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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Abdel Soussi Gounni

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Abdelilah

Last name
Soussi Gounni

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#7 Safe Access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Adam Borchert

Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

First name
Adam

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Borchert

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Adam Manveiler

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Adam

Last name
Manveiler

Delegation information

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Item 7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Aldin Sabic

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Signed,
Alex Klassen

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Alex

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Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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While I agree on the importance of safety, this by-law is poorly written and lacks clear instructions for the future. Everyone has the right to protest, regardless of the time or place.

Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

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Public engagement (optional)

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Signed,
Alixa Lacerna

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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 11:48

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Signed,

Amanda Shymko

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Dear Executive Policy Committee,

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I ask that you remove the proposed by-law from consideration as it is against the interests of all residents of Winnipeg.

Signed,
A Concerned Resident

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Angus

Last name
Ball

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

First name
Anna

Last name
Martens

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I do not support the proposed bylaw listed in the EPC Agenda as item 7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure. The bylaw is extremely broad and would jeopardize peoples' right to protest. I think it would even jeopardize peoples' ability to gather together for reasons other than protest since using a loud speaker or microphone within 100m of a designated facility is enough to trigger fines. There is already legislation in place to protect people from hate speech and to protect people who are trying to enter hospitals and health facilities. The already existing laws are sufficient.

I do not support this move toward control and suppression of freedom of speech by our municipal government. Governments do not always make the right decisions or work in directions supported by the people and it is essential that the people be able to participate in democracy by letting governments know when they are acting outside of the interests of the people.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Anna

Last name
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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Antonia Schindle

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Antonia

Last name
Schindle

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
opposition to Report# 7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
I am writing to express my opposition to a motion going before the policy committee next week re: the vulnerable infrastructure by-law.

I believe this is highly dangerous and even if unintended, has the effect of suppressing free speech. I also believe this by-law will be challenged and may be declared unconstitutional. I am a lawyer and have practiced in the areas of human rights, administrative law, and legislation.
we live in Canada. We are guaranteed rights and freedoms from the charter which includes our right to gather and express ourselves freely. if that expression becomes hateful, harassing or threatening, we have the criminal code for that. hate speech provisions are already enshrined in our system.

This is government overreach and can have grave and perhaps unintended consequences. as currently drafted, it is a dangerous piece of legislation which threatens the rule of law in this country. We see what is happening in the States, and we do not want to see similar trends take place in our country.

Please note, once again, my opposition to this by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Committee you want to address
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This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to

advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Aren Dexter-Nickel

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Aren

Last name
Dexter-Nickel

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Nuisance Protest By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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In person

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear mayor Gillingham, Councillor Duncan, and members of the Executive Policy Committee,

The Nuisance By-Law that is on the table today infringes upon Canadian freedoms of expression and assembly as decreed by the 1982 Charter of Rights and Freedoms and I implore you to abandon its adoption. The by-law's unreasonable overreach, both definitively and geographically, effectively makes peaceful protest illegal because of the 100m buffer zone it affords. Other cities in Canada where similar legislation has been put in place, namely Vaughan, Ontario, have been litigated by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association for impinging the Charter freedoms as mentioned above.

I understand that this council has been under stress as Winnipeg residents are becoming more involved in their civics and engaging their democratic right to dissent, but if council refuses to do their job and listen to the plights of those they do not agree with, then there are more effective ways to cut down on "nuisance" protests—on the top of that list, to genuinely listen to the problems and expertise their constituents share and to be a leader in making Winnipeg a vibrant city for all its residents.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Arielle

Last name
Villarin

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, EPC meeting, urging passage of the Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. This measure is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and ensure Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. This by-law protects all Winnipeggers, and personal context strengthens its importance.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Aron

Last name
Grusko

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed “Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.”

This is an anti-democratic policy. Protest, public debate and gathering are essential for a healthy functioning society.

While I understand this proposal does not ban protests outright, it essentially bans them in most of the locations where protests are most often held. Location is paramount to the entire concept of the right to protest. Cultural, religious, educational, healthcare and community institutions are very often the site of political activity and therefore people should be free to express their opposition or support at these locations. While it is important that harassment and intimidation are curtailed, there are already laws in place to address those problems. And while peoples access to these institutions should be maintained, the restriction of access during protests has not historically been an issue in Winnipeg.

This proposed bylaw is also discriminatory toward low income and marginalized communities as it is often on behalf of these groups that protests are held. In addition the punishment of a fine impacts low income people more harshly than others, including the proposed administration fee needed in order to appeal convictions.

Policies like this contribute to the ongoing polarization and isolation of people and groups in our society. Shutting down public spaces to debate and conversations and limiting people’s ability to gather as a community will lead to a less engaged and less empathetic public discourse as people further retreat to online spaces where nuance and compromise do not thrive. If we as a community want to resist hatred and chaos as some claim this policy is designed to combat, then we need to foster a healthier society where people are free to express themselves as well as listen to others without fear of suppression.

The last point I would like to make is to highlight the absurdity of the fact that under this bylaw people would not be able to protest next to the “Bloody Saturday” sculpture in front of the Pantages Theatre. Winnipeg prides itself on the courage of the general strike. Our identity as Winnipeggers is derived from the protest and actions of 1919, which would have been outlawed under this policy. This cannot be allowed to pass. Please reject this bylaw.

Thank you for your time.

Signed,
Arthur Antony

ommittee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item #7 Nuisance protest re vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
Ashlyn

Last name
Haglund

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Astro

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Astro

Last name
Hillier

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Aurora dekker

Public engagement (optional)

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Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Branko

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Branko

Last name
Kovacevic

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Brent Adams
St Vital, R2M 2C6

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Brianna

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Brianna

Last name
Wiebe

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Signed,
Brooklynn Harper

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Brooklynn

Last name
Harper

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Bryce Fontaine

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Bryce

Last name
Fontaine

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Caitlin Hutchison

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Caitlin

Last name
Hutchison

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
Calantha

Last name
Jensen

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my outrage, shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in vehement opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils, strikes and rallies to round dances, bike rallies and the Pride parade, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, women, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment and the overall betterment of our communities.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018. How hypocritical

to be the city that is home to the first national human rights museum of its kind, to be attacking such basic and fundamental rights of its citizens to draw attention to injustices. The language of the proposed bill is also dangerously vague and ambiguous. Without legitimate justification or specificity, this by-law risks allowing a rampant escalation of hostilities against those demonstrating for justice by those in positions of authority that don't want to hear it. There is a clear right and wrong choice to be made here.

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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy. This is a blatantly obvious attempt to implement policies in support of fascism and authoritarianism. We must take any and all action to ensure that our basic charter rights are protected and that the people have the freedom to voice their concerns and hold our government officials accountable.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw. Please choose to be on the right side of history.

Signed,
Calantha Jensen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Jensen

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City's objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Cameron

Last name
Denby

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7, Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, EPC meeting, urging passage of the Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. This measure is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and ensure Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all.
I have heard too often from my Jewish friends that they feel fearful in their community. That they have felt the need to hide their faith ensuring no symbols of Judaism is on their person or their homes. That they do not feel free to express themselves and celebrate their traditions in peace is something I have never before experienced in Winnipeg. Hard working, kind, generous, contributing members of our society should NOT be feeling this way. The fact that this By-law is needed is sad enough, but clearly necessary in these times of unrest and confusion.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Candice

Last name
Sareen

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Catarina

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Catarina

Last name
Mello

February 13, 2026

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

We are writing to express our grave concern at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. We are strongly opposed to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community. As retired healthcare workers, we are sensitive to the vulnerability of the workers at these sites. Nevertheless, we feel that our Charter rights are too important to suspend. .

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We implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely



Celia Rodd, MD, MSc, FRCPC,
Retired Professor, University of Manitoba



Atul Sharma, MD, MSc, FRCPC
Retired Biostatistician, University of Manitoba

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item #7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Chandel Mcauley

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Charlene Moore

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Charlene

Last name
Moore

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to share my strong opposition for the proposed bylaw - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By Law. Not only is this bylaw a violation of people's human rights, it strongly leans towards facist tendencies. Is this what the City of Winnipeg wants? To be associated with the dictatorship of the United States? I truly am aghast at the suggestion of this bylaw and this it is even going to a vote. I am asking you to please critically think about this and empathize with the human citizens in your city who have a right to protest things they do not agree with and/or stand up for the human rights of those who are being persecuted. I have never ONCE been to any protest where the people who are protesting are causing the issues- it is always peaceful and non-violent. But you know who does cause problems and act violently? The owners of businesses, the trucker convoy, the police. I was almost run over by a truck protesting at a slaughterhouse. You know what the police did? They asked for my name and address so they could notify my family if I was murdered. Truly appalling behaviour.

As citizens we all have a right to continue protesting without fear of being fined or further prosecution. Isn't this part of a living in the "true north strong and free" stands for? To be free to live in a democracy. This bylaw is unconstitutional- the CCLA agrees. Further the language of this bylaw is non-specific therefore it could be applied to any and all actions that whoever - I'm assuming the police, find a nuisance, which is highly subjective. Public spaces are what WE the citizens of Winnipeg pay taxes for. It seems illegal to me, for the city to use my tax dollars to harm peaceful citizens who are exercising their democratic rights. Further we are guests on stolen land- this is Indigenous territory and you have no right as a government to police their actions on their OWN land. I am concerned about the

racist application of this bylaw that would result in the unjust persecution of Indigenous and other racialized people. I am appealing to your humanity and to what you know is the right thing to do- oppose this bylaw on Tuesday, February 17th. Please do the right thing and oppose this bylaw, vote no on Tuesday, February 17th. Thank you for your time and your attention to this matter.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Cheryl

Last name
Sobie

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
agenda item 7: safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
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This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. A very significant and recent example is the work undertaken by MMIWG2S families and advocates to bring home Rebecca Contois, Morgan Harris, Marcedes Myran, and Ashlee Shingoose, who were murdered by a predator and disposed of in city landfills. When the leaders in our city, some of whom remain in their positions, refused to provide dignity for these women that were brutalized by recovering their remains, their families and our communities had to come together to bring them home. Not only this, but this particular issue became political fodder for the PC campaign during the last election. When a government and city systemically enables racism, transphobia, xenophobia, homophobia (amongst other prejudices), you cannot expect people to stay silent. And, as the political tensions with our southern neighbours continue to heighten, it should be abundantly clear how important the right to peaceful assembly is (and in turn, as a form of free expression). To remove it, let alone in a city like Winnipeg, which is stricken with problems that impact everyone, we must have the right to organize peacefully on behalf of causes that impact our most vulnerable.

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inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018. The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Chloe Touzin

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Chloe

Last name
Touzin

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Christina Rabet

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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The new proposed "Nuisance Ban" on protests is not the type of legislation that a democracy such as ours should even be considering. This is an attempt to silence the public and is a slippery slope towards an authoritarian government. Canadians, such as myself, like to think that we are somehow protected from the fascist rhetoric coming out of the United States, but we are not. We need to show that we believe in public protest and that we care for our democracy by rejecting this very type of legislation. Furthermore, framing this as in the interest of public safety and protecting the public from "nuisance" protests is an unethical use of language and a gross attempt to sway those who would otherwise disagree with this proposal. Those who back this legislation should be ashamed of themselves.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Cody

Last name
Fullerton

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
DC

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Daena

Last name
Coleman

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm surprised and saddened by the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. It is disppointing to me that our civic leaders would seek to impose upon, rather then defend, our Charter rights to free expression and peaceful assembly -- at any time, but especially now, when threats to democracy and human rights are so clear, and so near.

If passsed, the sole exemption in this bylaw -- to allow demonstrations as part of a legal strike -- serves to underscore the many other worthy causes for which people would not be permitted to gather in certain places and show their support in otherwise legal ways. Thus, I want to register both my strong opposition to the proposed bylaw, and my deep concern for what its continued consideration by this esteemed council will say about their understanding and respect for people's legal rights in our city.

Sincerely,

Dan Bailis

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Dan

Last name
Bailis

February 13, 2026

To the Executive Policy Committee of Winnipeg,

Re: Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026 EPC meeting, urging passage of the Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. A culture of permissiveness has grown around the expression of hate towards identifiable groups over the past two years. Locally, anti-Israel protesters have routinely positioned themselves outside of a Winnipeg Jewish community centre, daycare and school complex. As I have personally witnessed and as covered widely by local media, these people customarily carry signs and shout dehumanizing slogans depicting Jewish Israelis as garbage, diseased, and deliberate killers of children.

The location of these protests alone highlights their true intent. A Jewish community centre is not the Israeli or Canadian embassy, nor is it the office of any Canadian Members of Parliament. A Jewish community centre, school or daycare is, of course, not in a position to influence Canadian foreign policy. Protests outside locations such as this—particularly where the slogans act to dehumanize an identified group of people, have one obvious purpose: to intimidate the individuals and families who attend this centre. The location of these protests also underscores a popular pretense where “anti-Zionism” is often used as a dishonest placeholder for antisemitism. It would be inconceivable for a local Jewish group to protest against the terrorist entity Hamas outside of a Muslim community centre or to imply that all Muslims are responsible for the horrors perpetrated by Hamas and, if that ever happened, I would hope that the authorities would put a prompt end to it.

As a forensic psychologist and academic in the field of violence prediction and prevention, I would also highlight more than 50 years of research indicating a causal link between dehumanizing a group of people and the commission of violence towards that identified group. Targeted violence does not happen out of nowhere. It occurs through a process of building grievances and hate and this process is facilitated by making human beings appear to be less than human and, perversely, responsible for the hatred directed against them. When cultures develop that make the expression of hate permissible and local authorities are unable or unwilling to address this, violence becomes predictable. Historical examples include the Nazi Holocaust and the Rwandan genocide. Recent examples include numerous acts of violence in Canada, the United States, Europe and Australia against Blacks, Indigenous peoples, LGBTQ individuals, Latinos, Asians, Muslims and Jews. The Bondi Beach mass murder of fifteen Jewish individuals is a particularly salient recent example with personal resonance for me. It highlights that, even in Western societies we like to consider modern and civil, these events are possible and our families are not as safe as we might have previously assumed.

The Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law is an important measure, not just for protecting the rights of diverse individuals to live in a civil society free from intimidation based on their identity. It is also important for preventing a culture of intolerance and targeted violence against citizens of this community.

DR

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
As a concerned citizen and member of many cultural and advocacy groups here in Winnipeg, MB, I am deeply concerned with the proposed #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. This type of by-law is simply so broad that it tramples on the multiple rights in a democratic society like ours, and I trust that City Council members will understand that it goes far beyond the notion of protecting vulnerable groups. Such a By-law would is a profound overreach and gives law enforcement powers that are beyond it's mandate, therefore curtailing the very constitutional and democratic legal rights that are inherent to our society.
Having participated in countless peaceful demonstrations over multiple decades, not once have I seen protests and marches infringe on others rights to or access to their places of worship, work or community. (To name of few: Indigenous Rights, Water Rights, Idle No More, Black Lives Matter, Solidarity for Palestine, Solidarity for Sudan, Language Rights for the francophone community, LGBTQ2S+ issues and many more marches). In the last two years, push back has come from certain groups who falsely claim that protesting political events at a community centre infringes on the safety of their specific community members. To be perfectly transparent, whatever one's views may be of an ongoing violent conflict, inviting soldiers who most likely have participated in state sanctioned crimes against humanity to speak at an event is in itself abhorrent. The level of gaslighting and moral cognitive dissonance required to then push for by-laws such as this to come before City Council is beyond acceptable.
If such a By-law was to pass, myself and my fellow citizens could be fined, detained and arrested simply for peacefully advocating for any just cause as mentioned above. In a city, province and country built on Treaties and colonial practices, I would only hope that City

Council members are able to see through these recent manipulations and reject this unconstitutional infringement on our democratic rights. Our strength as community does not come from silencing voices of dissent or objection, but rather from allow those voices to be heard and considered safely and clearly.
I trust that you will make the right decision to protect the rights for ALL people.
Sincerely,
Daniel Roy
Winnipeg, MB

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Daniel

Last name
Roy

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item 7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I fully support the bylaw. I am submitting comments in writing only as I feel intimidated to come in person given the attacks on Jewish people in Winnipeg (remember the Folklorama event) and in Canada in general.
Politicians keep proclaiming that "Jew-hatred as no place here" but it's all empty words, nothing ever gets done. It's about time this changes and this by-law is a solid first step towards really protecting good people from haters.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Dario

Last name
Gurfinkiel

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The right to protest is CRUCIAL to maintaining democracy. This bill must not pass.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Darryl

Last name
Reilly

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7 of the EPC meeting and named Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I fully support this Bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Dean

Last name
Duncan

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Deanna Bogaski

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Deanna

Last name
Bogaski

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Number 7, Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Executive Policy Committee
Winnipeg City Council
City of Winnipeg
510 Main Street
Winnipeg, MB

Dear Chair and Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

Re: Opposition to the Proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

I am writing to formally express strong opposition to the proposed *Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law*, scheduled for consideration on February 17. While the stated goal of ensuring safe and reliable access to schools, hospitals, community centers, and places of worship is understandable and important, the proposed by-law is overly broad and infringes upon fundamental freedoms protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Charter guarantee freedom of expression and freedom of peaceful assembly. These rights form the foundation of democratic participation in Canada. Any restriction on these freedoms must be demonstrably justified, necessary, and proportionate. The proposed 100-metre buffer zones around a wide range of public facilities do not meet this standard.

As drafted, the by-law defines “nuisance demonstrations” in expansive and ambiguous terms, including actions such as “obstructing the passage of pedestrians or motor vehicles

thereby rendering passage impassable or difficult" and "using amplifiers or microphones." Such language introduces significant uncertainty and grants broad discretionary power in enforcement. Lawful, peaceful gatherings could be subject to penalties ranging from $500 for a first offence to $5,000 for repeat violations.

For organizations such as Bike Winnipeg, this raises serious concerns. Group bicycle rides—an established and peaceful form of civic engagement—often involve traveling at reduced speeds for safety and occasionally using megaphones for pre-ride safety briefings. Under the proposed language, such activities could potentially be interpreted as rendering vehicle passage "difficult" or as constituting a "nuisance demonstration." This uncertainty creates a chilling effect, discouraging lawful civic participation due to fear of punitive enforcement.

The right to protest is not merely tolerated in a democracy; it is essential. Peaceful demonstrations provide residents with a vital means to express dissent, advocate for policy change, and hold government accountable. The establishment of sweeping 100-metre exclusion zones around a broad array of civic institutions—including schools, community centers, and places of worship—would effectively create extensive "no-protest zones" throughout Winnipeg. The City's own administrative report acknowledges the breadth of these restrictions.

Importantly, existing laws already address harassment, intimidation, obstruction, and public safety concerns. Rather than narrowly targeting harmful conduct, this by-law imposes generalized prohibitions that risk capturing legitimate, peaceful expression.

I urge the Executive Policy Committee to reject this proposal and to use the existing more narrowly tailored and proportionate codes, acts, and laws to address specific safety concerns without undermining constitutionally protected rights. A balanced approach can and must be achieved—one that safeguards access to essential services while preserving the democratic freedoms that underpin our community.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Derrick

Last name
White

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Desmond Bushie

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7, appendix b

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Peaceful protests are an invaluable way for members of the public to draw attention to human rights violations and important societal issues. Making this illegal would be a move toward fascism. This is a democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Ban on protests near hospitals, schools, etc

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I agree that protests near vulnerable places such as hospitals, clinics, places of worship, etc, should be banned. All protests should take place at the Legislative grounds unless union members are protesting against their place of employment.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Signed,
Dylan Peyachew

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, EPC meeting, urging passage of the Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. This measure is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and ensure Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all

Public engagement (optional)

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm going to skip the templates suggested - there are plenty of submissions I'm sure that are rooted in justifiable fear, anger, disgust. I don't blame them, they probably see this issue from an even better perspective than I do. I am concerned though, and I'm going to express that.

I'm concerned that this recommendation or proposed action on 'Nuisance Protests' is vague and open to far too much mis-interpretation. While I support the need to be civil, protest in an organized fashion, and respect the needs and boundaries of others, this is too far reaching and puts a blanket buffer on locations where decisions are being made. Not everyone can have a seat at the table, but when occasions arise for collecting outside the proverbial front door, citizens shouldn't feel that right is being threatened to be taken away - that maneuver likely won't result in more productive and balanced gatherings. There has got to be a better way to maintain decorum, protect our collective interests as folks who live, work, raise families, pay taxes, and steward the land in this part of the world.

I can only hope that each person holding public office in our city, province, and even country is doing so because they were moved by a cause at some point in their life, felt supported by community, or wanted to see change in the world around them.

Protests are one way that community comes together to connect, grow, and achieve outcomes. So are more amenable events like group bike rides, round dances, rallies. These

are moments that motivate people to DO something in their communities, take part, make change. Apathy is a growing epidemic, (among other things like the lack of basic life sustainment skills, and critical thinking) taking part in the political process, includes the option of attending protests, and being part of community includes engaging in events like group rides, rallies, round dances.

I understand that when groups get large, they become difficult to manage, however I know that a lot of effort goes into planning any kind of group gathering, and those planning more often than not do take safety and public respect into consideration.

The ground will swell regardless, we can build rafts together or sink on splinters solo.

Public engagement (optional)

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Signed,
Emma Hamilton

Public engagement (optional)

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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13 February 2026

Dear Executive Policy Committee:

I am writing in response to Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. As an historian of Canadian and Winnipeg histories, I am deeply concerned about the impact of the proposed bylaw on Winnipeg's long history of and on-going engagement with civil protest. Winnipeggers are leaders in forging and protecting the rights of Canadians. Winnipeg's histories of protest include the 1914 Mock Parliament in support of the women's vote, led by Nellie McClung and others, and labour action including the establishment of the first Black labour union in North America in 1917 (Order of Sleeping Car Porters) and the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike.

Protest and civil action are fundamental to what defines Winnipeg as a city. Portage and Main is not just a key intersection in Winnipeg, but a space whose histories represent Winnipeggers' fierce advocacy on behalf of the rights of all Canadians. Winnipeg was a key site of the Idle No More Movement in 2012 and, in more recent years, Winnipeggers have gathered to show support for Black Lives Matter, Trans Rights, and families impacted by the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Every year, thousands of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Winnipeggers gather on September 30th to walk in commemoration of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Winnipeg is also a Human Rights City, reflected in the institutions, committees, and educational initiatives in this city that center human rights. This includes the City of

Winnipeg's own Human Rights Committee of Council (HRCC). The 2023-2026 HRCC Strategic Plan identifies "the establishment of Winnipeg as a Human Rights City" as one of its four core mandates.[1] The right to protest is a fundamental human right, protected in Canada by the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. Amnesty International contends that:

> **The ability to protest safely is an issue that intersects with the right to be free from discrimination. People who face inequality and discrimination, based on their age, race, gender identity and many other factors, face even more dangers to their right to protest. It is crucial that everyone can protest safely and without discrimination**.[2]

Others are better positioned to speak to the legality of the proposed bylaw and the existing laws that already allow police to address unlawful measures. As a historian and regular participant in civil action in Winnipeg, however, **I argue that the overly-broad nature of the proposed bylaw contravenes the long histories of civil action that are fundamental to who we are as Winnipeggers. Moreover, the proposed bylaw transgresses the City of Winnipeg's stated goal of establishing and promoting Winnipeg as a Human Rights City**.

