including services for Schizophrenia
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Option 3 – Modified Inflation

- Wages and benefits increase (or decrease) to meet collective agreement obligations
- All other expenses increase by the rate of inflation

What do you like about this option?

- Maintains wages for police staff (2 votes)

What do you dislike about this option?

- High proportion of police budget going to salaries (same as option 4) (2 votes)
- Only way to decrease budget would be to reduce the number of Officers (= less pay)

Additional Comments

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Option 4 – Public Safety Levy

- Wages and benefits increase (or decrease) to meet collective agreement obligations
- All other expenses increase by the rate of inflation
- A levy would be added to property tax bills. Money raised by the levy would be used strictly for the Police Budget.

What do you like about this option?

- Math is simple for this option
- Either a levy for property size or property value would be beneficial in funding this option (reiterate that this funding change should support social services – how the funding is used)
- Is a useful tool in showing the extra funding for police

What do you dislike about this option?

- ** See comment from Option 3
- Not all funding is transparent – would prefer to see all funding transparent and funded through the levy

Additional Comments

- Levy would be specific to police funding – current frontage levy would not be adjusted
- would like to see more diverse police force (BIPOC)
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Option 5 – Share of Tax Revenue Growth

- Police budget increases by portion of property tax volume increase

What do you like about this option?

- May lose revenue for police budget – Possibility that the budget would be reduced
- Capped the increase to 25%
- It's the only option that even hints at defunding

What do you dislike about this option?

- May lose revenue for police budget- do not want to see funding grow
- Do not want to see the police budget increase
- Does not mean that funding shrinks if taxes go up
- Doesn't mean permanent defunding when taxes go up

Additional Comments

- Chat - do the police prevent violence? (no)
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Option 1 – Status Quo

- Budget Working Group balances requests from all City departments and determines budget.

What do you like about this option?

- Could possibly contribute to defunding or reallocation of resources (2 votes)
- This option is the easiest for most to comprehend.

What do you dislike about this option?

- Could result in maintaining.
- Might create conflict with bargaining unions
- I dislike option one because it could potentially contribute to defunding the police. (2 votes)
    - May contribute to Increased crime

Additional Comments

- Would like to see consideration for reallocation.
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Option 2 – Inflation Increase

- Police budget increases by the rate of inflation (using Consumer Price Index)

What do you like about this option?

- Possible increase – safer environment

What do you dislike about this option?

- Some people may not understand. (2 votes)
  - Inflation may be abstract concept
- could be many ways to calculate inflation – unclear what the calculation or result might be.

Additional Comments

- Q. is municipal price index an option? Some other cities have this
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Option 3 – Modified Inflation

- Wages and benefits increase (or decrease) to meet collective agreement obligations
- All other expenses increase by the rate of inflation

What do you like about this option?

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What do you dislike about this option?

- Not as clear for people - may cause confusion (2 votes)
- Will need more clarification

Additional Comments

- See notes re reallocation for all models.
- If taking wages into account in the formula, does OT get factored in, how to make it accurate

Option 4 – Public Safety Levy

- Wages and benefits increase (or decrease) to meet collective agreement obligations
- All other expenses increase by the rate of inflation
- A levy would be added to property tax bills. Money raised by the levy would be used strictly for the Police Budget.

What do you like about this option?

- Model 4 might be the most workable

What do you dislike about this option?

- "Public safety" may imply that policing is the only option for public safety. (2 votes)
- Increases taxes paid the most.

Additional Comments

- "Public safety" may be the incorrect terminology for this model
- Q – what is the $ amount of the transit subsidy?
- Comment that crime rates across Canada are dropping – wants to see improvements in system before increasing budget

Option 5 – Share of Tax Revenue Growth

- Police budget increases by portion of property tax volume increase

What do you like about this option?

- Straightforward

What do you dislike about this option?

- May lead to grants being given out for lot splitting
  - May be ways to get around the formula/parameters

Additional Comments
- Only based on assessment changes
- Not strongly for or against.
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Option 1 – Status Quo

- Budget Working Group balances requests from all City departments and determines budget.

What do you like about this option?

- Has political accountability built in (2 votes)
- Allows the public to speak to the budget – provide some input (2 votes)
- Allows for evolution of thinking and perhaps evidence based approach to public safety. (2 votes)
- Has worked well so far. No problem with this. (2 votes)
- Allows more freedom for councillors and residents to have more input - ongoing
- More opportunity for the amount of the budget to be influenced.

What do you dislike about this option?

