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In support of the motion Pam Lucenkiw OURS-Winnipeg

Item 23: Greenspace Investment Fund

Thank you to Councillors Gilroy and Rollins for bringing forward the motion to establish a capital reserve titled **Greenspace Investment Reserve** in support of the goals of the Greenspace and Natural Corridors Plan and the Biodiversity Policy.

Winnipeg has been slower than many Canadian cities to advance greenspace and biodiversity planning, but the reward is clear: the city is now well into the process of creating a truly special plan, co-developed with Indigenous partners. Initiated in 2022 at Council's direction, this plan is anticipated to be complete in the third quarter of 2026.

It is reassuring to see this forward-looking step, needed to establish a dedicated **Greenspace Investment Fund** to accomplish planning goals for land acquisition, restoration, and long-term management.

A plan without funding commitments is not a serious plan. Without funding, opportunities will be lost, strategic actions and policy alignments non existent or weakened, and ecological benefits diminished.

While budget plans and bylaws may not always inspire the public, the enormous enthusiasm for waterways, passing a tree bylaw, protecting a forest and enshrining bird-friendly guidelines show how deeply people care. Citizens want their voices heard and meaningful actions taken by their City.

OURS-Winnipeg strongly supports the creation of a capital reserve titled the Greenspace Investment Fund for the purpose of land acquisition, restoration, and long-term greenspace management with an annual allocation tied to the four-year multi budget cycle.