Sincerely,



Dr. Erin Millions
Assistant Professor
Department of History
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[1] City of Winnipeg, *Human Rights Committee of Council Strategic Plan, 2023-2026* (September 2022), https://clkapps.winnipeg.ca/DMIS/ViewPdf.asp?SectionId=662559.
[2] Amnesty International, "Protect the Protest," https://www.amnesty.org/en/what-we-do/freedom-of-expression/protest/.

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Act

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I oppose the proposed motion.

The right to protest is a fundamental tenet of a functioning democracy. As written, the proposed act opens the door for subjective and draconian assessment of whether a protest is permissible or not.

I understand of course the tension- I personally feel that some protests or activism are less appropriate than others (see: pro life campaigns at medical facilities vs cycling protests in favour of safe infrastructure). However, the broad sweep of sites chosen for the buffer include places best suited for productive protest and include language that is so broadly open for interpretation that it puts meaningful democratic conversation at risk.

Whereas I don't personally have a key recommendation for adjustments, I think the sweeping and subjective language throughout makes this act a poor one. I encourage council to more concretely describe the public safety issues meant to be addressed by this act, and open an evidence-based discussion about an effective response.

Public engagement (optional)

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This is about the next seven generations. The bylaw would limit fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have long used to fight for social justice—from vigils and rallies to round dances. Public demonstrations have helped secure rights for Indigenous, racialized, 2SLGBTQIA+ folks, workers, tenants, and environmental protections.

Passing this bylaw would be against our human right to protest and demonstrate lawfully. It risks infringing on constitutional rights, silencing marginalized voices, enabling police overreach, and failing to prevent acts that are already criminal. The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has also warned that broad rules like this often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to create change.

This is about protecting freedom of expression and association—cornerstones of a free democracy. As we see rights suppressed elsewhere, I urge you to uphold the Charter, protect our democracy, and drop further consideration of this bylaw.

Signed
Felisha Hartig

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,

Gage Salnikowski

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Signed,
Anon

Public engagement (optional)

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Committee you want to address
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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Harry Stewart

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Executive Policy Committee

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Item No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
As the Policy Advocacy Director of the Manitoba Eco-Network, I submit these comments on behalf of our organization in opposition of the draft Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. The need for a by-law to protect "vulnerable infrastructure" has not been adequately established by the City of Winnipeg, nor does the proposed by-law provide any insight into this perceived need. Instead, the proposed by-law seems to be entirely focused on creating unnecessary barriers and legal consequences for citizens seeking to exercise their Charter protected democratic rights.

The Manitoba Eco-Network is a non-profit registered charity which seeks to strengthen Manitoba's environmental community with the goal of protecting our environment for the benefit of current and future generations. The Eco-Network facilitates connections, engages in advocacy opportunities, and undertakes community-based research that promotes meaningful public participation in environmental governance processes.

We serve as an umbrella for environmental non-governmental organizations across the province. We build capacity and support grassroots organization's participation in the environmental community, we celebrate positive environmental actions that happen within Manitoba, and work to elevate the voices of all those within our community.

Peaceful public protests, such as rallies, round dances, and bike jams, among other activities, are an important and valuable way for concerned citizens and public interest organizations to raise public awareness and inspire change. For example, the global climate movement was inspired by Swedish activist Greta Thunberg who started Friday's for Future as a student strike for climate in 2018. This small action from a high-school student has subsequently grown into an international movement seeking stronger

environmental protections and better climate policy, and inspired many past and ongoing peaceful climate demonstrations in Manitoba.

Instead of protecting the public and inspiring lawful protests, we believe the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law will actually cause public harm by creating large protest-free zones throughout the city that will diminish the ability of Manitobans to protest anywhere in Winnipeg, not just in close proximity to “vulnerable infrastructure”.

The definition of “nuisance demonstrations” proposed in the by-law is too broad, as it captures any in-person protest or demonstration that does any one of the following:
1. Expresses an objection or disapproval towards an idea, action, person or group based on or related to any specified characteristics,
2. Obstructing the passage of pedestrians or motor vehicles without an applicable permit issued by the City,
3. Using amplified speakers without a City permit.
For example, one of the “specified characteristics” under the first part of the definition is “source of income”. This would have a chilling effect on any environmental protest aimed at divestment in fossil fuels, which is an important issue in the environmental community.

The proposed prohibition of “nuisance demonstrations” within 100 meters of designated facilities is also problematic as this captures a large number of locations across Winnipeg, including cemeteries, community centres, schools, cultural centres, healthcare facilities, hospitals, libraries, place of worship, and post-secondary institutions. When mapped out, the overlapping 100 meter buffers create entire protest exclusion zones, particularly in the downtown area. There are also a number of locations unintentionally included in these proposed exclusion zones, such as the offices of elected political officials, that happen to be located near community centres, schools, and other facilities that would be considered a “designated facility”. Thus, there is significant potential to limit peaceful protests that do not intentionally target a designated facility, just happen to be located nearby.

The Manitoba Eco-Network does not tolerate or condone intimidation, inciting hatred, violence, intolerance, harassment, or discrimination. The peaceful assembly we support does not include hate speech, violence, riots, or attempts to physically impede or blockade lawful activities. When these problematic actions occur, there are already adequate laws to protect citizens and punish those who behave in an unlawful manner. There is no need for this proposed by-law as a means of legal protection, thus, we can only infer that the City’s intention is to limit the rights of their citizens to peacefully protest. The overly broad definitions of “nuisance demonstrations” and "specified characteristics" discussed above,

among other problems with the language of this by-law, will serve to prohibit a much broader range of public discourse than just hate speech.

This includes the advocacy actions of elementary, high-school and post-secondary students, our leaders of tomorrow, who will be limited in their ability to undertake protest activities at their own educational institutions, which would be captured under the "designated facility" definition. In the spirit of intergenerational equity and environmental justice, we should be creating space for youth advocates and encouraging them to speak up about the issues that concern them. As Greta Thunberg has shown the world, a small student-led local action can have positive global consequences.

There are also important issues, such as ongoing racism in our healthcare system, that do not seem to be addressed by government until the public loudly speaks up. For example, public action in response to tragic and unfortunate situations, such as the deaths of Brian Sinclair in the Health Sciences Centre emergency waiting room in 2013, and Joyce Echaquan at Joliette hospital in Montreal in 2020, drew attention to problems with systemic racism in the healthcare system towards Indigenous peoples. If passed, the proposed by-law would prohibit protests or demonstrations regarding systemic racism in our healthcare system as this objection or disapproval would be based on specified characteristics. This means people could not hold peaceful protests or demonstrations about systemic racism in the healthcare system within 100 meters of healthcare facilities, hospitals, or universities, as they would be considered a "nuisance demonstration".

Another example of a valid public action that could be prevented by this proposed by-laws is a bike jam, where numerous cyclists gather to ride together with amplified music. This serves not only as a means of having fun, it also serves to raise awareness and make an expression about the benefits of cycling for health, environmental protection, and smart city planning. In accordance with the proposed By-Law, if the bike jam came within 100 meters of hundreds, if not thousands, of designated facilities across Winnipeg this would be a breach of the proposed by-law simply because they are playing amplified music.

These are just a couple of examples of how the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law is too broad and will create unnecessary barriers for citizens seeking to undertake lawful protests in the City of Winnipeg. You will undoubtedly hear more examples during the meeting.

Overall, the Manitoba Eco-Network recommends that the EPC should reject the proposed by-law, for the many reasons discussed above. There are also ongoing legal challenges to

other similar by-laws in Canada, such as the challenge initiated by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association of a by-law passed in Vaughn, Ontario, that could inspire similar action in Manitoba if the proposed by-law is passed. We feel it prudent for Winnipeg to at least wait until Courts provide guidance on the constitutionality of these types of by-laws before enacting its own.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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The ability to stand up and be counted on the street in person is something that I have always considered to be a human right in Canada. I had never thought that it would even be attempted in Winnipeg or Canada that a law could make that simple act illegal. This is way to broad plain wrong spirited to be allowed to be seriously considered by council. This is not a path to fascism. This is an attempt to install a main feature of fascism in our city.
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal

Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

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I write these comments in opposition to the draft Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law (proposed By-Law), scheduled for consideration by the Executive Policy Committee on February 17th, 2025, #7 on the Agenda.

I write these comments as a private citizen, but I am also a lawyer called to the Bar in Manitoba. Ultimately the Courts will decide (should they be called upon); but in my opinion there are serious risks that the proposed By-Law could be successfully challenged on constitutional grounds.

LEGAL OVERVIEW

There seems little doubt that this by-law infringes on Charter rights, including (but not necessarily limited to) freedom of expression (Subsection 2b), and freedom of peaceful assembly (Subsection 2c).

This by-law limits a "nuisance demonstration" within 100 meters of: "(a) cemetery, where the City is the registered owner; (b) community centre; (c) commercial school; (d) cultural centre; (e) healthcare facility; (f) hospital; (g) independent school; (h) library; (i) neighbourhood rehabilitation home; (j) place of worship; (k) post-secondary institution; or (l) public school."

Nuisance demonstration is defined to include "any expression" "towards an idea, action, person or group based on or related to any specified characteristics" or "obstructing the passage of pedestrians or motor vehicles without an applicable permit issued by the City" or using amplified speakers without a City permit.

The question the Courts will undoubtedly need to address is whether the by-law is justified in accordance with Section 1 of the Charter, states that rights and freedoms are “subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.”

The interpretation of the Section 1 of the Charter, or in other words when infringements on rights and freedoms are justified, is well established law. The Supreme Court of Canada’s 1986 decision R. v. Oakes (1986 CanLII 46 (SCC), [1986] 1 SCR 103) is the seminal decision that established what lawyers often refer to as the “Oakes justification test.”

The Oakes test sets out how to determine whether limits on rights and freedoms prescribed by law are reasonable and demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society. The party seeking to uphold the limitation has the onus of justifying why an exception to the guaranteed rights and freedoms is justified (Oakes, para 66).

Firstly, there must be an objective that relates to pressing and substantial purpose that are of sufficient importance to warrant overriding a constitutionally protected right or freedom. The standard must be high in order to ensure that objectives which are trivial or discordant with the principles integral to a free and democratic society do not gain s. 1 protection (Oakes, para 69).

Secondly, there has to be proportionality between the objective and the means used to achieve it. This will vary with the circumstances, but requires a three component sub-test:
-First, the measures adopted must be carefully designed to achieve the objective in question. They must not be arbitrary, unfair or based on irrational considerations. In short, they must be rationally connected to the objective.
-Second, the means, even if rationally connected to the objective in this first sense, should impair "as little as possible" the right or freedom in question.
-Third, there must be a proportionality between the effects of the measures which are responsible for limiting the Charter right or freedom, and the objective which has been identified as of "sufficient importance." There has to be a rational connection (Oakes, para 70).

With respect to the third component: “the inquiry into effects must, however, go further. A wide range of rights and freedoms are guaranteed by the Charter, and an almost infinite number of factual situations may arise in respect of these. Some limits on rights and freedoms protected by the Charter will be more serious than others in terms of the nature

of the right or freedom violated, the extent of the violation, and the degree to which the measures which impose the limit trench upon the integral principles of a free and democratic society. Even if an objective is of sufficient importance, and the first two elements of the proportionality test are satisfied, it is still possible that, because of the severity of the deleterious effects of a measure on individuals or groups, the measure will not be justified by the purposes it is intended to serve. The more severe the deleterious effects of a measure, the more important the objective must be if the measure is to be reasonable and demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society" (Oakes, para 71).

With the application of the Oakes test being adaptable to the specific circumstances of each case, reference to a couple other decisions is helpful.

Recently (on January 6, 2026), in Ruck v. City of Mississauga, 2026 ONSC 73 (CanLII) the Ontario Superior Court of Justice struck down sections of the City of Mississauga's Nuisance Weeds and Tall Grass Control By-law, which prohibited property owners from growing grass over 20 cm in height and having certain nuisance weeds on their property, as unconstitutional infringements on the right to freedom of expression under s. 2(b) of the Charter.

In applying the Oakes test the Court found that the first part of the test had been met, there was a pressing and substantial objective. In applying the second part of the test the Court found that the first component had been met, the limit was rationally connected to the right, but the Mississauga by-law failed the other two components of the test. It was not minimally impairing, nor did it survive the proportionality arm of the Oakes analysis (Ruck, paras 72-86).

In Ramsden v. Peterborough (City), 1993 CanLII 60 (SCC) the Supreme Court of Canada was confronted with the constitutional validity of a municipal by-law that prohibited all postering on public property. The Court held that while the legislative goals were important, they did not warrant the complete denial of access to a historically and politically significant form of expression.

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and the objective was not achieved because the benefits of the by-law were limited while the abrogation of the freedom was total.

APPLICATION TO THE CURRENT PROPOSED BY-LAW

Applying the Oakes test to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law demonstrates that this by-law is both unconstitutional and a bad idea.

PRESSING AND SUBSTANTIAL PURPOSE (1)

There is absolutely a need to create safe spaces. Behaviours such as intimidation, inciting hatred, violence, intolerance, harassment, or discrimination do have negative effects and should not be tolerated.

However, it is unclear what new pressing or substantial need is being addressed?

There are already ample laws in place to address such behaviours.

The Criminal Code already has provisions for the public incitement of hatred, assault, intimidation, criminal harassment, unlawful assembly and rioting.

The City of Winnipeg Traffic By-Law already requires that a parade permit is required to have demonstration or gathering on public streets, and the Manitoba Court of Appeal has found this be a constitutionally justified limit (R v Michalchuk, 2017 MBCA 103 (CanLII)).

The City of Winnipeg Noise Control By-Law addresses nuisance noise.

It is unclear why the proposed By-Law is needed? What pressing and substantial purpose does it seek to remedy?

The proposed By-Law may also have the opposite of the purported effect. It may end up targeting, rather than protecting, marginalized or vulnerable populations due to selective enforcement.

It is therefore arguable if the proposed By-Law has an objective that relates to a pressing and substantial purpose that is of sufficient importance to warrant overriding constitutionally protected rights or freedoms at all, but for argument's sake let us presume this part of the test is met.

RATIONAL CONNECTION (2A)

The proposed By-Law is not rationally connected to the intended purpose of creating safe spaces, and prohibiting behaviours such as intimidation, inciting hatred, violence, intolerance, harassment, or discrimination.

The definition of "nuisance demonstration" is too broad. It prohibits demonstrations that express objection or disapproval "based on or related to any specified characteristics," or obstructing the passage of pedestrians or motorists without a permit issued by the City, or the use of amplifiers or microphones without a permit issued by the City.

The use of the words "based on or related to any specified characteristics" would capture, for instance, anti-racism protests or demonstrations. Prohibiting individuals and the public from protesting or demonstrating outside a hospital, library, community centre, school, university, or other designated facilities with respect to alleged mistreatment or discriminatory practices on the basis of specified characteristics is contrary to the purported intents of the act, and thus is not rationally connected.

The use of the word "or" denotes that only one of the three conditions needs to be met. This means for instance, that someone simply amplifying music or a microphone within 100 meters of a designated facility without a permit could be captured by this By-Law. Once again demonstrating that the proposed By-Law is not rationally connected to its intended purpose (nor is the impairment minimal).

As an aside, there is also a formatting and typographical error with respect to the definition of "nuisance demonstration." The third sub-clause (c) is missing and the definition runs in the next definition for "place of worship." This is likely an honest error, but it also raises questions with respect to how thoroughly this proposed By-Law has been considered.

The definition of "designated facility" is extremely broad. There is not a clear rationale for why protest and demonstration should be prohibited from these portions of Winnipeg, but not others. If we want to create safe and inclusive spaces, rationally connected measures would target the behaviours or actions not the location, so that we could create safe and inclusive spaces across the entire City.

MINIMAL IMPAIRMENT (2B)

As stated, the definition of “designated facility” is extremely broad. One local blog site, Chromatin.ca, has attempted to map the hundreds, possibly thousands of locations, and estimates that nearly 17% of Winnipeg’s area would be covered by these demonstration bubble zones. As noted, there is not a clear rationale for why these portions of Winnipeg should be “protected spaces” and not others. The net is cast too wide, and so it does not minimally impair rights to expression, and peaceful assembly. As highlighted above, someone simply using an amplified speaker within 100 meters of a designated facility could be captured by this proposed By-Law. Having the measures target behaviours or actions, rather than locations, is a better way to achieve minimal impairment.

In Ruck (para 81) the Court made it clear that identifying minimally impairing by-law standards requires more than a jurisdictional scan. It is not sufficient for a municipality to simply say ‘we are doing what everyone else is doing.’ The municipality needs to meaningfully turn its mind to searching for reasonably minimally impairing solutions to achieve its pressing and substantial objective and lead evidence that demonstrates the same.

It does not appear that the City of Winnipeg has done this. The jurisdictional scan, included as Appendix A, is inadequate. Simply outline what other jurisdictions are doing is not enough (Ruck, para 81).

It should also be noted that the jurisdictional scan identified the Protecting Vulnerable Social Infrastructure By-Law passed by the City of Vaughan in 2024. The jurisdictional scan, however, fails to recognize that this by-law is currently facing a court application filed by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association that challenges the constitutional validity of this very similar by-law.

As a means of limiting litigation risk, it would be wise for the City to at minimum hold off on passing any similar by-laws until after a decision is rendered with respect to the Vaughan by-law, and tailor any by-laws in accordance with any guidance that that decision might provide.

PROPORTIONALITY (2C)

Rights to protest and demonstrate, is the bedrock to a functioning democratic society. The By-Law proposes serious infringements on Charter protected rights. It is unlikely to pass the proportionality balancing test given the severity of the deleterious effects and the overbroad nature of the proposed By-Law. The stakes are simply too high, and so the onus

on the City will be similarly high.

CONCLUSION

This proposed By-Law should not be passed. It is debatable if one is needed at all, but at minimum significant revisions are needed in order for this by-law to serve its intended purpose as well as meet the requirements of justification under the Charter.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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Dr. Jan DeFehr

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Jasmine Regnier

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jasmine

Last name
Regnier

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. While I support efforts to ensure safe access to public services, I am concerned that the by-law, as currently drafted, would place broad and unnecessary limits on the Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Public demonstrations have long played an important role in Winnipeg and across Canada. Vigils, marches, and rallies have helped communities advocate for improvements in labour rights, environmental protection, Indigenous rights, and many other social issues. Restrictions that prevent peaceful protest across large areas of the city risk undermining this essential part of democratic participation.

I am also concerned about the potential unintended consequences of the proposed rules. The definition of “nuisance demonstrations” appears broad and open to interpretation, which could lead to inconsistent enforcement or discourage lawful, peaceful gatherings. Existing laws already address harassment, violence, and property damage. Expanding restrictions in ways that primarily affect peaceful expression may do little to address those issues while creating new barriers for residents seeking to be heard.

Organizations such as the Canadian Civil Liberties Association have noted that sweeping restrictions on demonstrations can disproportionately affect marginalized communities, who often rely on public protest to bring attention to their concerns. For this reason, it is important that any limitations on Charter freedoms be carefully justified, narrowly targeted, and clearly necessary.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reconsider this by-law in its current form and to explore more balanced approaches that protect both access to services and the fundamental freedoms that are central to a democratic society.

Sincerely,
Jason

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jason

Last name
Ward

Delegation information

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Signed,

Jaymie Desrochers

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February 13, 2026

Submission to the Executive Policy Committee
Re: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Dear Members of the Executive Policy Committee:

I am writing today not only as the President & CEO of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg, the representative body of Winnipeg's Jewish community, but as a concerned citizen, to voice my strong support of the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

This legislation is necessary and, frankly, long overdue. It reflects values most Winnipeggers, and by extension Canadians, share: that people should be able to gather in community spaces without being threatened, harassed, or intimidated.

What happened at Folklorama last year made that reality impossible to deny.

At the Israel Pavilion, hosted at the Asper Jewish Community Campus, families arrived expecting music, food, and celebration. Instead, they were met with a screaming mob outside the entrance. Guests, including children and seniors, were confronted with chants glorifying violence, young female Israeli dancers were threatened with rape, sexualized slurs were shouted at women and girls, and crowds repeatedly yelled "Hamas is coming for you" at people entering the building.

Amplified sounds of gunfire and screaming were blasted into the evening air. This occurred at the doors of a community centre that houses a fitness facility, early childhood programs, cultural programming, and serves as the beating heart of Jewish life in Winnipeg.

This was not an abstract debate, nor was it peaceful dissent. It was intimidation directed at people as they entered a community space – and this is just the tip of the iceberg.

For years, when the Campus has hosted politically charged speakers or cultural programming connected to Israel, such as the Israel Pavilion, it has attracted

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protests. And, in that time, demonstrations have escalated into rhetoric and behaviour designed to unsettle and make people feel unsafe.

The Campus is home not only to Jewish communal organizations, but also to a daycare serving toddlers, Gray Academy, a Jewish day school educating students from Junior Kindergarten through Grade 12 (approximately four to eighteen years old), and the Rady Centre fitness facility, whose patrons represent Winnipeg's diverse communities.

On any given day, toddlers are arriving for childcare, four-year-olds are beginning school, teenagers are in class, seniors are attending fitness programs, and families are gathering for cultural and recreational activities. Jewish and non-Jewish patrons alike have had to navigate shouting crowds at the doors of a building that is meant for childcare, learning, and community.

Our community's relationship with the Winnipeg Police Service is very positive. They have been there to protect our community spaces and synagogues, thereby ensuring the safety and security of our community members and the most vulnerable populations. But their presence, while appreciated, cannot be the only answer. Officers can separate groups and monitor, and respond when lines are crossed. But families should not have to run a gauntlet of threats and antisemitism to enter a building. Children should not have to ask their parents why strangers are yelling threats at them. Seniors should not feel their safety is in question while walking into a fitness class.

That is why clear, enforceable boundaries are of great importance.

This by-law does not silence protest, nor does it outlaw disagreement. It does not prevent individuals from expressing their political views. What it does is establish distance and draw a line between expression and intimidation at the doors of community spaces.