- Is not looking for additional ways to look at efficiencies or other.
- Could be undue influence from lobbyist groups etc.

Additional Comments

- Need more information on how the budget is formulated. What the process is etc. – applies to all models.
- Concern that none of the options discuss efficiencies or other changes to the police service - applies to all models.
    - Concern with continually increasing the budget without looking at above.

Option 2 – Inflation Increase

- Police budget increases by the rate of inflation (using Consumer Price Index)

What do you like about this option?

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What do you dislike about this option?

- Doesn't provide flexibility for councillors to reallocate funds to other public safety services or other helpful services (2 votes)
- Inflation can be volatile - uncomfortable with tying public service budget to inflation (2 votes)
- Doesn't factor in needs of safety board
- Not comfortable with automatic increase

Additional Comments

- Need more information on how the budget is formulated. What the process is etc. – applies to all.
- Concern that none of the options discuss efficiencies or other changes to the police service - applies to all
    - Concern with continually increasing the budget without looking at above.

Option 3 – Modified Inflation

- Wages and benefits increase (or decrease) to meet collective agreement obligations
- All other expenses increase by the rate of inflation

What do you like about this option?

- Ok with covering the wage package (2 votes)

What do you dislike about this option?

- Less flexibility for council to re-allocate funding (3 votes)
- Doesn't feel that there would be much change due to wages being such a large part of the WPS budget. (2 votes)
- Doesn't provide accountability – bit of a shield to fall back on. (2 votes)
- unions tend to increase wages – therefore the budget would increase. Police are already paid well (2 votes).

Additional Comments

- Would prefer to start at zero each year, zero based budgeting vs. starting with last year's budget.
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Option 4 – Public Safety Levy

- Wages and benefits increase (or decrease) to meet collective agreement obligations
- All other expenses increase by the rate of inflation
- A levy would be added to property tax bills. Money raised by the levy would be used strictly for the Police Budget.

What do you like about this option?

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What do you dislike about this option?

- Harder on tax payers
- Similar comments re police wages, unions
- Not equitable allocation
- Assumes that police budget must go up.
- Against any levy
- May be setting bigger contract for labour peace
- Should not be called public safety levy – there are other things that contribute to public safety. E.g. Winnipeg fire and paramedic service.

Additional Comments

- Approx. $2 to each property tax bill
- Q – about tax rates, differential tax rates on land value
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Option 5 – Share of Tax Revenue Growth

- Police budget increases by portion of property tax volume increase

What do you like about this option?

- Could possibly result in decrease *
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What do you dislike about this option?

- Assumes it will increase
- Doesn't support predictability
- May be misusing the tax assessment system – e.g. lot splitting .
- Not generating a cut
- See _____'s comment from previous model.

Additional Comments
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Option 1 – Status Quo

- Budget Working Group balances requests from all City departments and determines budget.

What do you like about this option?

- In severe financial crisis Council could adjust spending
- Allows for some flexibility, possibility of decrease (2 votes)
  (best of the 5 – but does not fully support any of the models)

What do you dislike about this option?

- Assumes budget needs to increase each year

Additional Comments

- Should be an option 6 – look at strategy to reduce workload – high percentage of police work not related to crime
- Would like to see reduction in budget and workload – better value for dollar
- Leverage community partnerships / social innovation
- Look at how money is spent
- Want to see value for money

Option 2 – Inflation Increase

- Police budget increases by the rate of inflation (using Consumer Price Index)

What do you like about this option?	What do you dislike about this option?
•	• Assumes that police expenses go up by CPI. – May not be realistic, may not match expenses. • Assumes that costs spiral • Impact to other areas of the budget.

Additional Comments
- Assumes costs spiral for each of these models (2.3.4.5)
- Some concern that the Police Board is chosen by the mayor
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Option 3 – Modified Inflation

- Wages and benefits increase (or decrease) to meet collective agreement obligations
- All other expenses increase by the rate of inflation

What do you like about this option?	What do you dislike about this option?
• Pension – if adjusted, might result in decrease	• No description of what would get for the increase (general comment) • Impact to other areas of the budget. • Because includes inflation – assumes costs will go up.

Additional Comments
- Some concern that the Police Board is chosen by the mayor
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Option 4 – Public Safety Levy

- Wages and benefits increase (or decrease) to meet collective agreement obligations
- All other expenses increase by the rate of inflation
- A levy would be added to property tax bills. Money raised by the levy would be used strictly for the Police Budget.

What do you like about this option?

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What do you dislike about this option?

