SUBMISSION – DAVID GRANT

ITEM 5 OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2024, REGARDING CITY OF WINNIPEG CHARTER AMENDMENT – ABILITY TO PAY

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Delegation information
Committee: Council
Committee - council: Opposed to the recommendations
Committee - other: N/A
Agenda item (number and title): epc 5

Service inquiry: Register as a Delegation, Submit Comments in writing
Participation preference: Via Zoom

Comments in writing: I oppose this venture into reducing this city income stream. While I might benefit from such a program as a pensioner, I see the downside. Adding programs like this, to benefit a small group of residents, is how costs go up for all of us. It leads to 'mission creep' as staff struggles to do a whole new business area, and to it well. It means city staffing levels grow, as city hall moves out of its lane. I recall a city Councilor lamenting recently that the city does not keep track of the income levels of its residents. With this program it would have to do so.
If the reason for this action is to help residents with yet another hike in fees, maybe you should consider not hiking those fees. If those fees will harm low income homeowners, pleases keep in mind that they will hurt most of us. Raising fees for waste collection is not free money. If a program is not an essential part of city life, please delay it until it is.

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Public engagement preference: Yes