Other jurisdictions in Canada have already recognized the need for protective buffer zones around places of worship, schools, and community facilities. Winnipeg should not lag behind in taking this important action. Manitobans deserve the same basic protections.

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Opposition to this by-law will likely frame it as an "attack on free expression". It is not. The right to protest does not include the right to harass families at the entrance of a community centre. It does not include the right to threaten children. When intimidation is allowed to take root at its doors, the harm is not limited to one community. It undermines confidence in the basic promise that we can gather safely in our own community spaces.

This by-law is a measured and logical response to a documented pattern. It reflects careful consideration of similar measures adopted elsewhere. It provides clarity for law enforcement and reassurance for families. Most importantly, it signals that Winnipeg will not accept intimidation as the price of participation in community life.

Members of this Committee have an opportunity to make a powerful statement: that hate has no place at the entrances of our community spaces.

We urge you to support this by-law as a practical step toward protecting safe access, dignity, and shared Canadian values in our city.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Lieberman, President & CEO
Jewish Federation of Winnipeg

Delegation information

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Signed,

Jennalee Patterson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jennalee

Last name
Patterson

Identify the item and your position

Public hearing item
Address: Executive Policy Committee (February 17, 2026 meeting)
Agenda item #7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Position on the proposed development
Opposition

How would you like to participate?

Participation options
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Signed,
Jennifer Clark

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Full name
Jennifer Clark

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Comments
It is unacceptable to functionally ban protest across wide swaths of the city on these spurious grounds. Occasional exposure to contrary opinions in public space is part and parcel of living in a democratic society. Council needs to decide if they believe in liberal democracy or not.

Jeremy Clemens-Mierau

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Jeremy

Last name
Clemens-Mierau

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7 "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law"

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Comments
To deny "obtrusive" protest is to deny the right to protest.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jeremy

Last name
Dumaua

Delegation information

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Jeremy Lee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Jessica Major

Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

First name
Jessica

Last name
Major

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Signed,
Ji Hae Kim

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First name
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Kim

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Signed,
Jillian Lernowicz

Public engagement (optional)

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First name
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Last name
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Jo Burdon

Public engagement (optional)

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My understanding is that we already have laws to keep people safe from harassment and intimidation, this seems like a restriction of the right to protest and free speech.

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Last name
Graham

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Dear Mayor Gillingham and Members of the Executive Policy Committee of the City of Winnipeg:

We are writing to you in regard to the "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law" proposal to be discussed at the February 17th meeting of EPC. We write as professors, instructors, and academic librarians who work in Winnipeg's post-secondary institutions and as members of the Winnipeg community.

The proposed by-law conflicts with the mission of post-secondary educational institutions. It threatens to chill political speech beyond the University and violate Charter-protected rights to free expression and peaceful assembly.

The proposed by-law bans any obstruction of traffic or use of sound amplification without a permit from the city, and includes post-secondary institutions as sites governed by the ban. Moreover, it authorizes substantial fines for non-compliance (up to $5000 for repeat offenders). As a result, the ban would effectively block many members of our University communities from engaging in common forms of speech on our campuses, including teach-ins or other types of rallies.

Freedom of expression is essential for the mission of post-secondary educational institutions. Free debate and discussion—including peaceful acts of protest—allow for the exchange of ideas that is required for the discovery, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge. Restrictions on protest also limit the University's ability to prepare students to engage in public debate and respond to intellectual challenges. The proposed by-law would undermine this freedom of expression in a way that would compromise these core missions of the University.

The proposed by-law also threatens to substitute the judgments of city officials considering whether to permit activities that involve amplified sound or traffic disruption for those of University authorities. Campus communities have had long, ongoing, and vibrant debates around what free expression looks like on our campuses, and are best placed to continue those discussions and decisions under collegial governance processes. And the University's ability to effectively pursue and share knowledge requires maintaining distance from government interference, which is threatened by the proposed ban's imposition of political interference on University matters.

We are especially concerned about the proposed by-law's application to post-secondary institutions. But we also have serious concerns beyond our campuses. We believe the by-law will chill public expression, and penalize people for exercising their Charter rights to free expression and peaceful assembly. We also fear that the by-law may be unevenly applied to limit speech and assembly that government officials or enforcement agents disfavour.

Finally, this proposed by-law goes well beyond what has been enacted (and legally challenged) in other jurisdictions. For example, by-laws in Calgary and Toronto, to which it has been

compared, apply to far fewer spaces (childcare centres, places of worship, or schools, in Toronto; libraries and community centres in Calgary). Neither jurisdiction imposes restrictions on post-secondary educational institutions. Nor do they limit amplified speech or disruption of traffic. Instead, they simply restrict conduct that limits people's access to public space, discourages or intimidates people from accessing those spaces, or targets people on the basis of Charter protected characteristics. The restrictions proposed in the by-law before the EPC significantly exceed these restrictions.

As academic faculty, we call on the Executive Policy Committee to vote against the proposed by-law.

Sincerely,

Professors, Librarians, and Instructors from University of Manitoba, Université de Saint-Boniface, University of Winnipeg

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, EPC meeting, urging passage of the Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. This measure is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and ensure Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all.

When my wife served as Folklorama Ambassador for the Israel Pavilion in 2024, I strongly discouraged her from doing so as I was worried for her safety. There were numerous loud and threatening protests almost every night outside of the Pavilion. I also worry for our children who use the Asper Campus facilities. Jewish people should not have to worry about their safety or hide their identity and certain places like synagogues and community Centres should be kept as safe zones without fear of hate or intimidation.

I am asking my city to protect its citizens by placing these reasonable limits on intimidating and antagonizing behaviour.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This policy proposal likely contravenes the Charter and is blatantly anti-democratic. I read in the Winnipeg Free Press that Zionist groups had been lobbying for this. A group at Harvard recently estimated that 600,000 people have died in Gaza so far in what an increasing number of organizations and individuals have recognized as a genocide.

In light of this, for the municipal government to want to restrict the ability of people to protest issues which you have condescendingly described as "nuisances" in much of the city is abhorrent.

Repression is never the answer!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The people of Manitoba deserve to protest anything and anyone they may oppose in any area of the city they please, ESPECIALLY downtown.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.
This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.
If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.
The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.
This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter

and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Jordan Lee

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
People should be able to protest.

Public engagement (optional)

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Public Hearings Before Committee of Human Rights

of

Winnipeg City Council

Should the IHRA working definition of antisemitism, designed to stimulate discussion, be converted into Policy?

What is the relevance to Manitoba and Canada Today - February 2026?

Respect to all delegates for their presentations;
to Committee Members;
to City Council for providing a democratic forum for citizen participation.

The IRHA - International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of antisemitism has been passed into policy by Federal and Provincial governments and organizations throughout Canada.
On March 27, 2023, the City of Winnipeg, Human Rights Committee held the only public hearings in Manitoba on this working definition conversion to policy, permitting citizens of opposing views to speak.

Five Jewish proponents, two of whom were full-time lobbyists, and a Federation Church representative, had been given time at the Human Rights Committee to ask that this working paper be converted into city of Winnipeg policy. Hearings had to be postponed. Word spread to the public. Thirteen citizens, seven Jewish, six of diverse backgrounds, submitted requests to speak in opposition. The larger numbers required Council Chambers. Deputy Mayor Markus Chambers, assisted by City Clerk Rebecca Ford, ensured a respectful and democratic process (YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtdvczD1J1I).

The conclusion of the hearings pointed to action. Neither the City nor any other body of government has taken up the call to action. This synopsis of the four hours of hearings comes from a belief that four years later, the recommendation is critical and can assist in clarification of a tangle of conflicting identifications, strengthening democratic values.
Synopsis of opposing different identifications p. 3-4;
synopsis of presentations p. 5-15;
glossary of organizational identifications of delegates p. 16-17.
Manitoba situation today p. 18

1** *Kenneth Stern, o*riginator of the Working Paper on the IHRA, Director of the Bard Center for the Study of Hate and Human Rights project, Author, and Attorney:** “Passing this document into policy by institutions and governments resulted in the misuse of a document created for academic discussion. The IHRA as a policy serves as a tool aimed at shielding Israel from resistance to its oppressive form of racial governance and, following its recent war on Gaza, from accusations of genocidal violence.” A*ntisemitism and Zionism: The Internal Operations of the IHRA Definition, 2024* Kenneth Stern identifies as a Progressive Zionist.

Different Identifications

Opponents: While the main definition is general and innocuous, the IRHA's focus on Israel is counterproductive in combating racism. We should be concerned about all discrimination and hate against all citizens. What does discrimination look like to different targeted groups? Working together is more successful to stop targeting of any group.

Proponents: Traditional anti-Semitism is the denial of the rights of Jews to live as equal members of society. The new mutation of anti-Semitism is a denial of the state of Israel as having the right to exist as an equal member of the nations. The IHRA was adopted as policy by the Federal government, the Provincial government, and dozens of organizations. It does not criminalize criticism of Israel or Jews. It stands against hate of all kinds. "From River to the Sea" is a code for the annihilation of the Jewish state.

Opponents: Israeli law states: "Only Jews have the right of self-determination." Palestinians, Indigenous to the land, do not have the same rights as Israelis. Segregation is based on race. Proponents of IRHA as policy state "claiming that the state of Israel is a racist state" is antisemitism. If I am aware of what is being done to Palestinians, and state that, I am considered antisemitic, as are Amnesty International and other human rights organizations. Calls for equality to all inhabitants between the River and the (Mediterranean) Sea is not antisemitic. It is a cry for freedom from military occupation.

Proponents IHRA is an educational tool; Criticisms of Israel are not anti-semitic. Words "context" and "may" are there. If people choose to think things are anti-semitic that is not what it says. It may be used to explore if the person has anti-Semitic intentions. It does the exact opposite of chilling free speech. Comparing the policies of modern-day Israel to the Nazi's is anti- semitic. This idea that it affects free speech is not true. It can be or may be anti-Semitism. It is up to the organization (that adopts it) to determine if it is antisemitism.

Opponents This is out of step with everything I know about racism. A good definition is clear. This IRHA definition states: “a certain perception of Jews that may be expressed as hatred of Jews”. Imputing motives may be harmful. I may be nervous with a comparison of Israel to Nazi’s but think it’s okay to ask the question. The ambiguity of this sets up an impossible situation. IHRA is an open-ended policy for harassment and intimidation, a muzzle on necessary public discourse. For more than 50 years, we who spoke out for Palestinians were targeted, called “Self-hating Jews,” “Traitors,” and “So-called Jews”. Anti-Palestinian racism is well documented.

Proponents You have to be a Jew to understand the pain of antisemitism. It is the most prominent form of religious hatred and bigotry. The greatest atrocity in the history of mankind is what was done to the Jews. If there is a perception of the Jewish community of antisemitism, it is antisemitism. We need court hearings, prosecutorial actions, hate crime statistics, and help in funding.

Opponent As a Palestinian witnessing our relatives and the trauma being committed I worry about my daughters. It would contribute to the ongoing oppression of Palestinian people. In school, my daughters’ safety is at risk.

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Proponents were asked, “How would you address the concern that a person who has criticism of Israel is not stigmatized and vilified? How can they be heard, recognized, and validated? Would you be willing to remove the seven clauses that the opponents find objectionable?”

The answer to these questions was a unanimous,**“No”**.

1. Opposed: **1:56 - 13:00 Harold Shuster, Independent Jewish Voices (IJV)**
As a Jew, I object to a policy statement preventing political criticism of another country. This policy silences students and staff of educational institutions. The Jewish community cares about human rights for all citizens — including Palestinians. We cannot protect ourselves from anti-semitism without also condemning racist hatred against all people and religions. Israel is granted exceptional status and is protected from sanctions. IHRA is opposed by 40 human rights organizations, 600 academics, the BC Association of Indian Chiefs, and the United Nations.

2. Opposed: **16:33 Norman Rosenbaum, Civil Rights & Family Lawyer, United Jewish Peoples Order (UJPO)**
Manitoba has a Human Rights Code protecting political dissent. The IHRA definition of antisemitism is vague and contradicts the Charter of Rights and the European Union Charter. It is impossible in its ambiguity. It silences dissent, triggers punitive actions, and sets up the community for conflict and litigation. There is a chilling effect on public discussion in Manitoba.

3. **Proponent: 27 min Richard Marceau, Lawyer and Politician. former Member of Parliament/ Committee for Human Rights, Quebec Canadian Israeli & Jewish Affairs (CIJA) *2**
There is a criminal code defining hate speech and crimes. IHRA was adopted by the Canadian government in 2021. It can guide policy and cannot have criminal charges. It does not criminalize criticism of Israel or Jews. It stands against hate of all kinds.
The stated examples to the IHRA serve as illustrations of what is antisemitic. It is simply not true that the definition has been used to stifle critics.

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*2 Canadian Israel Jewish Alliance (CIJA) is a registered lobby for the Jewish Federation. Full time staff use: “Strategic, based on research, and analysis” with “wide experience in conducting missions to Israel.

4. Proponent: 39-51 min Gustavo Zentner, President Jewish Federation of Winnipeg

“We are talking of human rights. There is consensus among the Jewish community, the vast majority. We must accept the views of the community that is targeted. If there is a perception of the Jewish community of antisemitism, it is antisemitism. You can’t recognize things if you don’t know what antisemitism is. These statements define it. These things hurt us and relegate us to second-class citizens. That is why our provincial government recognized us. It does not impede free speech. “

Winnipeg is a city of many cultures. There is consensus among the majority of the Jewish community. We must accept the views of the community that is targeted. If there is a perception of the Jewish community of antisemitism, it is antisemitism. You can’t recognize things if you don’t know what antisemitism is. These statements define it.

The Jewish community has a respectful and engaged communication with the Arab and Jewish communities. We celebrate and build the most vibrant and multicultural city. We stand up together against Islamaphobia. 349 universities have come together in 34 countries to debate this openly.

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*2. The assertion that this view represents the majority is challenged by Jewish individuals and Jewish groups. JFW is not an elected body. The Canadian Jewish Congress, a voting body, is now defunct. When Shimon Fogel was appointed Director of the newly formed Canadian Israel Jewish Alliance, a registered lobby group for the Jewish Federation, he asserted, “The distinctions between domestic agenda and Israel have been blurred so much it is impossible to tell one from the other.” This left out dissenting voices in the Jewish community who also embraced their Jewish heritage and values of their culture. Dissenting voices of Jews are sometimes referred to as “traitors,” “so-called Jews,” and “self-hating Jews” by the group who identifies Israel as their birthright. The group who views Israel as their birthright is sometimes referred to as “the Establishment” by those who do not accept Israel’s treatment of Palestinian people.

5. **Proponent: 51-1:10: Belle Jarniewski, Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada.**
IHRA may be used to explore if the person has anti-semitic intention. It is an educational tool. No one has ever been accused of a crime because of the IHRA definition. It does the exact opposite of chilling free speech. It shows we can criticize Israel. City councils can consider whether things that are said are legitimate if they pass the policy.

Criticisms of Israel are not anti-semitic. Words "context" and "may" are there. If people choose to think things are anti-semitic that is not what it says. You cannot sue anybody over a policy. It is never meant to be turned into legislation. Comparing the policies of modern-day Israel to the Nazi's is anti- semitic. This idea that it affects free speech is simply not true. It can be or may be anti-semitism. ***3**

6. Opposed: 1:16 - 1:30 Dr. Joel Kettner, Professor Medical School University of Manitoba; Former Chief Public Health Officer, Province of Manitoba, Jews for Social Justice, Winnipeg Chapter, United Jewish Peoples Order

My focus is on how to stop racist attitudes in health care systems. This is so out of step with everything I know about racism. A good definition is clear. What people do, what they say, and what is the impact on people. This IRHA definition states: "a certain perception of Jews that may be expressed as hatred of Jews."

Laws exist; definitions exist. Please don't pass this definition. Imputing motives could be more harmful than helpful. Hatred is not a measure. I might be nervous that someone is drawing comparisons of Israel to the Nazis…but I think it is okay to ask the question. Let's do something to avoid racism. Maybe we can strengthen, not create distractions. Go back and get some other people involved to look at "can this be improved for the city of Winnipeg".

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*3 Policy sets the Direction. Law is the enforcement.

7. **Proponent: 1:32-1:42 Adam Levy Public Relations Director for Jewish Federation of Winnipeg. Investigator of complaints of anti-semitism.**

Jews have a long and painful history of discrimination. You have to be a Jew to understand the pain of anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism is the most prominent form of religious hatred and bigotry.
We need court hearings, prosecutor actions, hate crime statistics, and help in funding to civil society organizations and human rights organizations to counter anti-Semitism. Those are just a few examples of the way the IHRA definition could be used. ***4**

8. **Opposed: 1:42 - 1:52 Wendy Boyd, Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East, Independent Jewish Voices; United Church, Multiple Human Rights Groups**

My personal experience has been a long history of Palestinians as a people facing difficulty. Academics or people anywhere in Canada declaring support for Palestinians also faced difficulty.

It's a horrible, terrible shame. Jews who criticize Israel face prejudice. IHRA sets a double standard. Israel compares to South Africa in its past behavior and policies. The media limit coverage of the Israeli government. I do not hear a voice of Palestinians. I believe people are afraid to state the situation of Palestinians.

9. **Proponent: 1:53 - 1:58 James Christie, Federation of Christian Churches, former Dean U of W faculty of theology, Ridd Institute for theology**

IHRA supports dialogue among religions to promote peace. The IHRA can be a working definition as a diagnostic tool intergovernmentally. IHRA identifies and exposes words and actions that can descend into antisemitism. It can be used as a template for confronting religious bigotry.

***4** Proponent Levy contradicts the statement of Proponent, Delegate 5 Jarniewski "never meant to be turned into legislation". He states conversion to policy would provide this. Policy guides law.

10. Opposed: 2:00-2:12 Dr.Mark Etkin, Psychiatrist, Independent Jewish Voices

I am a Jew since birth. Proponents of the IHRA do not speak for me. Palestinians are kept apart from Israelis and do not have the same rights as Israelis; segregation is based on race. Israel fits the definition of an apartheid state. The IHRA specifically states that "claiming that the state of Israel is a racist state" constitutes antisemitism. By this criterion, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International are labeled as antisemitic, as are many other civil rights organizations, both inside and outside Israel.

The IHRA is a muzzle on necessary public discourse. Muzzling is its purpose, and the reason it is being pushed through. The IHRA is a travesty of truth and justice.

11. Opposed: 2:12 Diane Zack, Independent Jewish Voices, United Jewish Peoples Order

I opposed antisemitism all my life. It is ludicrous to have to defend my identity because I became aware of the Palestinian people. How could Israel have been built on the destruction of Palestinians' homes?

For more than 50 years, we who spoke out for Palestinians were targeted, called "self-hating Jews" and "traitors." In social circles, defenders of justice and equality on other fronts did not speak up. The mainstream Jewish community had blinders on. Jewish opposition to Israeli policies is growing in North America. An increasing number of Israelis are active in struggles for justice. This IHRA definition states that taking a just stand against Israel's policies is antisemitism. It stands against rights and justice for Palestinians.

12. Opposed. 2: 23 Allen Mills, Retired Professor of political science, University of Winnipeg

My experience proves the IHRA is, in practice, an open-ended policy for harassment and intimidation.

A debate held at the U of W five years ago between Palestinians and a rabbi was hard-hitting toward both sides. One of the proponents of

the IHRA, who is here today, then responded by holding a private meeting, lobbying the head of the U of W to declare the event anti-semitism. The University came out with a declaration that it was anti-semitic. I looked at the video of the event. I approached that proponent and asked if the person would sit down with me and show me what part of the debate (which was on video) was anti-semitic. The proponent would not. I asked the University head and asked the question. They did not reply.

Recently on global news, after the burning and pillaging of Huwara, a Palestinian village, an Israeli newspaper described the Israeli settler attack on the village as a violent pogrom against Palestinians as racist. A bloodied Israeli protester declared, “This is a dictatorship .” The IHRA definition tangles criticism of Israel with antisemitism.

13. Proponent: 2:32 Irwin Cotler, Ontario: former federal Justice Canadian Government.

IHRA is against anti-Semitic stereotypes. The new anti-Semitism is a denial of the state of Israel as having the right to exist as an equal member of the nations. In my experience a Jewish student on campus who considered himself leftist felt he was seen as representing Israel and felt marginalized. The IHRA working definition is intended to be protective of free speech, including harsh criticism of Israeli policy.

14. Opposed 2:50 Jane Karpa, long term citizen of Winnipeg

The charter of rights allows me to respectfully criticize. My partner is a Jew. I oppose antisemitism. I was a believer in the good of Israel. Over time, I learned about Palestinians living under occupation and policies that have turned Israel into an apartheid state.
IHRA manipulates and gaslights us into believing criticism of Israel is antisemitic. Israel can be omnipotent without accountability. I am critical of the treatment of Palestinians living in Israel under occupation.

15. Opposed 2:53 Rubin Kantorovich, United Jewish Peoples Order

The Jewish ethnic community has a diversity of views, as do all ethnic groups and religions. My father was a Holocaust survivor in Poland. His family was sheltered by a Catholic Polish family, who would have been executed had they been discovered.

Hate laws exist. We should be concerned about all racism and hate against all citizens. In 2017, Israel passed a nation-state law: “Only Jews have the right of self-determination”. Seven out of ten articles in the IHRA are about defending Israel from criticism. Yet, the Israeli defense minister declared, “The village of Huwara should be wiped out.” Just as Hitler called for the extermination of Jews, this Israeli minister called for the extermination of Palestinians. If I condemn this, I am declared anti-Semitic.

IRHA is not in the interests of citizens. It is used to suppress the rights of Palestinians in the occupied territories. At the outset of COVID, Israel announced it would not be distributing vaccines to the Palestinians. MP Leah Gazan, a Jew and Indigenous woman by birth, and MP Charlie Angus criticized this. Bnai Brith smeared these two MP as antisemites. Imagine if the Canadian government announced it would not distribute vaccines to all Indigenous peoples!

UJPO rejects IHRA, the deception of Bnai Brith, and the violation of international laws. We do not need the Israeli lobby to educate us.

16. Opposed 3:03 David Weller, former Special Needs Teacher, Independent Jewish Voices

I advocate for Palestinians and all other people’s human rights. Jews and other citizens believe in human rights for all people. We are not a minority of the Jewish community.
IRHA is biased and silences criticism, especially mentioning Israel. Antisemitism is discrimination, prejudice, hostility, and violence against Jews, as stated in the Jerusalem Declaration.
Supporting equality for all inhabitants between the river and the Mediterranean Sea is not antisemitic. This calls for the self-

determination of Palestinians, whether in two states, a democratic state, or any other form. It is not, as Mr. Cotler said, a God-given right for the state of Israel to exist as only a Jewish state. ***5**

Since the University of Michigan adopted the IRHA as policy this past month, a booth was closed down because it contained literature critical of Israel. The representatives of CIJA said, “Not my problem.” If you adopt it, it becomes your problem to decide, not theirs.