- Not sure what the levy would be, could it be based on frontage?, or use of services? or . . . .
  - Could be slippery slope
- Vague description. How would it impact renters, businesses, etc?
- Why are the police getting levy, but other departments are not?

Additional Comments

- Some concern that the Police Board is chosen by the mayor
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Option 5 – Share of Tax Revenue Growth

- Police budget increases by portion of property tax volume increase

What do you like about this option?	What do you dislike about this option?
• Like the proportional increase.	• Assumes costs will increase • If taxes go up, assumes that police costs would go up.

Additional Comments
- Same comments are per other options
- Policeman's Ball used to raise money for the police.
- Some concern that the Police Board is chosen by the mayor

Option 1 – Status Quo

- Budget Working Group balances requests from all City departments and determines budget.

What do you like about this option?

- Council makes choices about how to fund WPS as it does for other dept. – resp. is with the elected representatives. (3 votes)
- Allows more flexibility to evolve with circumstances, $ money available. (2 votes)
- Doesn't pit wps against other departments.
- Leaves all depts on same footing
- Simple vs the other formulas

What do you dislike about this option?

- No long term planning or forecasting
- Dislike that city council doesn't include the logic behind the their decisions and are very blunt about how they decide at the end of the budget process (2 votes)
- Status quo is how we got here in the first place.

Additional Comments

- How did we get here? Feel should examine that first
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Option 2 – Inflation Increase

- Police budget increases by the rate of inflation (using Consumer Price Index)

What do you like about this option?

- Allows for long term projections – on condition that other depts. on same model
  - Invests in other solutions annually based on the rate of inflation

What do you dislike about this option?

- No dialogue, based on a set formula
- Inflation increase would mean cut in other department budgets.
- Assumes that the police budget (at 26.5%) is currently correct
- Don't think will get much certainty because inflation forecast may not match actual
- Assumes an increase
- Ignores the impact of collective agreements (e.g. if collective amt. 5% but inflation only 2% would have to find other efficiency measures)

Additional Comments
- Doesn't pit wps against other departments
- More transparency and examination of police budget / service
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Option 3 – Modified Inflation

- Wages and benefits increase (or decrease) to meet collective agreement obligations
- All other expenses increase by the rate of inflation

What do you like about this option?

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What do you dislike about this option?

- Would pit other depts. against police service
- Would allow growth in excess of the collective agreements
- Reduces city's ability to bargain with WPS - Potentially infinite increase
- No dialogue about how budget is spent, how police services are delivered

Additional Comments

- See comments from #2
- Look at calls for service, types of calls for service
- Concern that budget has been allowed to grow, without examination?

Option 4 – Public Safety Levy

- Wages and benefits increase (or decrease) to meet collective agreement obligations
- All other expenses increase by the rate of inflation
- A levy would be added to property tax bills. Money raised by the levy would be used strictly for the Police Budget.

What do you like about this option?

- Feels it is innovative – Wpg would be one of the first to use a formula

What do you dislike about this option?

- Taking the increase that police get into a levy – only showing a portion of the police budget. Not as transparent – may misinform people.
- Gives cart blanche to WPA to increase collective agreements
- Opens pandora's box for other depts. to add levies
- Penalizing the people who may use the police service the least

Additional Comments

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Option 5 – Share of Tax Revenue Growth

- Police budget increases by portion of property tax volume increase

What do you like about this option?

- Would stop the growth of the WPS into large portion of the budget. (though considers current % is still high)
- might be more predictable

What do you dislike about this option?

- Takes away discretion from councillors
- Unscrutinised amount and other depts. wouldn't have the same access to this method
- Asking for increase without being able to justify that the money is being well spent. Concern that more depts and council have not thoroughly examined.

Additional Comments

- Need to look at collective agreements – as with the other options
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Appendix D – Telephone Town Hal Report

City of Winnipeg (website)

11,194 Attendees

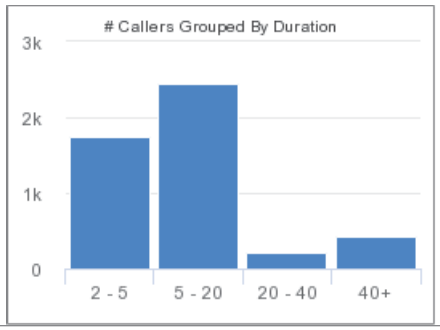
Attendees	Peak Attendees	Entered Queue	Screened	Contributed	Went Live	Voicemails
11,178 (Outbound) 2 (Inbound) 6 Hosts 8 Screeners	1,757	68	62	1	16	13

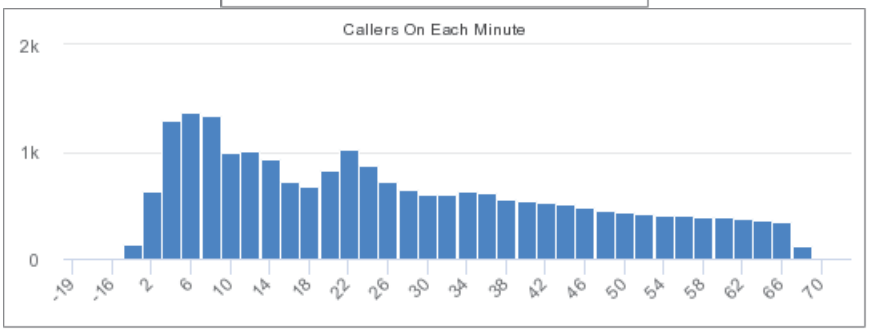
Minutes and Totals

Access Live Length	Type	Total Minutes	Avg Minutes
68 minutes	Direct Connect	59,148 (987 Inbound)	12

Streaming Audio Minutes and Totals

Total Streaming Audio Users	Total Streaming Audio Minutes	Avg Minutes	Total Streaming Audio Questions
141	3,402	24.13	21





Polls

Question	Time Asked	Responses
Q1. Did you know that the City of Winnipeg is looking for public input on the Police Funding Model before you received the call about this meeting?	20:01	

Answer	Key	Votes	%
Yes	1	197	41%
No	2	287	59%
Total Votes:		**484**	

Question	Time Asked	Responses
Q2. Have you visited the Engage Winnipeg project webpage yet to read the available information?	20:03	

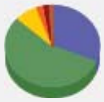
Answer	Key	Votes	%
Yes	1	87	18%
No	2	409	82%
Total Votes:		**496**	

Question	Time Asked	Responses
Q3. Based on what you understand so far, of the models discussed today, which option do you prefer?	20:17	

Answer	Key	Votes	%
Option 1 - Staus Quo	1	45	15%
Option 2 - Inflation Increase	2	52	17%
Option 3 - Modified Inflation, collective agreements + inflation	3	103	34%
Option 4 - Public Safety Levy	4	35	11%
Option 5 - Share of Tax Revenue Growth	5	71	23%
Total Votes:		**306**	

Broadcast Summary

Graph	Code	Result	Count	Percent
	1002	Live Answer	30,978	31 %



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	1009	Answering Machine	54,785	55 %
	1006	Busy	7,645	8 %
	1005	No Answer	2,599	3 %
	1008	Fax	48	0 %
	1003	Operator Intercept	1,631	2 %
	1004	No Ring	1,092	1 %
		Total	**98,778**	

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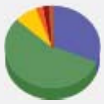

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	1006	Busy	7,645	8 %
	1005	No Answer	2,599	3 %
	1008	Fax	48	0 %
	1003	Operator Intercept	1,629	2 %
	1004	No Ring	1,092	1 %
		Total	**98,738**	

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Graph	Code	Result	Count	Percent
	1002	Live Answer	25	63 %
	1009	Answering Machine	13	33 %
	1003	Operator Intercept	2	5 %
		Total	**40**	

Live Questions:

1. I would like clarification based on inflation.
2. How will Model #5 be likely to reduce the police budget, as stated on the project webpage?
3. Once you've chosen a model, will there be a review period to ensure that it is working correctly?
4. If we were to go with inflation increase in Model #2, wouldn't we have to cut back on other things? Would that reduce services?
5. How long is the process from the beginning to the end of approval, and is that each year?
6. How does changes in the policing model fit into each of the funding models?
7. Would the funding costs be the same every year for Model #3?
8. Do any of the funding models have links to the funding efforts for prevention? Or is this a standalone look at police funding?
9. What happens if another funding formula is used and police budget goes over?
10. In regards to Model #2 and Model #3, it states that property tax will not be increased. If property tax does not go up, where will this money come from?
11. Has inflation been looked into with Model #5? Is there opportunity to consider inflation in future budgets?
12. Has the police service come out in favor of any of the models?
13. Prior to an event where options were put forward with decisions made, was there discussion with the whole pot of money?
14. Will inflation actually be applied to citizens as costs go up in cost?
15. With the Winnipeg Free Press stating the budget is going to be doubled is there any model you have that reflects that? I think this is shielding the police from scrutiny and accountability and from real public input.