17. Opposed 3:11 Susan White, International development for 40 years, Anti-racist educator, Lecturer of Religious Studies at University of Winnipeg, Independent Jewish Voices, CUSO International

I have been an international anti-racist activist for 40 years, including 15 years in South Africa during their liberation movement. I’ve worked with African and Caribbean groups fighting for independence from colonialism. I was imprisoned for being a delegate to Grenada after the US invasion. My partner is from the Black community and has been an activist for 40 years. This shows my deep understanding of racism, including anti-semitism. Racist rhetoric and actions target many people. Working together is more successful than as separate interest groups**.**

While the main definition is general and innocuous, the IRHA’s focus on Israel, exemplified by 70% of its examples, is counterproductive in combating racism against all groups experiencing attacks. Anti-Palestinian racism is well documented. You might be wondering, “If I do not pass this proposal, will I be considered anti-semitic. It is hard to have the courage. Please do not adopt this as policy.”

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*5. Observer, Indigenous filmmaker Darryl Nepanik, noted a quiet incident during Delegate #16 Weller. One of the four male proponents seated behind Delegate #2 Rosenbaum, said to another, “That so-called Jew!” Mr. Rosenbaum turned, quietly stated, “That person is just as much a Jew as you are.” One responded quietly, “I didn’t say that.”

18. Proponent: 3:22 Shimon Fogel, CEO of Canadian Israel Jewish Affairs

Anti-Semitism is on the rise exponentially. The IHRA definition has been adopted by many governments, the Province of Manitoba, and the Federal Canadian government. Assaults on the Jewish state are unending. "From River to the Sea" is a code for the annihilation of the Jewish state.

The IHRA definition has been adopted by dozens of nation-states, including the Province of Manitoba and the Federal Canadian government. No one gets to define anti-semitism other than the Jewish population themselves.

Hate will not be legislated away. Education is the answer. Do the right thing and adopt the policy of the IHRA.

19. Opposed: 3:27 Bassam Hozaima, Canadian Palestinian Association of Manitoba,

I was born in a refugee camp in Gaza. I am very troubled and urge the committee to defeat this motion.

My grandparents were driven out of their homes in 1948 and forced into the Gaza Strip. We lived in inhumane conditions in the open-air prison of Gaza. Over the years, assaults have continued…this is only a glimpse into my story. The oppression, injustice, and trauma are my story. Atrocities are committed on a daily basis.

IRHA would defeat the idea of safety and inclusion. I would feel threatened, marginalized, and criminalized if this were to be passed, not included. I hope and pray the Committee will not pass it.

This definition would be used in the services in Winnipeg, police services would be policing Palestinians. I graduated from University of Manitoba.

I wish I could tell my story without criticism of Israel. IHRA is soft peddled as an educational mechanism. It is a wolf in sheep's clothing.

City of Winnipeg is already leading the way to combat hate. IHRA can not be separated from the examples of protection of Israel from criticism.

As a Palestinian witnessing our relatives and the trauma being committed to them, I worry about my daughters. In school, their safety is at risk. Under this definition, many Canadians would be labelled anti-semites. It would contribute to the ongoing oppression of Palestinian people.

20. 3:38 Opposed Judith Morrow, BSW, MSW, RSW, former Inner City Community Worker, School Clinician, Filmmaker, United Jewish Peoples Order, Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME), Amnesty International

I am a Goy, a not nice word for a non-Jewish person. Racist comments about Palestinians are common. Some who stand for human rights in other areas but continue to describe in terms “Us” against “them”: Israel is a “beacon of light surrounded by darkness”, or refer to Palestinians as ‘Terrorists’.

I travelled to Israel more than 50 years ago, stayed in the “New City” of Jerusalem with an Israeli family. I explored the “Old City,” met a Palestinian Christian. A folkloric dancer who created a folkloric dance group of Israelis and Palestinians. He and his Muslim friends guided me through sacred spaces and beautiful architecture. His family, eight people in one large room, slept on benches at night, their living space in the day quiet and beautiful. His uncle lived in a room the size of a large closet. I didn’t understand the problem. He walked outside of Jaffa Gate. Four Israeli youth walked by, said something insulting to me. He walked over and spoke to them. They knocked him to the sidewalk, with a swelling black eye. In Canada, now a grandfather, he and his Lebanese wife founded a church to help refugees. Fifty years later, they still encounter harsh suppression of their human rights in Ontario. Incidents such as: wiretapping of their phone, witnessing a youth waving a Palestinian flag on a highway in front of their church being immediately surrounded by police cars persist.

We’re only learning the history of Canadian Indigenous peoples. Outside these doors, the effects are visible. People die on our streets. You, the human rights committee, understand racism. You feel its demeaning impacts. Culture focused only on our own view of the world leads to racist, bad things, ethnocentric thinking. “Us” vs “Them”.

Ethno-culturalism is crucial to Winnipeg. You, as community leaders, are crucial. I believe in you and your ability to succeed. Soon, I hope to see Indigenous people represented here.

Question from the Chair to Proponents:

“How would you address the concern that a person who has criticism of Israel is not stigmatized and vilified? How can they be heard, recognized, and validated? Would you be willing to remove the seven clauses that the opponents find objectionable?”

Response to the questions, **“No.”**

3: 54 Deputy Mayor Markus Chambers

I was highly influenced by Swiss (Catholic priest and poet), Hans Kung: *“No peace among the nations without peace among religions, no peace among religions without dialogue between religions, and no dialogue between religions without investigation of the foundations of religions.”*

More discussion needs to happen between all parties. I move that we accept the motion as information with the instruction that this committee is to work with all the groups that have attended here today for more meaningful work to continue. To strengthen its policies around racism, which includes antisemitism, Islamophobia, xenophobia, hate, Indigenous racism, anti-black racism, as well as any racism against the LGBTQ two-spirited community.

Accepting the motion as information will allow work to continue working in collaboration, with all the groups that have attended here today, for more meaningful work to continue. To a greater understanding and education of what this definition represents, and how it can be useful in all or in part in addressing the rising of antisemitism, so we can continue working in collaboration, with all the groups that have attended here today, for more meaningful work.

Glossary: Identifications of Delegates from Jewish Organizations and Others Website tour May, 2025

Opponent Independent Jewish Voices (IJV), condemns antisemitism and racism in all forms, condemns the ongoing genocide of Palestinian people and advocates for justice and peace for Israelis and Palestinians. Published handbook on the detrimental impact of the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance conversion to Policy) on both Jewish and Palestinian communities.

Opponent United Jewish Peoples Order (UJPO), entering its 100th year, identifies with Jewish history and culture and organizes for the protection of human rights and social justice for all. It opposes racism, oppression, and Israel's military occupation. It supports Palestinians to achieve justice.

Opponent Jews for Social Justice, a network of 63 organizations pursuing social justice from a Jewish perspective.

Opponent Canadian Palestinian Association of Manitoba ensures that Palestinian stories, voices, memories, and truths are acknowledged within the broader human rights narrative. It serves as an advocate for Palestinians in Manitoba, promoting intellectual freedom and cultural events of the Palestinian people. All are welcome to attend.

Organizations named by Opponent Delegates as informing their view: Amnesty International, United Church, Canadian University Services Overseas, Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East

Proponent Winnipeg Jewish Federation supports Israel 'in every way we know' and 'all things Jewish'. Partners include the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and Birthright Israel Canada. Founded in 1929, the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg played a key role in the establishment of Israel. As part of its charity work, JFW funds programs that give free first-time trips to Israel to Jews and influencers. All political

parties have had members take advantage of these free trips. JFW donates to selected others and has charitable tax status.

Proponent Canadian Israel Jewish Affairs (CIJA), a registered lobby for the Jewish Federation. Full-time staff use “strategic, advocacy-based research, polling, and analysis” with “wide experience in conducting missions to Israel for Canadian influencers and decision-makers.” The Quebec branch focuses on fighting antisemitism, strengthening Canada-Israel ties, and lobbying groups like Quebec’s National Assembly, promoting education (e.g. IHRA adoption), and fostering business/ academic links.

Proponent Western Canadian Jewish Heritage Centre houses a research library preserving, documenting, and interpreting Jewish history; including the ‘mutated’ version defined by Delegate #13 Cotler, teaches groups and schools about antisemitism. Initially supported by volunteers and donors from the United Jewish People’s Order (UJPO), there is no room in the schedule for speakers who show empathy to Palestinians, so identities diverge.

Proponent Federation of Christian Churches: Believes in the deity of Jesus Christ; his miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit; his sinless life; his ascension to the right hand of the Father; and his personal imminent return.

Proponent Bnai Brith Referred to by Delegate #15 Kantorovich, supports Jewish nationalism and patrols social media and mobilizes actions to protect against anything critical of Israel and supportive of Palestinians. Identifies the land of Israel as the birthright of all Jews. Does not recognize the Palestinians as a people so believes they have no the right of return.

Honest Reporting active in Manitoba, is an Israeli media advocacy group monitoring anti-Israeli news, such as support for Palestinian people or their culture. Manitoba chapter assists the above organizations by also searching online accounts to detect expressions of empathy for Palestinians or postings critical of Israel. They post news and visit individuals and heads of organizations seen as guilty of anti-Israel postings.

Current relevance in Manitoba and Canada

The Fragile Line Between Protecting Communities and Criminalizing Dissent

Prosecutorial independence is one of the quiet pillars of Canada's constitutional democracy. When prosecutors are influenced—directly or indirectly—by political actors or advocacy groups, public trust in the justice system begins to erode. Manitoba's recent announcement of partnership with the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) to train the provincial Prosecutions Branch on hate crimes puts that principle at risk. It opens the door to political advocacy, shaping decisions about who is charged and for what.

At the center of this concern is the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism. Created which was envisioned as a tool to promote discussion by open ended questions. References to Israel were added, and, this has been adopted by governments and institutions as if it were a legal standard. Several of its examples link criticism of Israel to antisemitism, depending on "context." Civil liberties groups, academic associations, and many Jewish organizations have warned that this ambiguity can be used to mix political dissent with hate.

CIJA is a registered political advocacy organization with clear positions on Israel-Palestine and strong support for the IHRA definition. When such an organization helps shape prosecutorial training, the line between advocacy and state power blurs. Even if prosecutors remain impartial, the appearance of influence alone undermines confidence in the justice system.

This risk becomes sharper when viewed alongside international developments. The International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants for leaders of both Hamas and the Israeli government. Canada has pledged support for the ICC's processes, regardless of the outcomes. Yet under an expansive reading of the IHRA definition, public discussion of these same legal findings could be framed as antisemitic. A democracy cannot champion international justice abroad while chilling debate about it at home.

Proposed expansions of “bubble zone” legislation add another layer of concern. While intended to protect community institutions from harassment, these laws can unintentionally restrict peaceful political protest—especially when political events are hosted in community centers. When an event celebrates military action in Gaza, complete with promotional imagery of armed soldiers, citizens must be free to protest without fear of criminal sanction. The location of a political event should not determine whether dissent is legal.

Meanwhile, Manitobans who expressed empathy for Palestinians—sometimes through nothing more than a social media post—have faced online vilification, professional consequences, vandalism, and threats. When government policy begins to mirror the social pressure to silence certain viewpoints, democratic debate suffers.

Winnipeg’s Human Rights Committee recommended broader dialogue on discrimination affecting many communities. That conversation never occurred. Instead, Manitoba moved toward a narrower, more punitive approach to speech—one that risks deepening division rather than fostering safety.

Democratic backsliding rarely arrives all at once. It comes through incremental shifts: vague definitions, expanded enforcement powers, and partnerships that place advocacy groups close to prosecutorial authority. It comes when governments decide that protecting the public requires restricting the public’s voice. It comes when dissent becomes suspect.

Manitoba faces urgent challenges—homelessness, inequality, and the unfinished work of truth and reconciliation. Meeting them requires a democratic culture capable of disagreement, empathy, and open debate. It requires institutions trusted to act impartially. And it requires vigilance whenever the state’s power to prosecute intersects with political advocacy.

Protecting communities from hate is essential. But it must never come at the cost of criminalizing political expression. The line between the two is thin, and it is ours to defend.

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my disapproval of the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

It is a fundamental right to protest. This by-law would limit the foundational freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. As citizens, we have the right to speak up and engage in activism through protests to contribute to positive change. Protest location matters as it is a site for change where the heart of the issues often lie. Peacefully protesting at on-site areas allows one's activism to be heard where it is most pertinent.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free

speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely,
Julia Froese

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Julia

Last name
Froese

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Number 7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Now does not seem like the time to limit our rights to free assembly and peaceful protest.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Justin

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Bender

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7 of the EPC meeting and named Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I fully support this Bylaw

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Duncan

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to register my opposition to, and concern about, this bylaw.
Nonviolent dissent plays an extremely important role in a democratic state. This by-law unecessarily limits freedom of expression; we already have legislation such as noise bylaws or anti-hate laws that are sufficient to ensure that protests and demonstrations remain within acceptable bounds of behaviour. There is no need for this bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Karen

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. This would restrict our charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is the reason I am in opposition of this bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to

advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

We all have a right to gather and use our voices to demonstrate to politicians what our needs and wants are. Silencing, and criminalizing people for their expression goes against what a democracy stands for. Please do not let this by-law pass.

From a concerned human being,
Kate Vonderbank

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Delegation information

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am opposed to the recommendations. Speaking specifically to the topic of student and student protest, this is a major threat to students' right to protest on their own campuses. Universities are places of critical discussion where difficult conversations are encouraged. Protests and demonstrations are part of a democratic and fair student life. Student protest is essential for a healthy student body and student union.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Katie

Last name
Buckberger

Delegation information

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Katie Riddell

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Riddell

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

As the Executive Director of the West Broadway Community Organization, I am writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. As a community organization that works to support marginalized individuals and amplify their voices, we have grave concerns that this by-law might limit their ability to advocate on behalf of themselves and their communities.

The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and

undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) “Human Rights City” since 2018.

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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Kelly Frazer,
Executive Director, West Broadway Community Organization

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kelly

Last name
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Delegation information

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Thank you,
Kerri

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Kerri

Last name
Martens

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I cannot understand how legislation like this could ever be considered, and I am beyond disappointed to know that it was put forward by the councillor meant to represent my ward. This is a lazily written and dangerously vague by-law that should be laughed out of committee. The right to protest is entrenched in our Canadian charter, and this proposal aims to restrict that right with vague terminology. This proposal is ignorant of how it could very easily be used dangerously. It's overly broad scope would give government and law enforcement the right to be arbiters in deeming anything a "nuisance", opening the door for police and government overreach. Officials could simply deem any peaceful assembly as falling under the definitions of this legislation and silence it. Having the full right to protest is paramount for marginalized groups such as racialized people and LGBTQ+ people to have their voices heard.

It is completely asinine that the municipal government will preach about Winnipeg's rich history, which includes the Red River rebellion and the Winnipeg General Strike, and then try to approve legislation that, if it existed at the time of those two events, would have restricted the rights of those to freely assemble and self-express.

To me, it is clear that the only nuisance on display is the fact that we, the people, need to go through this preposterous exercise that wastes the city's time and resources. Councillor Duncan is meant to be a public servant representing Charleswood, Tuxedo, and Westwood, a ward of which I am a lifelong citizen. Simply put, no matter how much we are told that this committee "completely respects and values people's right to gather and express

themselves," I, and many others, feel that we are not being represented in this proposal, nor do we feel safer like this proposal claims to do.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kieran

Last name
Light

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Kim Cartier

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kimberly

Last name
Cartier

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Thank you for your time.
Signed,
Kimberly Ta

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Referring to protests as "nuisances", but then not doing anything to address the concerns Winnipeggers are expressing during those protests is just run-of-the-mill bad politics - but I know this city council and I know that's how you function. You know what real nuisances are? Here are a few off the top of my head:

- People having to take multiple buses now because the new transit system was planned by a toddler.
- Being the only major city in Canada without at-home compost pick-up
- Being one of the only major cities in Canada without rail-based public transit
- The constant greenfield housing development that puts a strain on our infrastructure; we should be building up, not out!
- Spending one third of our municipal budget on policing when we have a housing crisis

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Also: classic that the councillor from one of the wealthiest parts of the city came up with this fascist idea. Who would've thought, huh?

I demand you drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
A Concerned Transconian

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kinsey

Last name
Donald

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item 7 - safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Kurtis Dezall

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kurtis

Last name
Dezall

Manitoba Association for Rights & Liberties
Association manitobaine pour les droits et libertés

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Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Nuisance bylaw proposal by Evan Duncan

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I oppose this bylaw proposal. It meant to silence our community at large and it has ambiguous objectives!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Latifa

Last name
Koussih

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Lauren Hallett

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Lauren

Last name
Hallett

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Lauren Hatch

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Lauren

Last name
Hatch

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am opposed to the recommendations of this by-law

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
leanne

Last name
Khan

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
As a citizen of Winnipeg, it is my democratic right to engage in a peaceful protest or march. This by-law tramples on my civil liberties.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Lee

Last name
Heywood

Committee you want to address
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Signed,
Liliane Régnier

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Liliane

Last name
Regnier

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Signed,

Lily Thrift

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7- Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Lou-Anne

Last name
Bourdeau

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Stop removing our Charter rights, as per Section 2(b) – Freedom of expression, section 2(c) – Freedom of peaceful assembly, we have the right to peaceful protest. Stop siding with fascists and zionists and let us protest against the evils of this world

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Luis

Last name
Alonso

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I’m opposed to the proposed law that infringes on the people’s right to protest and express their views

Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

First name
Luis

Last name
Cabezas

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Signed,
Madrin Macgillivray

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Mahdir Akeeb

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Mahdir

Last name
Akeeb

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law 4

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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Signed,
Attieh Mardli

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Last name
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Delegation information

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item 7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I'm concerned that this bylaw is intended to stiffle legitimate protest about significant issues of public concern.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Masroor Ansari

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Kind Regards,
Matilda

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

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A protest is meant to bring attention to the issues at hand. Taking away the right to vote in specific areas simply because it is more convenient for everyone else goes against what a protest is supposed to be. Protests are meant to be uncomfortable, that's the entire point. They exist to ensure that something is done and that issues are noticed.

These specific places have their own concerns, and if you cannot voice your opinions in those locations, then your right to free speech is effectively being taken away.

Public engagement (optional)

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At a time when the rights and freedoms of Canadians, Americans and citizens around the world are being threatened and rolled back, it is especially important to stand firm and protect the ability to publicly demonstrate. Agenda item #7 directly attacks the critical right of the citizens of Winnipeg to express their rights and freedoms. While citizens would still be permitted to demonstrate, doing so in accordance with this by-law would place these events well outside of the public eye and public discourse, rendering them effectively useless - a situation that must be known to those preparing this by-law. This change signals that our city council is not interested in letting a key pillar of democracy remain accessible - a deeply troubling and frankly embarrassing development. Any legal wrongdoing by a citizen at a public demonstration would clearly be managed by existing civil and criminal law. This leads me to believe that the spirit of this by-law is actually a tool of intimidation of our citizens, not one that provides safety. I firmly stand in opposition to the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law as it violates our basic civil liberties.

Public engagement (optional)

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Michael

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Letter: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

I was been born and raised here in Winnipeg. I have fondly participated in local cultural and political events since I was a child. Many of our events (Pride Parade, Folklorama, Critical Mass, etc.) are are ultimately driven by the desire to raise-up and celebrate marginalised groups. Events like these are one of the reasons I am proud to be part of the city.

However, I am deeply concerned that this proposed by-law will have far-reaching consequences that ultimately suppress and silence the voices which we claim to protect. Peaceful demonstrations are one of the few impactful avenues that less-privelaged people can pursue to make their voices heard in a democratic manner. If passed, this by-law would not only greatly stifle the effectiveness of said demonstrations, but would also select for those who can afford to lose hundreds or thousands in fees.

Blatant violations of our rights and freedoms like this by-law are merely the top of a slippery slope. After all, the current situation in the United States (abuse, intimidation, detention, deportation, and murder of coloured people) didn't happen overnight: it began gradually. I urge the Executive Policy Committee: please, do not give this by-law another thought if you wish protect our marginalised groups and our democracy.

"Rights which are only grated conditionally are no rights at all".

Signed,

Michael McMahon

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Signed,

Michelle Spingler

Public engagement (optional)

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Signed,

Mira Kolodka

Public engagement (optional)

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Signed,

Nadya Langelotz
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Winnipeg, MB

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Natalie Catcheway

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Comments
I'm against the proposed law that infringes on the people's rights to protest and express their views.

Public engagement (optional)

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This by-law would infringe s. 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and freedom.

Public engagement (optional)

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Signed,

Nicole Jowett

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7, safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Our right to protest is vital. It should not be infringed.

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I am opposed to this because I think the proposal is too broad. I agree we need to protect vulnerable people from disruptive protests. People should be able to access healthcare facilities (including abortion clinics) without being harassed. People who are dealing with issues that require the treatment of a halfway house or rehab institution or safe use sight should not be exposed to harassment. Kids going to school should also be protected.

However the proposed legislation is way too broad. It covers much more than the situations I described above. A lot of the harmful conduct that could be problematic from protesters could be addressed effectively under existing laws at various levels of government. This includes sections 175, 264, 319, and various other sections of the criminal code of Canada as well as existing municipal bylaws and provincial trespass statues.

The right to protest is a fundamental right in any free and democratic society. It might even cause some offence or annoyance, but that is a trade off for living in a society with rights and freedoms. This proposal is far too broad and should be narrowed significantly. As it is proposed it could be abused by a future government who wants to shut down speech they don't like. The current situation in the United States is a great example. The Trump DOJ charged the journalist Don Lemon under a statute that's main purpose was to protect people who were seeking abortions.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.

Yes

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Last name

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to this item. While it is important to protect vulnerable members of our city, the measures in this item are excessive and open the city to shutting down reasonable protests. The definitions are far too vague, and it concerns me that the City and Council might use this by-law to remove protests for any topic the city administration deems inconvenient.

I urge at minimum that the city revise these measures, and preferably cancel them.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Noah

Last name
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Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Agenda Item: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

PL Leung

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Freedom of Expression

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
GoldStar the Screaming Eagle
Aka Patrick John Xenon Neilan

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
EPC's #7 Agenda Item: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Pauline

Submission for a committee of council

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Public engagement (optional)

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Pauline

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. While the goal of ensuring safe access to public facilities is understandable, this by-law as drafted represents a significant overreach that threatens the fundamental rights of all Winnipeggers. Freedom of expression and peaceful assembly are the cornerstones of a healthy democracy, and implementing 100-metre buffer zones around a vast list of public and private buildings effectively bans the right to gather in much of the city's public square.