Appendix E – Public Engagement Materials

Example Facebook Post



Example Twitter Post



Newspaper Advertisement

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Online Workshops*

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Date 2: Thursday, January 20
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Date 3: Saturday, January 22
Time: 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Date 4: Monday, January 24
Time: 10 a.m. – noon

Date 5: Wednesday, January 26
Time: 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.



Telephone Town Hall*

Date: Tuesday, January 25
Time: 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.



Online Survey*

Closes: Wednesday, February 2

* To register for an event or complete the survey, visit **winnipeg.ca/policefundingmodel** or call **204-336-6106** with your preferred event date and time. Instructions will be sent following registration.

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Library Poster

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Votre avis sur les modèles de financement proposés pour la police

La Ville de Winnipeg étudie les modèles de financement proposés en vue d'assurer une certitude de planification pour la Ville, et un financement durable et prévisible pour le Service de police de Winnipeg. Participez à un atelier virtuel ou une assemblée téléphonique, ou répondez au sondage pour nous transmettre votre avis.

Ateliers en ligne*

Date 1 : Mardi 18 janvier
Heure: 14 h – 16 h

Date 2 : Jeudi 20 janvier
Heure : 18 h 30 – 20 h 30

Date 3 : Samedi 22 janvier
Heure : 14 h – 16 h

Date 4 : Lundi 24 janvier
Heure : 10 h – midi

Date 5 : Mercredi 26 janvier
Heure : 14 h – 16 h

Assemblée publique téléphonique*

Date : Mardi 25 janvier
Heure : 19 h – 20 h

Sondage en ligne*

Fermeture : Mercredi 2 février

* Pour vous inscrire à un événement ou répondre au sondage, consultez la page **winnipeg.ca/modeledefinancementdepolice** ou appelez le **204-336-6106** en indiquant la date et l'heure de votre choix. Des instructions vous seront envoyées après votre inscription.

Si vous avez besoin de renseignements, ou de formats alternatifs ou d'interprétation afin de participer, communiquez avec nous : **policefundingmodel@winnipeg.ca** ou **204-336-6106**.

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Police Funding Model



Photo: Tyler Walsh, courtesy Tourism Winnipeg

Why are we here?

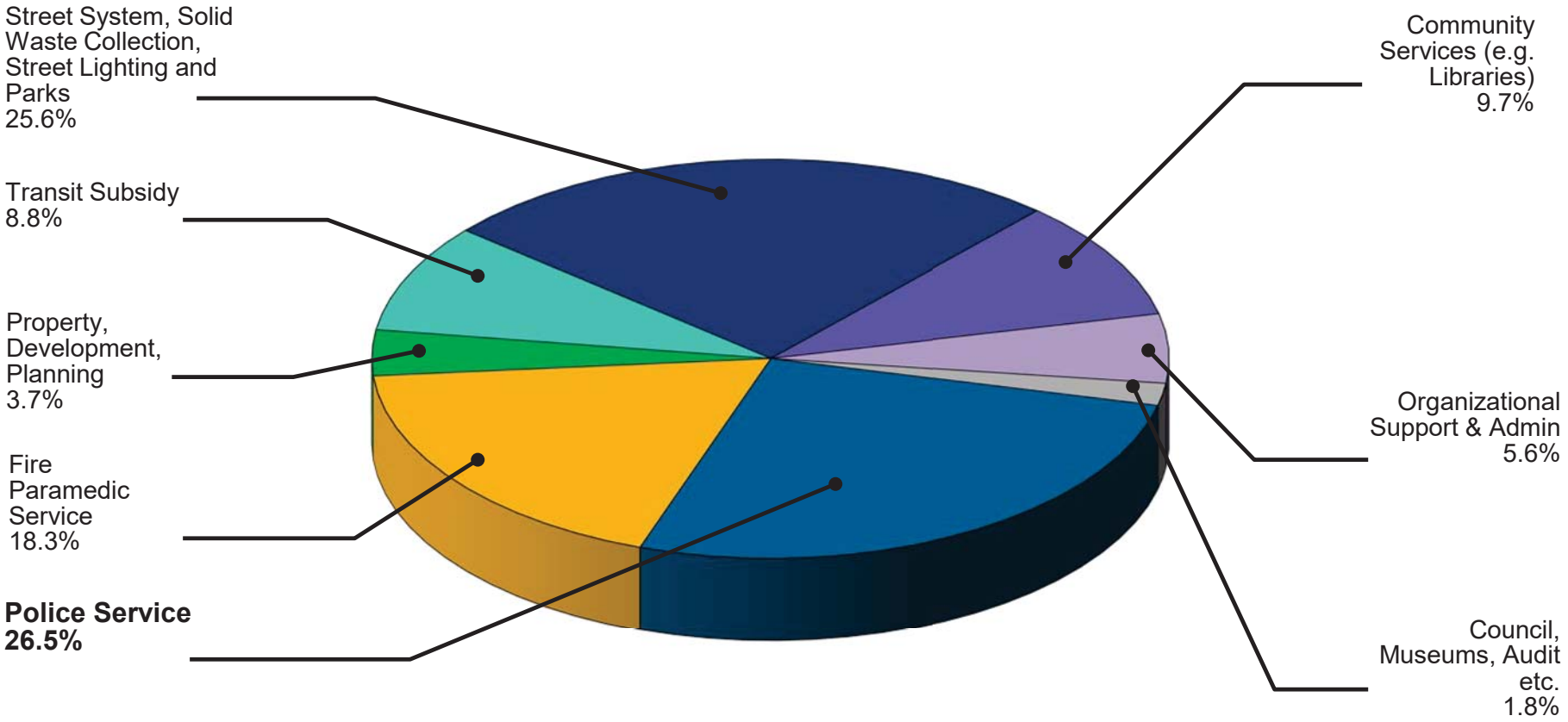
Council requested public input for Council's consideration on **options for a multi-year funding formula** for the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS).