Furthermore, acts of violence, property damage, harassment, and intimidation are already illegal under the Criminal Code of Canada. We do not need a new municipal by-law to police behaviour that is already subject to criminal prosecution. The definition of nuisance and intimidation in this by-law is also concerningly subjective, which may lead to inconsistent enforcement and the silencing of legitimate dissent simply because it is deemed disruptive.

Winnipeg has a long history of public demonstration. Moving protests away from the very institutions they are addressing renders that expression invisible and ineffective. I urge the Committee to uphold our constitutional obligations and reject this by-law. Public safety should be managed through existing laws without dismantling the civil liberties that protect us all.

Sincerely,

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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Signed,
Quinn Swan-Nadolny

Public engagement (optional)

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First name
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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Rachel

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Gehman

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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As per UMFA's suggestion, I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

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I ask you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

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First name
Razvan

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Rhea Rodych-Rasidescu

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Rodych-Rasidescu

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7 - Safe Access to to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in FULL SUPPORT of the proposed Safe Access to to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw that is Agenda item #7 at the 17 February 2026 EPC meeting.

I think this Bylaw is very overdue for Winnipeg and types of "activism" and "direct action" that have targeted persons such as myself who are complete bystanders trying to access infrastructure that is targeted by a demonstration.

In recent years, my children and I have experienced direct and confrontational harassment by protesters at our community hall, at our cultural center, and at the constituent office of our elected federal representative.

The presence of these elements has made it more difficult to meet with our representative during town halls and during the election cycles.

Opponents of this bill seem to think that this bylaw is a threat to democratic expression in Winnipeg. I completely and wholeheartedly DISAGREE. Peaceful and non-hateful demonstrations should always have a place in civic life in Winnipeg, but the city and WPS need tools to deal with people who scream hateful rhetoric at children going to parks, and people participating in our democracy by consulting with our elected representatives --- both of these are situations I have personally experienced in the last 24 months.

Please adopt this bylaw to keep vulnerable infrastructure accessible to all who need to use it.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Rob

Last name
Freeman

His Worship Mayor Gillingham
Councillors Browaty, Duncan, Eadie, Lukes, and Santos

RE: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Greetings!

I am writing to compliment you all on your most recent move to promote our fair city - this by-law to suppress protests in the community the Canadian Museum for Human Rights calls home will definitely put us ALL on the map!

Sure, it will be for being one of the most hypocritical cities north of the U.S. - Canada border. So what! As long as they get the name right, eh?

Smart remarks aside, this is one of the dumber ideas I've seen the City of Winnipeg look at. Stop embarrassing our community and drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Regards,

Rob Kristjansson
(he/him)
West Broadway
Winnipeg, Canada

Cc: Sherri Rollins, Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry Councillor
Uzoma Asagwara, Union Station MLA
Leah Gazan, MP

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, EPC meeting

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, EPC meeting, urging passage of the Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. This measure is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and ensure Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all.
As a Jewish Winnipegger, It is unsettling and disturbing when synagogues, cemeteries and other Jewish institutions are vandalized, defaced or threatened.

Rob Trachtenberg

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe access to infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I find this policy is unworkable in practical matters like the ability to move/march/protest in a reasonable fashion in the city. In a practical manner, it actually criminalizes non-aggressive movement of citizens. Also, much of this overlaps with provisions for safety made in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and is unnecessary. From an historical perspective, the 1919 General Strike in Winnipeg was a wide-ranging, multiple area, long-lasting, and peaceful protest. The current policy would create the same conditions of potential violence that were eventually used to attack the Strikers from RCMP and Special Police forces, with back-up from the Canadian military, who paraded machine guns down Main Street. Do we need this as a society?

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Roland

Last name
Sawatzky

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
I write today to express a worry about the scope of the proposed bylaw. Protest is an important part of public discourse in Canada. At a time when the world is on heightened status politically, and when political leaders seem to want to rule by dictate rather than by democracy both in nearby nations and in our own provinces, there may never have been a time in Canada where Protest was more appropriate. By its nature Protest any place is going to make some other people there feel concerned for their safety at some level. The bylaw doesn't seem to put a limit on the reality of that feeling. If only that concern led them to consider the matters at hand rather than only feel the concern. Certainly many protests I've attended, even permitted ones, give me some level of concern for my safety due to counter protests and the heightened level of activity at such a site. In particular I have concerns about the exclusions of post secondary institutions who have always been bastions of discussion and protest. If there were real concern about public access this bylaw would have been passed when far angrier people were protesting covid restrictions and blocking access to hospitals. But this council didn't act at that time, and I've seen nothing recently which warrants a bylaw not required then. This bylaw is far too vague and limits against far too many potential places of protest. If actual intimidation or actual safety concerns were to take place there are laws in place already to deal with that.

Public engagement (optional)

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First name
Russell

Last name
Loewen

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Public engagement (optional)

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CANADIAN MUSLIMS

Your Voice. Your Future.

Good afternoon Mayor and Members of Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

Let me begin by stating clearly that we fully support the protection of religious communities and other vulnerable institutions. Individuals must be able to attend places of worship, schools, and hospitals free from harassment, intimidation, or violence. That objective is both legitimate and important.

Our primary concern, however, is the process by which this bylaw has been developed. When a municipality proposes legislation that directly engages Charter-protected freedoms, particularly freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, robust and inclusive consultation is essential.

Consultation is the mechanism through which municipalities can identify potential issues before they crystallize into significant problems. It allows governments to recognize where definitions are unclear and where enforcement may be inconsistent. Consultation ensures that protective measures are effective and aligned with constitutional requirements.

Several aspects of the current draft illustrate why consultation is urgently required. The definition of a nuisance demonstration includes the expression of objection or disapproval toward an idea, action, person, or group based on specified characteristics. But that formulation directly engages expressive content and risks capturing lawful protest and political advocacy. The bylaw also defines intimidation in terms that rely on perceived effects and potential outcomes. While the objective of preventing intimidation is entirely legitimate, standards framed in this manner create uncertainty about what conduct is prohibited.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones around a broad range of sites, including places of worship and schools, further demonstrate the potential breadth of this legislation. In many urban areas, these zones encompass sidewalks, parks, and public streets that function as legitimate forums for lawful assembly. Bubble zone legislation of this nature can significantly restrict lawful public assembly and peaceful expression, effectively limiting the ability of individuals and groups to participate in public discourse. Without thorough consultation, there is a risk that bubble zones will be applied in a

manner that inadvertently suppresses Charter-protected rights and creates uncertainty for our enforcement authorities and the public alike.

These factors collectively indicate that the bylaw is at risk of being vague and overbroad, as well as difficult to enforce. But these are precisely the foreseeable consequences of advancing legislation without consultation with all impacted groups.

Consultation should include religious communities, civil liberties organizations, legal experts, and protest groups. Engaging these stakeholders will allow Council to clarify definitions, identify overlaps with existing regulations, and ensure that enforcement is consistent and proportionate.

The risks of proceeding without consultation have already been observed elsewhere. The City of Vaughan enacted a similar bylaw and is now subject to a Charter challenge supported by civil liberties organizations including ours, the National Council of Canadian Muslims. Winnipeg has the opportunity to take a different path, and craft legislation that is protective but also enforceable and constitutionally sound.

Our shared objective is clear: we all want to protect vulnerable communities. But the path to achieving that objective with legitimacy and durability requires requisite consultation with all impacted groups. That step must come first. Without it, the City risks enacting legislation that is vulnerable to challenge, difficult to enforce, ultimately undermines the protection it seeks to provide.

We respectfully urge Council to undertake broad consultation and return with a revised bylaw that is precise, narrowly targeted, and constitutionally defensible. Consultation at this stage will not weaken this initiative but rather will strengthen it, ensuring that Winnipeg protects its communities while respecting the rights and freedoms central to our democracy.

Thank you.

Sadaf Ahmed, PhD
Manitoba Advocacy Officer, Department of Government Affairs and Public Policy
National Council of Canadian Muslims

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Signed,
Saleem Hailemolokot.

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We have seen similar legislation passed in numerous countries in North America and Europe recently, and while it is easy to understand why governments would find it useful to have this legislative tool in their toolbox, it runs counter to rights to peaceful assembly and protest that have been enshrined in law, including in the Charter of Rights (articles 2c and 2d). A court in the UK recently decided that the government's ban on the protest group Palestine Now was unlawful, and the decision reaffirmed the right to peaceful protest. Legislating assembly and protest in advance must be seen as a form of prior restraint of constitutionally guaranteed rights, and I urge the Executive Committee to vote down this bylaw.

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Hello,
I am requesting further consultation be made with the Canadian Civil Liberties Association regarding the "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law", in order to refine the by-law (or to drop the by-law, if refinement isn't made). As it stands, the by-law is too broad and could be misused, so I oppose the by-law as it currently stands.
Thank you,
Sarah Ciurysek

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7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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Dear Executive Policy Committee

I write today to express my shock and concern about the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. While I understand the intention is to protect families and vulnerable groups in places like hospitals, schools, and places of worship, limiting protest areas severely and proposing hefty fines not only infringes on the constitutional rights of Winnipeggers to exercise their right to protest, but also comes off as disingenuous .

Protests and peaceful demonstrations have been and continue to be an accessible way for all people, especially minority groups and workers to demand change of their institutions and government. The definition of “nuisance protests” as

“ any protest that involves expression of objection or disapproval toward an idea or action related to race, religious beliefs, colour, gender, gender identity, gender expression, physical disability, mental disability, age, ancestry, place of origin, marital status, source of income, family status, or sexual orientation, by any means including graphic, verbal, or written”

is controversial, especially the phrasing ”idea or action related to”, which is very vague and leaves things completely subject to interpretation and opens doors for biases for and against any and all types of peaceful demonstrations in the future. Furthermore, passing this by-law will not prevent hate crimes, violence, or destruction of property. Instead, the proposed fines are very likely to reduce participation in peaceful protests and gatherings, and this will serve to alienate Winnipeggers from engaging in the civic process and government in the future. I also believe the city will expend more resources, time, and

energy trying to prove that certain demonstrations fall under “nuisance protests”.

Since the aim of this by-law is to protect vulnerable groups, it would be appropriate to discuss the child poverty rates mentioned in the Manitoba: Missed Opportunities- Campaign 2000 report. Winnipeg Centre has a child poverty rate of 39.6 percent, with Indigenous and First Nations children being disproportionately affected. While many socioeconomic factors contribute to this issue, the city has been aware of these disparities for decades. In this context, restricting protest rights in the name of protecting marginalized communities may appear disingenuous and inconsistent with the aim to protect vulnerable groups. Protesters are not a detriment to these groups and more often than not tend to advocate for groups that are struggling and are looked over by city reps.

I once heard a quote that said “one cannot legislate their way to acceptance” as in passing legislation alone is not enough to resolve problems or initiate change. Protests and gatherings function as a means to raise awareness and push for the social change that is needed to ameliorate the issues we face in our society. They encourage connection, discussion, and active participation by community members. Limiting the right to protest is thus limiting our community in freedom and its capacity for growth.

I implore you to drop consideration of passing this proposed demonstration by-law.

Signed,
Sarah Eid

Public engagement (optional)

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#7-Safe acces to vulnerable infrastructure By law

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Sarah Innerst BA
Advocate, mentor and consultant

Public engagement (optional)

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Signed,

Seamus

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Agenda #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Act

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Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law on the grounds that it would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as this may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change. I share these concerns.

As written, the proposed by-law would effectively make much of the downtown area a nuisance zone, including city hall. Making it a fineable offence to hold peaceful protests near government offices is profoundly undemocratic.

I fear that the current language of the proposal is too broad and will be used to target peaceful demonstrations, while doing nothing to more effectively address actual safety concerns such as property damage, hate crimes, or violence —these acts are already criminal. Additionally, a law setting a 50-meter buffer zone for demonstrations around reproductive healthcare facilities already exists. In that case, the law is protecting the right of citizens to seek healthcare with their privacy intact. The proposed by-law would give the civic government the means to punish citizens for peaceful demonstrating near civic offices, which is not a protection for citizens at all.

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Signed,
Serena Singh

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Sincerly,
Seth

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Signed,
Sophia Lebar

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I am writing as a young voter to strongly oppose the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw. This proposed bylaw violates human rights, specifically Charter rights to peaceful protest and equality rights of non-discrimination.
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Signed,
Sophie Long

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I am extremely concerned about the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. The proposed bylaw duplicates existing provincial legislation, effectively bans most protests with its overly broad language, and impinges on charter rights, inviting expensive litigation. I am particularly worried how interpretation of this bylaw will disproportionately affect Indigenous communities, and others who face significant systemic marginalization, despite falsely claiming to protect vulnerable groups.

This is a very delicate time for human rights. I feel if this bylaw is passed it is like saying the police or other enforcement have the right to use violence against us for caring about human rights. This bylaw isn't protecting human rights, and it won't detract hate like homophobia, antisemitism and Islamophobia. Most everything about those movements is violent, they move under the cloak of night, and they have no regard for human life, human rights, or laws, which they evade by being secretive. It feels like Councillor Duncan has never taken part in a rally or protest before so therefore does not know the sense of community one feels as part of a group hoping to make things better for people who have had their rights threatened or need to fight to attain them.

Protests are in their nature a nuisance because it is supposed to wake privileged people up to the harms oppressed people are facing. I'm so grateful we live somewhere I can speak my mind, as a woman we only got that right in the last 100 years and it was because a group of us stood up because they disagreed, in spaces that could reach the most people to inform them. Women's rights are still under attack continuously with government wanting to control what we do with our bodies, just as they are doing with the trans community. We are seeing this right now not only in the United States but two provinces over in Alberta. This threat moves swiftly without much press as we see with the

introduction of this bylaw, that I just found out about yesterday because of all the other things I must do to keep afloat, let alone thrive.

I attend a lot of rallies, and I'll say it reinforces community more than blocks the flow of traffic, promoting love and hope for the people who are struggling. I don't know what is more important than preserving the mental health of the human race, I could be 30 minutes late or use another route to see an improvement in that. The language in this bylaw is dangerously giving more power to those who would like to harm the vulnerable, because in its essence it is saying we can't gather to shake things up in someone's day enough for them to look into things that are threatening other people's lives and freedom that, for example, they missed while watching the Olympics, although it wasn't even mentioned on the news. If things were to magically change and our world had everyone's best interest at heart we'd only need to gather once. If you want to make any amendments ban hate speech and prevent people who block others from accessing healthcare, but you'll see we already have those protections in place. We have a right to free speech right now but if this bylaw is passed, I fear for the infringement on that right, as well as the safety of humanity.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Tessa Z.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Tessa

Last name
Zimmerman

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7, Appendix B “Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law”

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Hello EPC,
Please consider my comments in opposition to Evan Duncan’s proposed “Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure” By-law.

My opposition is out of support for freedom of assembly which is a requirement of a democratic society. Disruptive but peaceful rallies and protests are essential to be protected even if they are deemed a nuisance. The designated areas listed on the by law draft are too expansive and infringe on the ability for members of our community to participate in a democratic and peaceful way.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Last name
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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The proposed by-law infringes upon Winnipeggers' Charter-protected right to peaceful assembly.
This proposed by-law could silence marginalized community members.
Finally, this proposed by-law will be needlessly costly for taxpayers as widespread court challenges will inevitably occur.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Dana

Last name
Tucker Khan

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Mayor Gillingham and Members of the Executive Policy Committee,
I am writing to you today to express my concerns regarding the "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law" as currently drafted.
While I fully support the intent of ensuring safe and fair access to medical care, education, and religious institutions, I believe the current language of the by-law is overly broad and creates a significant risk of infringing on the right to peaceful assembly. I urge the Committee to rework the following sections before proceeding:
1. The Definition of "Nuisance Demonstration" (Section 2.1)
The current draft defines a nuisance as any expression of "objection or disapproval towards an idea". This is an incredibly low and subjective threshold. In a healthy democracy, the peaceful expression of disapproval toward an idea is a protected form of speech. By framing "objection" itself as a nuisance, this by-law risks being used to silence legitimate, peaceful dissent.
2. The 100-Metre "Blanket" Buffer (Section 3)
Section 3 prohibits nuisance demonstrations within 100 metres of the site of a "designated facility". When combined with the extensive list of facilities in Section 2—which includes libraries, community centres, cultural centres, and cemeteries—this creates massive "no-protest" zones throughout our city. Many of these locations could be where peaceful demonstrations are intended to be seen and heard. This "blanketing" approach effectively outlaws peaceful protest in many locations where it was likely never intended to be restricted.
3. Subjectivity and Potential for Abuse
Because "intimidation" and "nuisance" rely on conduct that "could reasonably be

expected" to cause fear or deter access, the by-law grants significant discretionary power to enforcement officers. Without more precise definitions, there is a high potential for this by-law to be applied inconsistently, potentially targeting peaceful groups based on the content of their message rather than the nature of their actions.
The intention to protect vulnerable citizens is good, but the execution as written is flawed. I ask that the Committee amend this by-law to more narrowly define "nuisance" and "intimidation" and to reconsider the 100-metre buffer to ensure it does not inadvertently dismantle the right to peaceful protest in Winnipeg.
Sincerely,
Tyler Crichton

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tyler

Last name
Crichton

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7, Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I support the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw. I experienced the protest of April 1st at the door of the Rady JCC when picking up my child from school/after school daycare.
Everyone has the right to protest, just not anywhere and not in a violent way. It was very disturbing and felt unsafe. Police was there and it felt they were more concerned on the rights of not-peaceful protest than on the rights of children of being safe and free from violence.
No one should be protesting in front of any school/house of prayer/community centre, of any faith, or any ethnic group. Their rights to protest are important, but not as important as other people's rights to safety, peace and dignity.

Submission for a committee of council

April 1, 2025
5:18 PM



Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
V. Botting

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Victoria Hartman

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Victoria

Last name
Hartman

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Community Concerns Regarding Proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I'm writing to share concerns that have been raised by a number of neighbours regarding the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw.

Yesterday, approximately 70 residents met at West End Commons to discuss the issue. Many feel that the proposal represents a significant overreach by the City and may infringe on their rights and freedoms. Several individuals involved in social justice initiatives expressed concern that their Charter rights could be impacted. As someone who has organized numerous social justice rallies in the past, I am also concerned that the bylaw could impede efforts to raise awareness about important community issues.

One of the attendees asked whether I would be willing to speak with you about these concerns and whether you might consider supporting them. I explained that you are not on EPC, but I would be happy to pass along their concerns for your awareness.

Please let me know if you would like any additional information or if you would be open to speaking with them directly.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Vivienne Ho

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.

Yes

Personal information

First name

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Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
A “Nuisance Protest” Z is non-specific, meaning any and all actions could be subject. Where is the clarification? It sounds like this is an attack on a basic human right to protest. Now I have to be told where I can protest?

I was one of many people who visited the University of Winnipeg Palestine Encampment. Something that many saw as a “nuisance”, I saw completely differently. The encampment was full of wonderful, nice people. People that were donating items and taking time and effort out of their days to be there. As well as helping a lot of people in need. Multiple people would come by and grab free stuff, whether it was food, water, or safe & clean needles.

Anyone who visited that encampment saw first hand what community meant, and how important it was for the protest to happen in the first place. It didn’t last forever, but we all learned valuable lessons. Something that a lot of people nowadays could benefit from learning. The same people who think a protest is a “nuisance”, most likely because that same person has never attended one, or cared to.

Public engagement (optional)

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Zachary MacLean

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
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Last name
MacLean

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Number 7, Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I don't think it fair to pick where one protest in the city. There a is reason they are planned to happen where they happen. It is for the impact that it makes.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations by-law.
Signed,
Zoe Zimberg

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Zimberg

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Zoheir Bshouty
Tuxedo R3P 0P3

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Zoheir

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Whatever problem it is you are trying to solve, suppressing the right to protest is not the solution. Our city is better than this.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Proposed “Safe Access to Vulnerable Social Infrastructure” By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

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Signed,
A Stutski

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 00:22

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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In a time when we are witnessing the alarming suppression of fundamental rights and freedoms in the states (and even some of our provincial neighbours), it is clear that the right to peacefully protest is the last right available to us to take meaningful action. It is horrifying to me that the city would entertain such a proposition.

I assume, based on the way Mr. Duncan presents, he does not understand the need for peaceful assembly as it is most likely that he has been afforded more benefits than the majority of Winnipeg's constituents. This by-law would be a mistake, further oppressing the rights and freedoms of many vibrant, yet vulnerable communities in Winnipeg.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Aaliyah O.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Hello Executive Policy Committee members,

I'm writing to you today to express my great concern at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

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I am concerned that it also does not bring acknowledgment of the history of protest within the many stories which make Winnipeg unique and a valued place.

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Signed,
Aaron Maciejko

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Aaron

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Maciejko

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Aaron Mitchell-Dueck

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Last name
Mitchell-Dueck

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:49

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
The vague wording of the "nusiance protests" invites enforcement that could, and would if it is passed, severely limit the freedom of expression for the people of Winnipeg. This is not made with the safety of citizens in mind, but instead the inconvience of those who are bothered by people raising their voices together. This will almost certainly be enacted against those of vulnerable groups, largely affecting those of marginalized groups.

This is a classist, racist move and the people of Winnipeg deserve better. Those who vote in favour of this do not have the citizens of Winnipeg's best interest in mind, and therefore should not represent them.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Aaron

Last name
Pridham

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:05

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-law

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
agenda item #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to oppose the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

While protecting public safety is important, this by-law risks unnecessarily restricting the fundamental democratic right to peaceful protest. Broad limitations on where people can gather create a chilling effect on lawful dissent and public participation.

There is also no clear need for this expansion. The Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act already provides legal protections to ensure safe access where it is required. Creating additional sweeping restrictions is redundant and unjustified.

It is also in poor taste to introduce new limits on protest at a time when many people are deeply concerned about democratic backsliding and the suppression of dissent, including what we are currently witnessing in Minneapolis and across the United States.

I urge you to reject this by-law and protect both public safety and the right to peaceful protest.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Aaron-John

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Item #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-LAw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
To the members of the Executive Policy Committee,

I am very concern by this bylaw will be racist in its application, limiting protest and rallies that are meant to be peaceful AND visible in order for constituent who are part of marginalized communities to make their voices heard, especially but not limited to Indigenous rights, among others. This bill is not meant to keep them safe, but keep them quiet. I do not want those repressive bylaws in my city, and my community doesn't want it either.

Sincerly,
Mrs A.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:15

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-laws

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Signed,
Abby Swanton

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:19

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
The proposed by-law will negatively affect activists and politically-conscious people who do not feel that their voice is being represented by their elected representatives.
MLAs, MPs, and City Councillors can and often do elect not to respond to criticisms, comments, petitions, and queries. Assemblies and protests give voices to the voiceless. They enable people otherwise disgruntled and ignored to step forward and be heard on a wide array of issues, whether it be Canadian issues such as city management, the environment, or labour strikes, or international issues such as the crisis in Palestine.
The people of Winnipeg have not asked for this agenda. The people of Manitoba - I stress Manitoba because this will affect all Manitobans that care enough about their concerns and their priorities to travel to Winnipeg to join in these assemblies and protests - do not benefit from being denied the ability to assemble and protest in areas with high foot traffic, areas where their voices can be amplified and heard by as many people as possible.
Furthermore, there has been no serious discussion among the public that could encourage an agenda such as the one presented today. One must ask where the pressure for such an agenda to be approved is coming from, where this repressive idea has been suggested and discussed, and to whom it offers any actual benefits.

Public engagement (optional)

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7:safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,

Abigail

Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:06

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#7 Safe Access tk Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Winnipegers have a right to express themselves freely without punitive action. Protests are a form of expression and provides us with the ability to gain traction on important causes and promotes community. Protests are a right of free speech.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Abrie

Last name
Mann

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Adaleia Santos

Public engagement (optional)

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Santos

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Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
This proposal goes too far and will restrict our fundamental rights to protest. Anyone who lends support to this motion is acting against the interest and well-being of Winnipegers, Manitobans, and Canadians who have no other avenues for their voices to be heard than bold protest. This is an erosion of our liberty and I stand in staunch opposition to these changes to legislation.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Adam

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I understand there are good intentions behind the idea of this by-law, but its vague nature gives room for sweeping generalizations and misrepresentation that can be used to penalize free speech and scrutiny. Vague or not, no amount of re-writing or adjustments made to this idea will stop it from being used as a tool to silence and dissuade people from using their voices in protest.

At best, this is a misguided idea with the best of intentions that will restrict free speech and penalize differing opinions, something that is profoundly un-Canadian. Let's not take steps that fundamentally change what makes this city and country so great; that we can have differing opinions and express them without fear of judgement or punishment. We are better than this.

At worst, it is a step towards tyranny. Giving people and institutions the option to fine someone who is critical of their operations is totally a power imbalance that I fear will be abused.

Please remember, peaceful protest at public gathering places is not a nuisance: it is quite literally THE PUBLIC, GATHERING.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:42

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Signed, Adam H

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Adam

Last name
Hill

I am writing to oppose the proposed *Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw*, Item 7 on the February 17, 2026 Executive Policy Committee agenda.

This bylaw would create 100-metre “intermediary zones” around hospitals, schools, places of worship, and community centres, prohibiting what it calls “nuisance demonstrations.” Violations would carry fines starting at $500 and rising to $5,000. While framed as a safety measure, the bylaw is overly broad and would severely restrict peaceful protest across a wide range of public spaces.

As a Christian, I believe deeply in protecting safe access to our places of worship—spaces of peace, hope, and community. At the same time, my faith calls me to speak out against injustice: violations of human and labour rights, climate and transportation inequities, and the ongoing failure of governments to advance true reconciliation. Scripture is clear on this responsibility. Psalm 82:3 instructs us to “Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.”

Peaceful assembly and freedom of expression—protected under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms—are essential tools for this work. These rights cannot be limited without clear, necessary, and proportionate justification. This bylaw does not meet that threshold. Its scope is vague, its restrictions sweeping, and its potential to chill democratic participation significant.

Whether marching for climate justice, rallying for human rights, or joining a Critical Mass bicycle ride to challenge car-centric policy, protest remains one of the few accessible avenues for civic engagement in an increasingly fragile democracy. Enacting this bylaw would mark another step down a slippery slope toward eroding those rights.

Thank you for your consideration.

Adam Johnston

Winnipeg Manitoba

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

Adam Kelly (they/them)

Cofounder & COO of The Social Entrepreneurship Enclave

Public engagement (optional)

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Adam

Last name
Kelly

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Adam MacDonald

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Adam

Last name
MacDonald

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:57

Delegation information

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Comments
The right for peaceful protests is a fundamental right according to the canadian charter for human rights 2(c). To even suggest the ban and fines is fascist, unconstitutional, and disgusting. It shows a frankly humiliating amount of ignorance. To make a call like this right now, considering the civil unrest and protests happening in the USA, takes a side with the current, objectively corrupt, American administration. Banning protests says that the city is siding with ICE (directly or indirectly if you want to feign ignorance about it). Me and my spouse recently moved to Winnipeg from Saskatoon because of how minorities including ourselves were treated. Winnipeg is supposed to be better and more progressive, and the desire to strip away the rights from its citizens is despicable and completely hypocritical. Winnipeg has been the site for historical victories that have come from protests, such as the general strike, without these liberties this city could have never gotten to where it is now.
The City of Winnipeg is sitting on the fence of history right now, dangling its feet onto the wrong side. Choose correctly. Stand up for your people.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Adam

Last name
Ramsden

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
While I recognize the intention of this bylaw, I am concerned that the definition of specified characteristics is too broad and relies too heavily on the interpretation by the current government. Additionally, the defined designated facilities are too broad. It should not be prohibited to protest at the universities, legislative building or city hall.

As we have seen in other countries, the people can not rely on the good intentions of the current government to extend to other administrations. The bylaw in its current state will negatively impact the public's ability to protest.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Wiebe

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:05

Delegation information

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives. However, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, constitutionally vulnerable, and one must question the thought process behindthr proposition. It infringes, manifestly on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed buffers apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are precisely where critical matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning and ripe for bad faith interpretation. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is deeply subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard to a concerning degree, relying on enforcement discretion, which is not and never has been a substitute for precise legislative drafting. This is, at best, reckless and poorly thought out. At worst, it is a weaponizing of the language of security with the plannee intent to curtail human rights and deny freedom of expression to any cause selectively deemed inconvenient.

One questions the good faith of such a measure as provincial legislation already provides buffer zones around abortion services. If the City's objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction are available and need only be enforced. Selective enforcement of existing statutes is worrying in the extreme. Expanding protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response and cannot reasonably be seen as such.

The freedom to peacefully protest is a cornerstone of democratic society protecting all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal entirely. If Council believes further action is necessary, it must be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad or generalizee restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg, particularly as we watch our Southern neighbors and their municipalities, states, and federal agencies trample the inalienable human right to protest .

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Adam

Last name
Zachman

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:40

Delegation information

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Agenda item #7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
A. T.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Adrian(Abigail)

Last name
Tschetter

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 02:06

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Signed,

Adrian R

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Adrian

Last name
Rosario

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:02

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I strongly oppose this attempt to limit our charter rights and freedoms. The right to peaceful protest is essential to a functioning democracy, and it is shocking to me that the City of Winnipeg is considering this legislation at a time when rights are so clearly being eroded around the world. The definitions of “nuisance protest” are too vague. Protests by their very nature should cause some inconvenience, it is essential that our right to protest peacefully and freely is preserved.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Adrian

Last name
Trimble

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:50

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Signed,
Dr. Adrian West

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Adrian

Last name
West

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:28

Delegation information

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Adrian Zetner

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Adrian

Last name
Zetner

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:41

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Adriana King

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Adriana

Last name
King

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:20

Delegation information

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Please protect our freedoms of assembly and expression.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Adrita

Last name
Hasan

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:17

Delegation information

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Agenda Item #7 Access to Vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Aga Wyskwar.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Aga

Last name
Wyskwar

February 13, 2026

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition in the strongest possible terms to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. I've lived Winnipeg for the last decade, and one of the things I appreciate so much about this city is how strongly engaged so many Winnipeggers are in fostering a safe, caring, welcoming community, and advocating for changes in the systems and services that are needed to achieve an equitable society where all can thrive, here and extending across the globe. That spirited engagement makes Winnipeg a special place, and being able to exercise the right to protest is an absolutely essential and necessary part of that engagement. This proposed bylaw would harms our Charter-protected rights to peaceful assembly and expression. There are a number of reasons to prevent this bylaw from going forward:

1. Peaceful assembly and expression are core protected freedoms needed for a functioning democratic society. The category of "nuisance demonstration" including amplifiers without a permit or obstructing vehicles means a large swath of protests and rallies would fall under this definition – like public demonstrations with a megaphone, or music, or that spontaneously move through Winnipeg streets. Protests without a permit are not nuisance – they are the lifeblood of democracy and an engaged society. The idea that the only legitimate protests are ones with a permit is false, and punishing people for exercising core political rights to assembly and expression without a permit is very scary.
2. The map of areas that would be off access to "nuisance" protest is the vast majority of the downtown, leaving a tiny patchwork of allowable spaces. This bylaw would both severely limit the absolute area that protest is allowed to be in, and also prevent movement. It would be nearly impossible, as a participant in protests, rallies, vigils, round dances and other public demonstrations, to ensure that you are outside of any of the forbidden spaces under this bylaw. Even protest around the Provincial Legislature and City Hall would be affected. Even if it is never enforced, this bylaw would have an extreme chilling effect on confidence in participating in public demonstrations through the threat of fines in the hundreds to thousands of dollars.
3. There significant risks of partial enforcement of this bylaw. Given how expansive it is in scope, It will not be applied to everyone – so who will this bylaw be wielded against? Public demonstrations are especially relied upon to advocate for change by groups that face marginalization and injustice. Rather than being protective, this proposed bylaw means increased risk of being targeted for already marginalized groups. This is an especially important issue in context existing systemic racism in policing. I'm particularly concerned about how this bylaw could be used against people rallying in support of Palestinian rights and against Israeli state-sponsored genocide.
4. There are already laws in place for hate crimes, property damage, etc.
5. Enforcement of this proposed bylaw would require more resources for police and bylaw officers, but more resources for policing protests will not make people in our city more

safe. Investment in health services, social services, poverty-reduction, transit, etc. is what is needed to keep our community safe.

As policymakers, you must think about not just today, but how such a bylaw could be misused in the future. Even if you think that it is fair and will be applied reasonably now, can you be sure that in 10 years, there will not be a context in which this bylaw will be used to punish and repress? Proponents will argue that there are benefits of this bylaw, but the harms and risks above far outweigh any potential benefits. Please do not allow this proposed bylaw to move forward – it must be completely struck.

Regards,
Agata Durkalec

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

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Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:31

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This by-law WILL be enforced in a racist manor. People have their God given RIGHT to protest and should keep it that way, taking something like this is facsitic and reminds me of the Trump regime. Do not be like Trump because if this by-law goes through. Theirs going to be a lot more than protests. Let's keep it civil.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Aidan

Last name
Janzen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 01:30

Delegation information

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Signed,
Aidan

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Aidan

Last name
Kennedy

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:03

Delegation information

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While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to post-secondary institutions, community centres, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise, especially college and university campuses where diverse groups meet to safely but enthusiastically trade ideas. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting. This language also stymies solidarity picketing during legal labour action, as other labour groups joining locked out or striking workers could be interpreted as participating in the overly broad definition of "intimidation" included in the proposed by-law.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City's objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Aiden

Last name
Farrant

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Action By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Amy

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Aimee

Last name
Cadorath

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agendea Item 7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I'm not asking, I am demanding you reconsider.

Signed,

Aimee Skye Rivers.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Aimee

Last name
Rivers

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am strongly opposed to this by-law. This is an infringement on our rights as community members and will allow for biases to take over through policing and public opinion. Stop demonizing you constituents.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Aimie

Last name
Langan

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Ainsley

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ainsley

Last name
Johnston

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The right to freedom of speech, free peaceful protest without fear of danger from law enforcement is crucial to what makes Canada a respected, safe nation. This is a silence tactic so that those in power need not be accountable or understand dissenting voices. I am opposed to to these recommendations.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ainslie

Last name
Milley

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to you as someone who deeply cares about our city and the rights we all share within it. I was alarmed to learn that the City of Winnipeg is considering the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law, which I believe would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. For this reason, I strongly oppose the proposed bylaw.
Public gatherings, whether vigils, rallies, or marches have long been part of Winnipeg's story. They are how we as citizens have been able to push for better working conditions for employees, standing up for Indigenous, racialized, and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, and demand stronger environmental protections. These freedoms are not abstract principles, they are tools our communities have relied on to make our city and our country more just and compassionate.

I am deeply concerned that, if passed, this bylaw could infringe on constitutional rights, silence marginalized voices, and open the door to police overreach, all while failing to meaningfully address issues that may be problematic such as hate, violence, or property damage, acts that are already criminal under existing laws. Instead of targeting harmful behaviour, the bylaw risks placing sweeping limits on peaceful protest. That feels both disproportionate and out of step with the democratic values Winnipeg has been striving to uphold, especially as the city has worked toward recognition as a "Human Rights City" through United Cities and Local Governments since 2018.
Organizations such as the Canadian Civil Liberties Association have raised concerns that broad measures like this often end up restricting lawful, peaceful demonstrations and disproportionately impacting marginalized groups who rely on protest as a means of being heard. That possibility should give us pause.

At its heart, this is about protecting freedom of expression and association which are cornerstones of a healthy democracy. At a time when we are witnessing troubling erosions of rights and freedoms elsewhere, it feels especially important for our city to stand firmly on the side of the Charter and the democratic principles it protects.
I respectfully ask you to reconsider and to halt further consideration of this proposed demonstrations bylaw. Winnipeg can and should remain a city where people are free to gather, to speak, and to advocate for a better future. These abilities allow for a better Winnipeg and a better world.
Sincerely,

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ajabi

Last name
Mathews

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7- safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The right to protest must remain! This is an essential component of democracy. I can’t believe this is being debated right now.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Akosua

Last name
Knowles

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Ban on Protests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Protesting is a human right! Let our people use their voices.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Al

Last name
Gilbert

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vunerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Alaina Sobie

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alaina

Last name
Sobie

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Alan

Last name
Biglow

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I'm opposed to the recommendation. We need to keep our democracy Strong

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alana

Last name
Pereira

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:20

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Alanna McPherson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Alanna

Last name
McPherson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Alannah Collins

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Alannah

Last name
Collins

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Most of Winnipeg exists within 100m of a hospital, school, or place of worship, so this by-law effectively means that the city can shut down any protest without oversight or transparency. This result is rather clearly a travesty against democratic values of public debate, free expression, freedom of congregation etc. I urge the committee in the strongest possible terms to reconsider this by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Albert

Last name
Moman

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Submission for a committee of council
No to nuisance demonstrations bylaw.docx

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alejandra

Last name
Diabb Sanchez

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Submit comments in writing checkbox
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alejandro

Last name
Costamagna

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The Canadian Civil Liberties Association clearly states that "Disruptive, non-violent protest is part and parcel of a vibrant functioning democracy."
To go forward with this ban would be to violate part of what makes use a democracy. The right to protest is a charter right. 100m within the declared bounds is still a lot of ground to cover. There is a right to peaceful assembly and disruptive protest that we must have. Part of what makes a protest effective is its inability to be ignored. That is how voices are heard when every other channel has been depleted.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Alejandro

Last name
Roberts

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
A concerned citizen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Aleks

Last name
Settee

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Alena Premack

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Alena

Last name
Premack

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,
Alenna Mark

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Alenna

Last name
Mark

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vunerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Alera

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Alera

Last name
Morrisseau-Swampy

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
* "Nuisance Protest" is non-specific, meaning any and all actions could be subject.
* Areas restricted by this by-law are public spaces and points of proximity to decision makers. Much of the city would be subject to the geographic restrictions of this bylaw including City Hall and University Campuses.
* Fines of up to $5000 could be issued to every person who shows up to Round Dances, rallies, group bike rides, marches, etc.
* Police will have new tools they will use to silence and punish protesters.
* We are very concerned this bylaw will be racist in its application, limiting protests and rallies promoting Indigenous rights, among others.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alesia

Last name
Redekop

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

Making protesting illegal with a fine just makes it so only the rich can protest.
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Signed,

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alex

Last name
Deneka

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infraastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Allana Entrada

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Alex

Last name
Entrada

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Public displays of protest are an important part of free speech in a democracy. Silencing protestors sounds a lot like something a certain moustache man would have done...

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alex

Last name
Halipchuk

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:01

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Alex Mar

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alex

Last name
Mar

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the City of Winnipeg's proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law, which would restrict Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Public demonstrations—whether vigils, rallies, or round dances—have long been essential tools for advancing workers' rights, Indigenous sovereignty, racial and 2SLGBTQIA+ equality, tenant protections, and environmental safeguards. This by-law would undermine those fundamental freedoms.

I am concerned it would infringe on constitutional rights, silence marginalized voices, and enable police overreach, while doing nothing to prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence—acts that are already criminalized anyway. Instead, it would severely limit peaceful protest. Such restrictions are inconsistent with Winnipeg's commitment to becoming a UCLG "Human Rights City."

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has also warned that broad restrictions like these often harm marginalized communities and unfairly limit Charter-protected speech and assembly.

At a time when democratic rights are under threat elsewhere, I urge you to uphold your legal obligations under the Charter and protect freedom of expression and association in our city. Please drop further consideration of this proposed by-law.

Sincerely,
Alex Paseka

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alex

Last name
Paseka

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 02:07

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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As a student at the University of Manitoba, I am particularly concerned for how this legislation will prevent student and staff participation in rallies and protests around causes important to us, especially given that we are here to learn about how the world works and expand our knowledge and skills, and engaging directly with advocacy and sharing our opinions on issues that affect us is a key tenant of this.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Alex

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alex

Last name
Rana

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Agenda Item: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I oppose the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.
The proposed bylaw would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, a terrifying move towards fascism.
Today I write to you from the banks of the Assiniboine river, a place I occupy with freedoms to express myself because of the labouring of those who came before me, often screaming to be heard. My life, your life and the lives of all our neighbours have been impacted by someone else's freedom of expression and right to peaceful assembly. We need no history lesson when the streets of Minneapolis are closer to our doorstep by car than visiting that aunt you probably have in Calgary. Shall we not compare ourselves by putting down the misery of others but simply observe with the unshakable knowing that we do not want what they have. So let's continue to work towards the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" status like we have since 2018 and drop the consideration of this bylaw.
If passed the proposed "Safe-Access" bylaw would not prevent acts that are already categorized as criminal and subject to enforcement such as property damage, hate crimes, or violence. Instead it would give opportunities for peaceful assembly to be subject to police overreach; within the broad terms of this proposed bylaw could someone not be subject to debilitating fines for wearing a t-shirt with a slogan that resonates to them too close to city hall?
I want to live in a city where I can advocate for the same rights and freedoms I have for the next person just as someone else has fought for me before. If you enjoy a 5 or less day work week you are no different than me. Unions fought for that so that you could go home and see your family on the weekend. They fought for it publicly. In view of necessary

infrastructure.
If your life was taken from you, would you not also want your community to have the opportunity to gather publicly in your honour. The bill also threatens communities ability to grieve together as public vigils would be subject to enforcement of the bylaw. We do not live inside of private space. The city is a public place. The “Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure” bylaw has no place in our city and I encourage this Executive Policy Committee to drop the proposal immediately and without revision or negotiation.

Alex , City of Winnipeg Resident , artist, lover, and beneficiary of freedoms won through protest.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alex

Last name
Resident

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:01

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Committee you want to address
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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Alex West-Massey
Grant Park

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Alex

Last name
West-Massey

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I believe putting a restriction against protests is a violation of our freedom of speech and expression. Protesting is important for communities affected by the reason for the protests and our voices should be heard. Even if it makes you uncomfortable. If this law is put into action, then people who preach Christianity in the streets should also be affected by this law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Alex

Last name
Zet-Girouard

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Alex

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Alex

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#17 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Peaceful protests are a democratic right. Citizens have a right to express their concerns about issues that affect them, and often, gathering in numbers is the only way to get the attention that an issue deserves. With everything that is going on in the USA right now, the right to peaceful protest is more relevant now than ever.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alexa

Last name
Sawatzky

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access To Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Alexa Sawyer

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alexa

Last name
Sawyer

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee
I am horrified that my city is considering restricting our charter protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. Frankly, it looks authoritarian and undemocratic to do so. I strongly oppose the city's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. We all have the responsibility gut to advocate for social and policy changes. This by-law could have a chilling effect on our basic freedoms. We as Canadians have an obligation to oppose the city's proposed bylaw that even the Canadian Civil Liberties Association has expressed concerns over. Frankly, this bylaw looks like what I would expect in the US at this time. We should not cross this line in our own body politic. Please drop any further consideration of this by law.
Sincerely
Alexander Sawatsky

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alexander

Last name
Sawatsky

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This proposal is wildly and overly broad in its scope and intent. This essentially eliminates the ability for citizens to protest at far too many places. If there are concerns about safety, intimidation, or violence at protests, then by all means, work on THAT specific issue. For the most part intimidation and violence are already against the law and should be enforced properly.

This proposed by-law is a sweeping assault on our freedom of expression, and believe me, I will be remembering who voted for it during the next election.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Alexander

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Alex Wishart

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Alexander

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Wishart

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Signed
Alexandra Abramovich

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Alexandra

Last name
Abramovich

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Executive Policy Committee

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This feels like something the Trump Admin would do. And we need NONE of that.

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Signed,
Alexandra Caporale

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I'm concerned about the implications of the #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. As written, it is broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

I am especially concerned about "source of income" being included in the category of "special characteristics". What if a person or group sources their income through the exploitation of or violence against vulnerable people? This is not something that should be protected.

Public engagement (optional)

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Alexandra

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:56

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Signed,

Alexandra Moreau

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:10

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#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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Signed,
Alexandra Rohne

Public engagement (optional)

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Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Alexandra

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Smith

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Committee you want to address
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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my extreme concern at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. I am strongly opposed to this proposed by-law because I believe it will restrict our Charter-protected rights including the fundamental freedom of peaceful assembly (s.2(c)) and freedom of expression (s.2(b)).

While I fully support ensuring safety and access to public services, this proposed by-law has some significant issues:
1. It overreaches on what is considered a "designated facility" and the buffer zone (100m) is far too large, resulting in many key areas of the city (such as City Hall and areas of the Manitoba Legislative Building grounds) falling within the buffer zones of designated facilities.
2. It is too broad on what would be considered a "nuisance". For example, amplifiers are often necessary at large protests to adequately communicate instructions and messages to the crowd.
3. Individuals who show up to peacefully protest (even as defined within the constraints of this proposed by law) cannot control the actions of others, and should not be swept up into the punishment of being at a "nuisance demonstration" just because someone else

brought an amplifier or is holding a prohibited sign.
4. The intimidation activities prohibited in the by-law are already considered crimes under our current legal system and their prohibition can be enforced without the additional by-law. This proposed by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, harassment, or violence from taking place.
5. Restricting the content of a protest, peaceful or otherwise, based on “specified characteristics” is a blatant suppression of freedom of expression. As much as I would LOVE if people couldn’t protest against things I care about, it is not ok to only support freedom of speech when people are saying what you agree with. Freedom of speech is a two way street.