The goal of the funding formula is to:

- Ensure planning certainty for the City
- Sustainable funding for police
- Predictable funding for police

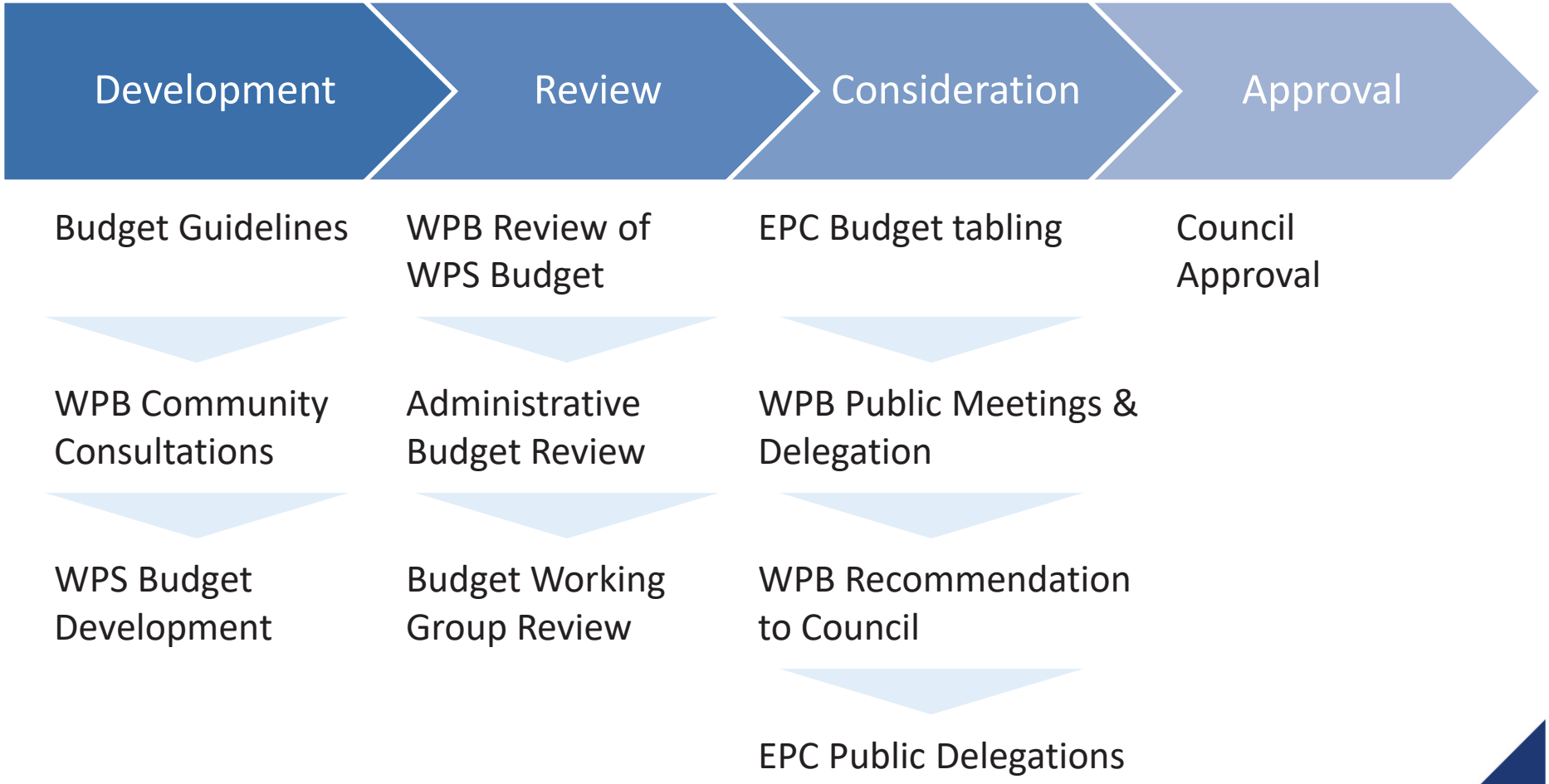
The funding formula will ensure an adequate level of funding for police while balancing City Council’s other funding priorities.