I fear the combination of designated facilities, buffer zones, nuisance definition, and specified characteristics could be abused by dark parties to undermine democracy.

I also fear that having a by-law like this in existence would make many people afraid to attend peaceful protests at all, in case they turn into “nuisance demonstrations” (through no fault of their own). This places an unnecessary barrier before people’s right to demonstrate.

This type of undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression is particularly terrifying in light of the attempted suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S.

I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy. I beg you, to not take the first step down a slippery slope of eroding democracy. At the very least, please, consider the upcoming elections in October 2026, and how unpopular this by-law is, if nothing else.

Please, drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee

It breaks my heart to see a bylaw like this be proposed in my home in the heart of Canada. Our city has a rich history, a monument across the street from city hall reflects this history of our citizens protesting the abuses of power that occur here.

Harassment, property destruction, and violence are all already illegal, this bylaw will do nothing to prevent unlawful behavior. This bylaw will punish those who peacefully speak up and protest injustice. I and many other Manitobans believe this proposed bylaw like the others it is based on directly goes against Canadians right and freedom to peaceful assembly. Protests are an important tool for citizens to call out abuses of power which can occur in most if not all the locations this bylaw could completely shield from accountability.

History tells us this bylaw, if implemented, will not be used to protect the wants and will of the citizens of Winnipeg, It will protect the institutions and lobbyists that push members of the EPC to pass bylaws like this. Nobody wants to have to protest, it's something we unfortunately must do to protect our rights. Please don't deny Canadians our right to peaceful assembly. Please stand with the citizens of Winnipeg, do not pass this shameful bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Alexis

Last name
Bezpalko

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:19

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am absolutely disgusted by this proposal to limit the fundamental rights of Winnipeggers. This bylaw is designed solely to silence marginalized and oppressed voices in this city, so that the wealthy ruling class may enjoy unlimited convenience with no need to interrogate their consciences.

EPC, it's time to start making decisions that benefit and improve the lives of all Winnipeggers, not just a chosen few. Stop trying to silence protests and start listening to the messages they are sending you: safe infrastructure for active transportation, no more murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls, support workers' rights, end police brutality, invest in climate solutions, and end complicity in the genocide of Palestinians.

Signed,
Alexis Kanu
Winnipeg, MB

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Yes

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This by-law is far too vague to be moved forward.

While I can see merit in providing a buffer around hospitals or even schools, this by-law allows too many restrictions which could easily be misused. Considering what is happening with our neighbors to the south, a bi-law like this is simply dangerous.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Alisa

Last name
Mayberry

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item #7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
This is a scary proposal at a time where it feels like democracy in this country continues to be under threat due to actions in the United States. Let's not set that precedent here. It is not welcome. I understand protecting vulnerable groups, and that should be a priority, but "disruptive, non-violent protest is part and parcel of a vibrant, functioning democracy" (Canadian Civil Liberties Association). Nuisance protest is extremely vague and this could be used as a tool for violence, racism, and loss of freedom of speech Note the term non-violent in the above quote. Let's keep Winnipeg democratic and not pass this unconstitutional proposal. This is a slippery slope we do not want to go down.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Alison

Last name
Conrad

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Signed,

Alison Hain

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Alison

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I am in awe and disgust at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.
From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment in Winnipeg and beyond. Shame on this threat to our right. Shame on this rejection of our history.
If passed, I am concerned that this by-law would be used to silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate.
If people are looking to perform criminal activity they will already. Property damage, hate crimes, or violence are already criminal. This By-law will effect the right to peaceful protests as their reach would be severely limited. This type of undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018. It is fear mongering to associate all protest with crime and pushes our city towards a politically disconnected future. Speaking up politically should be celebrated instead of punished.
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unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalised groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change. Shame on this potential infringements of our rights.
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I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.
I beg you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Alison Holliday

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Alison

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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Alison Mercer

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alison

Last name
Mercer

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7-- 'Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw'

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

The 'Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw' restricts our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. I am opposed to this proposed bylaw for how it limits the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers has access to when we need to advocate for social and policy changes.

From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate.

The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and

undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) “Human Rights City” since 2018.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Allan

Last name
Beardsell

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.
This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.
If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.
The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.
This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
alleah marie cumlat

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
alleah

Last name
cumlat

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Register as a delegation_checkbox
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Via zoom

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my deep disappointment with the City of Winnipeg Executive Policy Committee's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. This is true for members of the disability community that our organization represents. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, protections for the environment, and also to assert disability rights.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely

limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) “Human Rights City” since 2018. This is not a bylaw that should be passed by any so-called Human Rights City.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change. This bylaw would cause more harm to the disability community than good.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Allen Mankewich
Interim Executive Director
Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Allen

Last name
Mankewich

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vunerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I'm writing to you today to express my reservations at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.
This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.
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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Allison Fulford

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Allison

Last name
Fulford

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The notion of banning protests is a direct attack on democracy and is absolutely abhorrent.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Allison

Last name
Klinck

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am extremely alarmed at the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law, which will soon be voted on at City Council. I must convey my deepest concerns that this by-law, if passed, would grossly limit the public's rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. I am solidly in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

Public, disruptive, and non-violent protest is a necessary freedom used by people of all backgrounds to advocate for social and policy changes and to express displeasure at what is being done on local, national, and international levels. They are especially necessary for marginalized groups who have limited access to levers of power, and the proposed bylaw will disproportionately impact these marginalized groups - Indigenous, racialized people, 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, labour workers, as well as protections for the environment.

This proposed bylaw, while well-intentioned, has the potential to infringe on constitutional rights, silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. It would not prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal and do not require further legislation to address. However, peaceful protests would be severely limited.

Frankly, I am shocked that the City of Winnipeg would propose this sort of undemocratic by-law which would undermine freedom of expression. The fact that human rights organizations such as the Canadian Civil Liberties Association has flagged this as a matter of concern confirms to me that the proposed by-law is overly vague and broad, which will have the impact of restricting peaceful protests and demonstrations, which are protected

under the Canadian Charter.

When I look south of the border and other places around the world right now, I see the impact of the suppression of rights and freedoms. As a professional historian, I also look back at examples throughout history when this sort of legislation was introduced and the resulting impact. This only further cements my concerns and certainty that the by-law as proposed is unnecessary and deeply problematic.

I implore you all to consider your legal Charter obligations and to vote against the proposed demonstrations bylaw. Our democracy rests on pillars such as this.

With grave concern,

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Allison

Last name
Penner

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Ban On Protests in Winnipeg

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Ban On Protests in Winnipeg

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This bylaw would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter Rights and Freedoms and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Ally Gonzalo

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jhapes Ally

Last name
GONZALO

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I believe that this bylaw would overstep the rights of citizens.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Allysa

Last name
Lovatt

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is stripping away constitutional rights. It is the beginnings of oppression and is a direct attack on democratic principles. I am opposed to this by-law!!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Allyson

Last name
Gamby

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed by-law.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place -- acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations by-law.

Signed,

A concerned citizen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Alrika

Last name
Rojas

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. Its use of language is broad and leaves margin to misuse. This bylaw would restrict Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly—rights that have been essential for Indigenous peoples, workers, and other marginalized communities to advocate for justice and meaningful change.

Public demonstrations, from rallies to round dances, have been central to advancing Indigenous rights and securing protections for workers and tenants. Limiting these freedoms risks silencing communities who rely on protest to defend their rights and hold governments accountable.

Acts such as property damage and violence are already criminalized. Expanding restrictions on peaceful protest instead invites police overreach and disproportionately harms Indigenous peoples and working-class communities. As Winnipeg works toward becoming a Human Rights City, it should be strengthening—not curtailing—democratic freedoms.

I urge you to uphold the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and protect the fundamental rights that safeguard Indigenous sovereignty, workers' rights, and our democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alvaro Jose

Last name
Martinez Cortes

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Let's keep free speech free! Disruptive, non violent protest is a part of a functioning democracy and we must not lose that ability. We wouldn't have the rights we have today such as women being able to vote, or 5 day working labour laws, plus countless others without protests. This by-law is unjust and undemocratic.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alyssa

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.
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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.
This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Alyssa Bartel

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alyssa

Last name
Bartel

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
By-law of THE CITY OF WINNIPEG to prohibit nuisance demonstrations and intimidation of persons at or in respect of vulnerable social infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

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advocate for social change.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Alyssa Daniels

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Alyssa

Last name
Daniels

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Alyssa Doerksen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Alyssa

Last name
Doerksen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Alyssa Francisco

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alyssa

Last name
Francisco

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,

Alyssa Hourie

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Alyssa

Last name
Hourie

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:10

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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First name
Alyssa

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McAlpine

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Winnipeg, MB,

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Comments
To the Executive Policy Committee

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The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects the right to gather and express dissent. These protections are the foundation of a democratic state. The government should only interfere with these rights in the most limited and specific cases. The current proposal uses vague definitions that allow for arbitrary enforcement. When the state has the power to decide what qualifies as a public disturbance, it can silence any group that it finds inconvenient. This creates a dangerous precedent where the definition of an acceptable protest changes based on the political climate.

Public assembly is often meant to be disruptive. This disruption is the method by which citizens bring attention to serious issues. If the state removes the ability to disrupt public life, it effectively removes the right to be heard.

Any limits on assembly must be narrow. These limits should only apply to critical infrastructure where safety is paramount. Medical facilities and primary education centers for minors are appropriate examples. Transitional housing for those in precarious positions also warrants protection. These rules should not apply to universities, colleges, or other centers for adult learners. Adults must be expected to encounter and process diverse viewpoints in public.

The law must also be applied without bias. There is no logical reason to grant special

treatment to trade unions or worker organizations. If a picket line blocks access to a medical facility, the harm to the public is the same regardless of who is holding the signs. Exempting specific groups from these safety requirements is unfair and contradicts the justification for the law.

The committee should abandon this draft. The city should rely on existing criminal laws to handle actual safety threats. Creating broad new powers to suppress assembly will result in costly legal battles and a loss of freedom.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Last name
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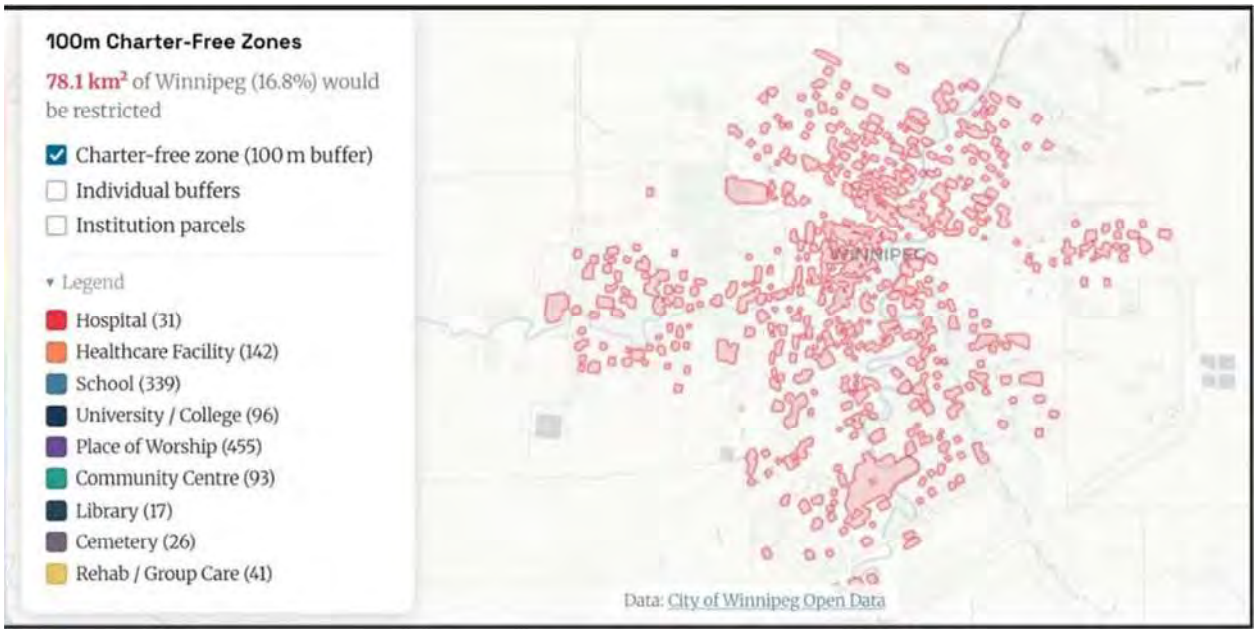
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Gall


100m Charter-Free Zones
78.1 km² of Winnipeg (16.8%) would be restricted
Charter-free zone (100 m buffer)
Individual buffers
Institution parcels
Legend
Hospital (31)
Healthcare Facility (142)
School (339)
University / College (96)
Place of Worship (455)
Community Centre (93)
Library (17)
Cemetery (26)
Rehab / Group Care (41)
WINNIPEG
Data: City of Winnipeg Open Data

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Amanda

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:00

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Amanda Kennedy

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Amanda

Last name
Kennedy

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:59

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Amanda Marek
R2H 1C7

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Amanda

Last name
Marek

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
All people and communities of peoples deserve to have a voice. Punishing people for peaceful protests, banning protests at all, is a silencing of the people. It communicates that Winnipeg's council does not support mobilization and action for change and social justice. I strongly oppose a ban on activism.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Amanda

Last name
Scott

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Amanda Willms

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Amanda

Last name
Willms

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 00:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you to express my deep concern at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would greatly restrict Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. The arbitrary and broad nature of this bylaw goes far beyond its stated aim and will turn the expression of dissent to a very heavily regulated and prohibited act.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers regularly exercise in advocating for meaningful change in our city and beyond. These gatherings that range from vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been key in winning rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, and securing protections for the environment.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices and further increase police overreach. The issues that the City is proposing to address with the "Safe Access" by-law, namely preventing property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place, are already illegal under existing legislation. This unnecessary piece of legislation thus achieves nothing but to severely limit peaceful protests. The City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018, should reject any such draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression presented by this by-law.

Many organizations have expressed their concerns, including the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA), who hold that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-

protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

As a democracy, freedom of expression and association should be held paramount, and the idea of placing such restrictions on them draws parallels to the current situation in the United States of America and other autocratic nations across the world where dissent is criminalized. I urge you deeply reflect on your duty to your constituents and reflect on the harm that this by-law would bring to them.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw and reject any such attempts to curtail freedom that may be presented in the future.

Respectfully,
Amar Singh

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Amar

Last name
Singh

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Amaya

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Amaya

Last name
Romualdo

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Amber

Last name
Neufeld

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Amelia Curran

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Amelia

Last name
Curran

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Amelia Fay

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Amelia

Last name
Fay

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:51

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Amerlyn

Last name
Budd

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,

Amilia Fehr

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Amilia

Last name
Fehr

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Amy Blanchard

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Amy

Last name
Blanchard

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Amy Cundall

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Amy

Last name
Cundall

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 04:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Register as a delegation
Via zoom

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Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing as a Winnipeg resident, parent, and community wellness practitioner to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

At its core, this proposal raises serious questions about the protection of fundamental freedoms guaranteed under Section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, including freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, and association. These rights are not symbolic. They are foundational to a functioning democracy and to the ability of citizens to advocate for themselves and their communities.

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I am particularly concerned that this proposed by-law may be disproportionate to its stated

aims. Acts of violence, property damage, and hate crimes are already criminalized under existing law. Expanding restrictions in a way that limits peaceful assembly risks infringing upon Charter-protected freedoms. Such measures may also disproportionately impact communities who rely on public protest as one of the few accessible avenues to be heard. Winnipeg has expressed commitments toward human rights principles and civic inclusion. Any new legislation should reflect those commitments by carefully balancing safety concerns with constitutional obligations.

As a citizen who values democratic participation and the protection of civil liberties, I respectfully urge the Committee to reconsider the scope of this proposal and ensure that any measures adopted are narrowly tailored, demonstrably justified, and fully consistent with the Charter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
amy Dreilich

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Amy

Last name
Dee

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 04:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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amy Dreilich

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Amy

Last name
Dee

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Amy

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Amy

Last name
Gagnon

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Amy Mazowita

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Amy

Last name
Mazowita

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Amy Sanford

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Amy

Last name
Sanford

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item #7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Amy

Last name
Thiesssen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Amy

Last name
Wood

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Let people protest if they need to! Wherever it is the most convenient to them. Do not silence people.

Signed,
Ana Sckaff

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ana

Last name
Sckaff

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Two simple questions I need you to reflect on:
1- What is the reason for such by-law?
2- How do you define "nuisance"?
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Signed,
Anahita Aminian

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Anahita

Last name
Aminian

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am deeply alarmed and, frankly, disturbed by the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This bylaw would, in practice, effectively place the voices of the marginalized into the category of "nuissance" and acts to seperate the act of free and peaceful assembly from public spaces of significance, and of those of decision makers. The act of which works to effectively silence the voices of those most impacted by said decision makers under threat of fines. This would make the right to protest and peacefully assemble a privilege of those with more monetary resources while pushing those without further to the margins of our city. This does not protect safety, it systemically zones protest out of public spaces.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
-A. L. Pankratz

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Andi

Last name
Pankratz

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Andrea Ardiles

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Andrea

Last name
Ardiles

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Andrea Inglis

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Andrea

Last name
Inglis

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7- safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This proposed by-law is a dangerous step into restricting freedom of speech for vulnerable populations and marginalized groups. The vague and broad scope of the wording leaves it open for police to determine who is a "nuisance" when they are having a peaceful protests. The criminal activities council is concerned about don't happen at peaceful demonstrations, they happen in the middle of the night when windows are smashed or hate speech is written on Palestinian businesses. The right to protest is an important part of a democratic society that gives governments a clue about what people are concerned about. The fact that there are so many protests happening should tell decision makers that they need to deal with the issues, not that they need to stifle concerned voices. People's humanity and right to live should never be up for debate and the demonstrations happening these days are simply people standing up for our right to live healthy dignified lives. This by-law isn't concerned with protecting people, it's a thinly veiled attempt to silence marginalized people, and it holds great risk for being enacted in a racist and classist way.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Andrea

Last name
Pelletier

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bi-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
* "Nuisance Protest" is non-specific, meaning any and all actions could be subject.
* Areas restricted by this by-law are public spaces and points of proximity to decision makers. Much of the city would be subject to the geographic restrictions of this bylaw including City Hall and University Campuses.
* Fines of up to $5000 could be issued to every person who shows up to Round Dances, rallies, group bike rides, marches, etc.
* Police will have new tools they will use to silence and punish protesters.
* I am very concerned this bylaw will be racist in its application, limiting protests and rallies promoting Indigenous rights, among others.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Andreas

Last name
Bludau

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item 7, Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
As a student at UofM, I do not and have not ever felt threatened by protests on campus. Nor have i felt threatened by protests anywhere else in the city. What does make me feel threatened however, is anyone (anywhere on the political spectrum) being at risk of losing their right to use their voice in a peaceful manner. Protesting is not a 'nuisance' to anyone besides those who benefit from silence. I would hope that elected officials are not those types of people.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Andreas

Last name

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Andrei Sholokhov

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Andrei

Last name
Sholokhov

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Obviously this is a slippery slope guys, come on. I believe that this proposal was written with good intentions but it could easily be abused.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Andrew

Last name
Boris

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:17

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing you today to express my shock, dismay, and outrage at the proposed by-law that threatens to fine protestors for exercising their right to protest in public spaces. This law would disproportionately affect marginalized communities that I, myself am part of and those I align with. From Pride marches, to Pro-Palestine rallies, to calls for action on MMIWG2S, demonstrations are an essential part of society and help to move the needle on policy and advocate for communities that need it most.

I have attended countless peaceful rallies over the years and have never once seen or heard of anyone being harmed by our actions. Protest organizers are some of the most thoughtful and respectful individuals that I have had the pleasure of working with and standing next to. Individuals are designated to ensure our safety throughout the demonstrations and also exist to protect anyone outside of the gathering that may be opposed to the cause. This is something that I have witnessed police officers fail to do many times, often inciting violence and creating an unsafe atmosphere for all in proximity of the demonstration.

With everything that is going on south of the border and within our own, protest is more important than ever. To be relegated to specific sanctioned spaces determined by a government and to fine individuals for speaking out is counter-productive and a slippery slope that will lead to further oppression and injustice.

I stand firmly opposed to this by-law and will continue to fight for what is right in this world alongside other community-minded individuals to try and make our city and the world a better place. I urge you to vote no on this short-sighted and discriminatory by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Andrew

Last name
Eastman

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Andrew Mingo

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Andrew

Last name
Mingo

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Protesting proposal

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Andrew Reid

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Andrew

Last name
Reid

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

Today I am writing to you because of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law, a proposal that would significantly impact the rights of Winnipeg and Manitoba residents to peacefully assemble and freely express their opinions on matters that are significant to our communities. Due to these concerns, I am strongly in opposition to this proposed by-law.

Peaceful assembly and freedom of expression are rights that have been used throughout the history of our city to push for the social and policy changes that have made our city a place where marginalized communities can participate and live freely. Without the ability to advocate for these rights in accessible public spaces, workers, 2SLGBTQIA+, Indigenous, and racialized community members would be substantially hampered in the work they are doing to make our city a more welcoming, diverse, and connected place.

I do not believe that this by-law would do anything to protect our people or our spaces. We already have the Criminal Code of Canada safeguarding us from hate offences including public incitement & wilful promotion of hatred, mischief to property, violence, and damage. Futhermore, the Winnipeg Police Service already has a section of the Major Crimes Division specifically devoted to hate crimes. This by-law would instead silence vulnerable communities and suppress the rights and freedoms we all consider central to our democracy.

Please take the time today to hear the voices of those who would be affected by this proposed by-law and understand the damage it would do to our community.

Thank you,

Andrew Ridd

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Andrew Woolford

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Andrew

Last name
Woolford

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
To the Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to formally voice my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. The prospect of the City of Winnipeg implementing legislation that restricts our Charter-protected rights to peaceful assembly and free expression is deeply unsettling.