Current Overall City Budget - $1,180.3 million



* Amount represents the 2021 Tax Supported Budget

Police Budget Process



Context for Budget

A Community Trends and Performance Report is published annually that includes data used to inform the budget process

- Volume 1 on website



Socio Economic Data

- *Population growth*
- *Employment*
- *GDP*
- *Inflation*



WPS Service Level Statistics

- *Diversions*
- *Calls for service*
- *Crime rate data*
- *Traffic safety and enforcement*

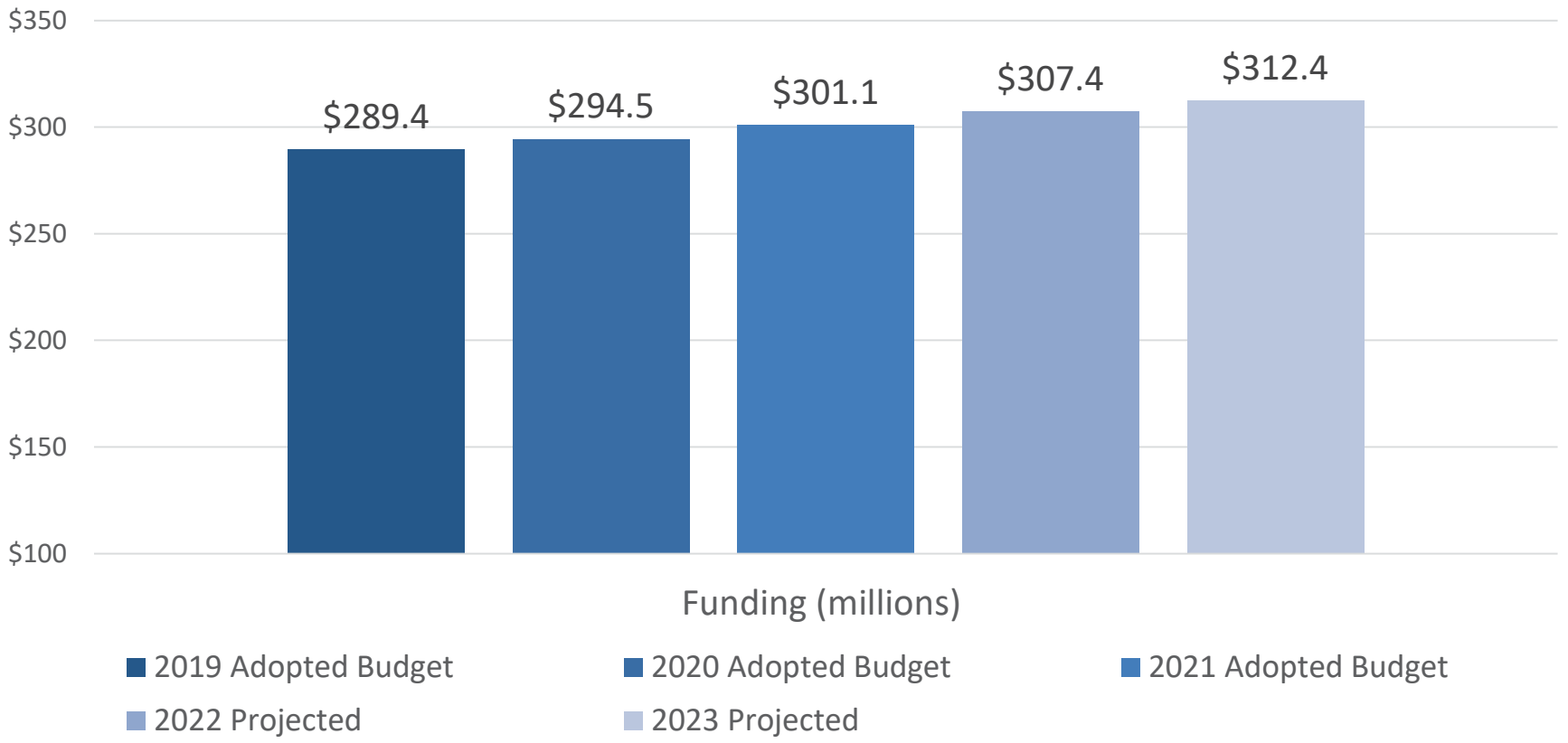


City of Winnipeg Citizen Survey

- *Conducted annually*

Police Funding

* From the 2021 Tax Supported Budget



Year over Year Increase $	$5.1	$6.6	$6.3	$5.0
Year over Year Increase %	1.8%	2.2%	2.1%	1.6%
Four Year Growth Rate				1.9%

What are we trying to achieve?

Funding model will provide:

- Planning certainty for City of Winnipeg
- Sustainable funding for the Police Service
- Predictable funding for the Police Service

Why are we here today?

Seeking your feedback on funding model options

FUNDING MODEL OPTIONS

Some Definitions

Inflation – the changes in prices experienced by consumers

Operating costs – costs associated with ongoing operations like salaries, equipment and technology, etc.

Wage and benefit agreements – written contract that provides terms and conditions, including rate of pay and benefits, as negotiated by Labour Relations with the unions and agreed to by Council

Assumptions

Model options are based on:

- Operating costs only
- No changes to capital budget process (e.g. budget for 911 communication centre equipment, IT infrastructure, etc.)
  - Capital projects are funded by taxpayers in addition to operating costs, as part of each year's budget
- Unless specifically stated, changes in property tax have not been considered in the options
  - City Council to determine how to cover any increase in funding

Proposed Models - Summary

* From the 2021 Tax Supported Budget

Option	1	2	3	4	5
Description	**Status-quo**	**Inflation increase**	**Modified inflation**	**Public safety levy**	**Share of tax revenue growth**
Explanation	Targets set by Budget Working Group Departments make specific requests. Council balances across whole of City	Budget increased by inflation	Budget increased by cost of wage increases + inflation on all other costs	Option 3, with the increase funded through a levy	Increase by a portion of the property tax **volume** increase
Change	Base Case	$413,000 higher	$672,000 higher	$672,000 higher	$5.6 million lower

Assumes no property tax increases. Unless specifically stated (option 4), City Council to determine how to cover any increase in funding.

#1 – Status Quo

Targets set by Budget Working Group (BWG)

- BWG includes the Mayor plus members of Council appointed by the Mayor

The other City Departments also request money for specific items and **Council makes decisions across the whole City budget.**

If this model were adopted, there would be no impact or change as this is the model that is currently used

- Changes in other options are calculated as the difference that would have occurred compared to this model

#2 – Inflation Increase

Budget would increase by the inflation rate, which is the changes in prices experienced by consumers

- Use consumer price index for Winnipeg

This would have added $413,000 to Police Budget in 2021 if this method was used

#3 – Modified Inflation

Rate of pay and benefits will be increased in the budget to match what is included in wage and benefit agreements

- All other expenses will be increased by the inflation rate

The Police Budget would have been $672,000 higher in 2021 if this method was used

#4 – Public Safety Levy

Rate of pay and benefits will be increased in the budget to match what is included in wage and benefit agreements

All other expenses will be increased by inflation

The Police Budget would have been $672,000 higher in 2021 if this method was used

To cover the above costs, **a levy would be added** to raise $672,000 in 2021 if this method was used

- The levy would be a charge added to property tax bills. Money raised by the levy would be used strictly for the Police Budget.

#5 – Share of Tax Revenue Growth

- Police funding would increase by a portion of the property tax volume increase
- The Police budget would have been lower by $5.6 million if this method was used

Example

- 1% tax volume increase for the City = $6 million
- Police Budget is around 25% of the total City Budget
- Police would be allocated 25% of tax volume increase