Public demonstrations are not merely disruptions; they are the historical engine of social progress. Throughout our history, Winnipeggers have utilized rallies, vigils, and round dances to secure vital protections for workers, tenants, the environment, and Indigenous, racialized, and 2SLGBTQIA+ residents. This by-law threatens the very tools used to build the equitable community we live in today.

My concerns regarding this proposal include:

Redundancy and Misplacement: Acts such as violence, hate crimes, and property damage are already illegal under the Criminal Code. This by-law does not offer new protections against crime; instead, it creates a mechanism to suppress peaceful protest.

Marginalization: Such broad restrictions often disproportionately silence vulnerable groups who rely on public advocacy when other avenues of influence are closed to them.

Democratic Backsliding: Implementing "draconian" limits on expression contradicts Winnipeg’s stated goal of becoming a UCLG "Human Rights City."

Legal Overreach: As the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has noted, vague and

expansive rules like these frequently lead to police overreach and unconstitutional infringements on civil liberties.

In an era where we see democratic freedoms being eroded globally, it is more important than ever for local governments to uphold their legal duty to protect the Charter. A free and fair democracy cannot function if the right to associate and speak out is treated as a secondary concern.

I urge the Committee to defend our democratic values and reject the proposed by-law in its entirety.

Sincerely,
A. Prymak,
Professor, UofM

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Andriy

Last name
Prymak

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - safe access to infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am opposed to the requirement to register a protest. I believe all civilians have a right to freely gather for peaceful demonstration and protest.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Angela

Last name
Wells

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
If implemented, this by-law would severely curtail freedom of expression through protest. The motion is inherently discriminatory against Indigenous people and culture, as it says traffic cannot be impeded - interpreting that to be no more round dances at Portage and Main.

We already have laws about hate speech, inciting and even perpetrating violence. This by-law seems to be motivated by revenue generation for the city of Winnipeg, specifically targeting historically marginalized communities. Winnipeg is home to the Canadian Museum of Human Rights, and this by law would severely undermine the rights of citizens.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Angelina

Last name

Cissé

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Mynarski

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Anjanette

Last name
Valgardson

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 00:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
The advocacy of this redundant bylaw restricting protest is a cheap attempt at political grandstanding by a small fish in a very small pond who also does not seem to be familiar enough with the constitution to understand that the further suggested impediments would illegally undermine human rights.
Ostensibly Evan Duncan presents it as a necessary by-law to limit what he refers to as "nuisance demonstrations." That is subjective as is the word 'safe.' The implication is protesters such as myself create unsafe situations.This is offensive. Manipulation of semantics is not an argument. 'Unsafe' is not a synonym for 'uncomfortable' Your job should be to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable not the other way around.
We have very meticulous laws that prohibit violence and obstruction that is unsafe in context of protest. That is all redundant and not the purpose of the proposed by-law at all which is entirely specious and dishonest.
The purpose of this by-law is to quell dissent and demonize people who organize events that afflict the comfortable residents of Tuxedo.
A sale of stolen Palestinian lands at a synagogue is not a religious ceremony. Persecution of transgendered children in a school is not educational. When a groups of people engaging in a round dance in the centre of the city is attacked by a lunatic driving a truck into them, they are not terrorists threatening 'vulnerable infrastructure' ; they are being attacked by terrorists. The argument does not hold in such circumstances and would be struck down.
By the way, for the record, my husband and I have attended protests outside the Asper Campus. They were never inside or near the entrance and always small groups. We attended the protest against the Israeli war criminals who spoke at the Berney Theatre.It took place on a public sidewalk outside a fence about a hundred feet from the theatre and away from the entrance road.
In advance of the protest MP Ben Carr mislead people to believe that we were going to a

daycare or school somewhere in the vicinity. The result was that our small group, several of whom were elderly like my husband and myself, were inundated with a large angry mob of Zionist extremists, blasting the neighbourhood with loud music and sirens over and amp. (They claimed to be concerned about frightening children). They surrounded us, blocking the entrance road by the way. They had to be held back by the numerous police that were there to protect us. Who did you say you wanted to protect? This is the thin edge of the wedge. It leads to state terrorism of the sort in which we have seen ancient protesters in wheelchairs in the UK being dragged away by police. This has no place in a democracy and contravenes our constitution.To pass such a by-law would be ignominious.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ann

Last name
La Touche

I oppose the motion by Councillor Evan Duncan that proposes widespread restrictions on public demonstrations in vulnerable locations. The appropriate, nonviolent expression of opinion through public presence in the form of gatherings, signs, slogans, speeches and song is a pillar of democracy. An open and pluralistic society will always have conflicting priorities; there needs to be a variety of legitimate and peaceful ways to express these opinions in the location of their choice. Municipal bylaws, and when necessary, police, already have ample power to regulate behaviours that are threatening or disproportionately disruptive. Police, in particular, are already guilty of overstepping their professional boundaries in some instances, and wilful neglect of duties in others. The institutions already in place need better oversight and leadership in order to adequately protect citizens and politicians alike.

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
your name

Anna Bshouty

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Anna

Last name
Bshouty

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I'm writing to you today because I learned of
the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly and I am horrified as to what that could mean for the direction of our city in the way of human rights. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Anna Griffin
A concerned Winnipeg resident who believes in peaceful assembly and freedom of expression, especially with everything that is going on in the US right now.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Anna

Last name
Griffin

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Looking at a map of all the proposed places in the city would essentially make it illegal to protest over a vast area of the city. The wording about microphone use is also vague, and although I do not believe it to be the intent, I believe it could be misinterpreted and misused to prevent people from recording and sharing information about protests .

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Anna Hovland

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Anna

Last name
Hovland

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Anna Hunter

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Anna

Last name
Hunter

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I strongly oppose to the by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Anna

Last name
Kowalski

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I strongly oppose to the by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Anna

Last name
Kowalski

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Anna

Last name
Leventhal

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I'm writing to express my opposition to the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that I believe would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on citizens constitutional rights, but also silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, and does not fit with striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed bylaw without significant revisions.

Sincerely,

Anna Levin

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Anna

Last name
Levin

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I am very concerned about the proposed bylaw that restricts protests. I am concerned that as a student this limits my ability to protest at my school. I am also concerned this limits my ability to attend indigenous powwows and celebrations which obstructs my right to embrace my culture as a Metis person. I hope you are taking these concerns seriously.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Anna

Last name
Mauer

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
People have the human right of free speech. To make it illegal for citizens to protest, that is taking away our freedom of speech. This is not the United States, do not turn this province into an authoritarian and censored society. If you censor our words, you are just trying to shut us up and we will not shut up.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Anna

Last name
Sawchuk

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
see: canadian charter of rights and freedoms. stop silencing the masses who are an "inconvenience" to your plans.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
anna

Last name
yip

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

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Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Annachie Baskier-Pasternak

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Annachie

Last name
Baskier-Pasternak

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Anti Protest bylaw,

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This proposed Bylaw to protect sensitive areas is a poorly veiled attempt to curb democratic dissent.
It is a dangerous step and could be used to further prevent public gatherings of any size in any area of the city for any purpose deemed disruptive.. I see it as an attempt by an unpopular mayor and city council to keep the unhappy people of this city from appearing at their door with legitimate problems, opinions and demands. Do NOT PASS THIS BYLAW or anything like it.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Anne Christine

Last name
Chisholm

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Anne-Lise Costeux

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Anne-Lise

Last name
Costeux

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Bonjour Executive Policy Committee,

I am truly shocked by this consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict my Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

It is truly disheartening that you are considering this By-Law, in the name of the safety of vulnerable infrastructure, while it would endanger our activities of promoting and demanding more safety for our community members and society, whether through protests for climate action, against violence and war, etc. Do you really think this will make us more safe? We live in a democracy! Please act like it and stop the efforts to limit our rights and freedoms.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely,
Anne-Sophie

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Anne-Sophie

Last name
Régnier

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vunurable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
While perhaps well intentioned, in its current form, I do not believe this legislation will have the intended effect of protecting vulnerable people and places. Firstly, it would infringe on our rights as citizens of Winnipeg to engage in peaceful non-violent protests which are protected under the Section 2(b) and 2(c) of the Candian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Secondly, it disregards Winnipegs historical importance as a site of protest. The Winnipeg General Strike played a crucial role in strengthening workers rights across Canada. While it was a 'nuisance' in the short term, its long term impacts reinforced the right to fair quality of life. A bylaw such as this not only stifles current and future expression, but also disregards past protests that are part of our history and the fabric of our city. Thirdly, the City of Winnipeg touts its diversity as one of its strong suits. With the diversity that strengthens the cultural fabric of our city comes diversity of ideas. It is important not only to embrace that diversity as an initiative and a characteristic but also as something worthy of protecting. Fourth, the proposed 100m boundaries would include the area around city hall. As a hub for city politics, this would prohibit expression of dissent in one of the most critically relevant areas. For example, this was the site of the protest to reinstate funding for city art spaces like art city in the summer of 2024. Lastly, if the ultimate goal is to protect vulnerable populations, I think it would be worthwhile to reconsider the amount of spending on the Winnipeg Police Service and perhaps reallocate that funding towards supports for community services.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Annelies

Last name
Koch-Schulte

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Annetta

Last name
Fruehauf

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Annie Rossington

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Annie

Last name
Rossington

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Annika Durksen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Annika

Last name
Durksen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7safe access to infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Annmarie Sanders

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Annmarie

Last name
Sanders

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

My name is Anny Chen and I am resident in Winnipeg. I am extremely concerned that the City of Winnipeg has proposed the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law, which would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

The 100 m bubble zone would prohibit protest at key institutions, such as City Hall, the Winnipeg Police Service headquarters, and Wab Kinew's office. The definition of 'nuisance demonstration' to include expressing objection or disapproval towards an idea' is over broad and far-reaching, as well as the broad definition of 'health services.' Responses to injustice don't always allow time for permits, such as when people are holding vigils and round dances, and this law will disproportionately affect Indigenous peoples and other systemically marginalized groups.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure" bylaw.

Signed,
Anny Chen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Anny

Last name
Chen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Activism should be strategic and purposeful if the goal is to be heard. Protesting in places like schools, hospitals, or places of worship doesn't make sense. Children are trying to learn. Healthcare workers are already working exhausting 12- to 24-hour shifts and dealing with burnout. Patients are vulnerable. Worshippers are practicing their faith. Creating disruption in those spaces doesn't strengthen a cause it distracts from it and risks turning public support away. Effective activism targets decision-makers and systems of power, not everyday people who are simply trying to study, heal, work, or worship. If the goal is meaningful change, the method should reflect that.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Annonymous

Last name
Anonymous

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Anselmo Brache

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Anselmo

Last name
Brache

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This bylaw is overstepping. The public has the right to free speech and peaceful protest. Protests are supposed to be a nuisance. This council's behaviour has been childish when it has come to consciousness members of the public looking to speak out and the introduction of this bylaw is a great example of your inability to handle discourse and instead looking to extort and punish citizens for having an opposing view. The list of locations furthers the ridiculous nature of this bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Anthony

Last name
Carvalho

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I'm writing regarding the Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law limiting peaceful protests and demonstrations. With all due respect, are you kidding? This is how democracy works and it's basic free speech. We do not live in a police state. We live in a country where minorities, marginalized groups, and the general public are allowed to advocate for their rights.
Public demonstrations have defended the basic human rights of Indigenous people, workers, the LGBTQ+ community, and others, as well allowing citizens to speak against environmental injustice and other forms of discrimination.
This bylaw violates free-speech and basic constitutional rights. It is undemocratic, and it feels suspicious that it comes at a time when our neighbours to the south are instituting drastic and inhumane violations against marginalized populations. We need to stand firm in protecting human rights and the safety of minorities, and not piggy-back on America's decline into violence, surveillance, and hate.
To reiterate: nobody wants this except the people who want to maintain a status quo of inequality and to restrict the freedoms of marginalized populations and the communities who have had to fight for basic safety and fair treatment.
I fail to see how silencing freedom of expression is constitional.
Please do not consider this bylaw any further.

Sincerely,
Antonio Luna

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Antonio

Last name
Luna

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

This by-law infringes on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms,

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.
Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Arden

Last name

Ogg

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 03:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Arianna Bruce

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Arianna

Last name
Bruce

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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Signed,
Arianna Hildebrand

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Arianna

Last name
Hildebrand

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Nuisance Protest By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Register as a delegation
In person

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear mayor Gillingham, Councillor Duncan, and members of the Executive Policy Committee,

The Nuisance By-Law that is on the table today infringes upon Canadian freedoms of expression and assembly as decreed by the 1982 Charter of Rights and Freedoms and I implore you to abandon its adoption. The by-law's unreasonable overreach, both definitively and geographically, effectively makes peaceful protest illegal because of the 100m buffer zone it affords. Other cities in Canada where similar legislation has been put in place, namely Vaughan, Ontario, have been litigated by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association for impinging the Charter freedoms as mentioned above.

I understand that this council has been under stress as Winnipeg residents are becoming more involved in their civics and engaging their democratic right to dissent, but if council refuses to do their job and listen to the plights of those they do not agree with, then there are more effective ways to cut down on "nuisance" protests—on the top of that list, to

genuinely listen to the problems and expertise their constituents share and to be a leader in making Winnipeg a vibrant city for all its residents.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to this policy, people should not be banned from having then the right to protest, protests should not be restricted to areas. The policy is vague, fining people who are speaking out is wrong.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:09

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe access to infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

I won't mince words. The by-law that is being proposed at this meeting is undemocratic and presents clear violations to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The idea that this by-law's intent is to ensure that protests and rallies occur in the "correct" places and "correct" ways, while the buffer zones exclude almost the entirety of City Hall property, the majority of downtown, many MP/MLA constituency offices, police HQ, and many other places where citizens may rightfully want to publicly assemble to express discontent, is simply outrageous. If brought into effect and used against citizens, this by-law would surely be the subject of legal challenges that would waste the City's time and money.

This by-law, if it passes, would set a dangerous precedent for government overreach. Winnipeg is the home of the 1919 General Strike, and many of us working class citizens take to heart the importance of that movement, along with countless other labour and social movements in the century since, in making this city a great place to live. By bringing to the table a by-law that goes beyond the scope of similar by-laws in other Canadian cities, this EPC flies in the face of our proud history of democratic demonstration. Get outta here with this fascistic nonsense.

Considering that the goals of this by-law are already covered by existing legislation on human rights, hate speech, noise control, and traffic, I urge the EPC to strike this by-law down in its entirety and focus its time and effort on policies that would actually make our City a safer place to live and thrive. Increase funding for community programs, transit, bike infrastructure, fix potholes and replace burnt out street lights, regulate consumer vehicle sizes and speeds, beef up employment programs for vulnerable community members, increase the housing supply and safe drug access. But don't do this. This is a dark road to

go down, and, to be perfectly frank, no anti-protest by-law will actually stop your citizens from fully engaging in the democratic process by practicing their freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly. This by-law is garbage. Put it in the bin.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:39

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
To the Executive Policy Committee

I am writing to state my firm opposition to the draft legislation regarding public assembly restrictions. The proposed measures represent a significant overreach that threatens essential liberties.

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects the right to gather and express dissent. These protections are the foundation of a democratic state. The government should only interfere with these rights in the most limited and specific cases. The current proposal uses vague definitions that allow for arbitrary enforcement. When the state has the power to decide what qualifies as a public disturbance, it can silence any group that it finds inconvenient. This creates a dangerous precedent where the definition of an acceptable protest changes based on the political climate.

Public assembly is often meant to be disruptive. This disruption is the method by which citizens bring attention to serious issues. If the state removes the ability to disrupt public life, it effectively removes the right to be heard.

Any limits on assembly must be narrow. These limits should only apply to critical infrastructure where safety is paramount. Medical facilities and primary education centers for minors are appropriate examples. Transitional housing for those in precarious positions also warrants protection. These rules should not apply to universities, colleges, or other centers for adult learners. Adults must be expected to encounter and process diverse viewpoints in public.

The law must also be applied without bias. There is no logical reason to grant special

treatment to trade unions or worker organizations. If a picket line blocks access to a medical facility, the harm to the public is the same regardless of who is holding the signs. Exempting specific groups from these safety requirements is unfair and contradicts the justification for the law.

The committee should abandon this draft. The city should rely on existing criminal laws to handle actual safety threats. Creating broad new powers to suppress assembly will result in costly legal battles and a loss of freedom.

Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:08

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Last name
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Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my shock, disappointment, and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our ***Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly***. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment. As one who has protested and rallied for over four decades in favour of basic human rights to give voice to those who have none, and to support and protect the environment and the planet on which I reside, I am deeply concerned about the restrictive and oppressive nature of this by-law. I have seen positive change result from peaceful protest and advocacy, and I have watched in horror as oppressive regimes and governments have moved to silence the voices of those calling for a better world.

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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the United States and United Kingdom, I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Asha Pereira RN, PhD

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:19

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Asher N Sinclair

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:11

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Ashleigh Milani

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:00

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Protesting Ban

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
This proposed policy infringes on the federally protected chartered rights of citizens to be able to peacefully assemble and protest (Section 2(c) – Freedom of peaceful assembly)

The language used in the proposed policy is purposely vague and allows it to be wielded in an unjust, punitive manner by law enforcement. It's hard to believe that this absolute lack of specificity isn't intentional. Anyone who claims it as an oversight is declaring their incompetence for their role as a public servant.

It's actually embarassing that it's being proposed at all.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:00

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,

Ashley

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Ashley Davis

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:48

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Protesting is a right we have as Canadians that should never be trampled on. We have the right to protest safely. Most of the protests we see around the world right now are in direct opposition to corrupt government regimes. Please stop letting US politics and divisive rhetoric creep into Canada. This should not be something government, especially at the municipal level, even has a voice on. Full stop. (Oh, and just so you know, this is coming from a white educated highly affluent person with a career and family earnings of over 300k... You know, because it seems this stuff matters nowadays 🙄). Do better.

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Thank you,

Ashley Jonasson

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I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
"Nuisance Protest" is non-specific, meaning any and all actions can be subject. The ability to protest is upholding Human Rights and Freedoms and allowing people to have a voice to freely express thoughts and opinions. Being Canadian means there's an expectation all our Rights and Freedoms will be upheld. Just as we are not to be put in jail for unjust reasons, we are also allowed to join a group, hold peaceful meetings, not to mention, all Canadians have a duty to as citizens to allow all other Canadians to enjoy their Rights and Freedoms as well. "Nuisance Protest" is unspecified and therefore allows peaceful expression of opinion and the duty of bringing attention to moments where not everyone has had their Rights and Freedoms being held through protesting. If a group is peacefully meeting, is that considered a protest? Who is it a nuisance for? Is it proposed that I now call 311 anytime I don't understand a protest and demand it be shut down, even if peaceful and just? Would the pride parades we are proud to have in the city, now be considered "Nuisance Protests" because someone who has hate in their hearts deems it to be so? I am very concerned with this by-law and its application. I am concerned it will be unfair, racist, and uninclusive, limiting protests and rallies that are essential to the fabric of our Charter of Rights and Freedoms in Canada, as well as those protests and rallies that promote peace, Indigenous advocacy, and the collective strive for fairness our country values.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:54

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item: 7# safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee, I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict o

Public engagement (optional)

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,

Ashley Patenaude

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:11

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item #7, Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Winnipeg City Council

I'm writing to you today with my deep concern, and to express my opposition to Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law --- which would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

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Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) “Human Rights City” since 2018.

This proposed by-law is counterproductive, regressive, and fundamentally at odds with human rights. Winnipeg cannot claim to uphold human rights, reconciliation, equity, or UNDRIP on one hand, and then silence the very people who have historically had to rely on public protest to be seen and heard on the other.

Winnipeg has not advanced human rights because power voluntarily listened. Progress has happened because of grassroots advocacy, because people showed up, because voices were raised in public spaces when formal systems failed them.

Indigenous peoples.
Families of MMIWG2S+.
Disability advocates.
Anti-racism organizers.
Community members demanding accountability.

These movements were not “nuisances.”
They were necessary.

This proposed by-law does not simply protect access to services. As drafted, it restricts peaceful protest and expression based on location alone, across large parts of the city, near the very institutions where decisions are made. That is not how democracy works. That is how dissent is managed and minimized.

It is also critical to name who this by-law actually protects.
The only clear exemption written into the law is for lawful labour disputes and collective bargaining. In other words, people who are already employed, unionized, and inside formal capitalist systems retain protected avenues to be heard.

Those who are unemployed, precariously employed, excluded, harmed, or ignored by institutions do not.

That creates a two-tier system of voice.
If you are inside the system, your dissent is legitimate.
If you are outside it, your visibility becomes a problem.
That is not equity. That is hierarchy.

And we must talk about who is given the power to enforce this silence.
This by-law places sweeping discretion in the hands of City enforcement staff and police, the very institutions many communities are protesting because they have not been listened to. It gives public officials the authority to shut down people exercising their rights, even when those people are responding to arbitrary, exclusionary, or discriminatory practices by the same systems now empowered to penalize them.

When your aim is to silence people whose only remaining tool is public protest, especially when institutional channels have already failed them, that's control. Human rights are not advanced quietly behind closed doors. They are advanced when people are visible, vocal, and impossible to ignore.

When you are not seen, you are not heard.
When you are not heard, your rights are not protected.

So who is this really protecting?

It is not marginalized communities.
It is not people shut out of decision-making.
It is not those seeking accountability.

It protects power, not people.

A city cannot say it supports human rights while criminalizing the methods that have historically been required to enforce them.

If Winnipeg is serious about equity, reconciliation, and its human rights obligations, it must choose accountability over comfort and democracy over silence.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely,
Ashley Walklett

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ashley

Last name
Walklett

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Ashlynn Argo
Winnipeg North

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Argo

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Signed,
Ashton Colburn

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:03

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I understand the intent behind the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-law, to protect people accessing schools, hospitals, places of worship and other facilities from intimidation and obstruction.

However, I am concerned that the current proposal is overbroad and may unduly restrict the democratic right to peaceful protest, which is a fundamental part of Canadian civic life protected under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Peaceful protest, including expressing disagreement with public policy, institutional decisions, or societal issues, is a legitimate way for citizens to engage in civic discourse and advocate for change. Restricting where peaceful demonstrations can take place based on proximity alone could chill lawful expression and limit meaningful democratic participation.

If the by-law proceeds, I urge the committee to ensure it is narrowly tailored so it does not infringe on peaceful, non-intimidating protest and is consistent with Charter protections. Specifically:
1. Clarify and tighten the definition of prohibited “nuisance demonstrations” so that peaceful expression that does not obstruct, intimidate, or block access is explicitly allowed.
2. Ensure that buffer zones do not function as blanket bans on protest in large parts of the city, especially near institutions that are often the subject of public debate.
3. Include explicit protections for peaceful, non-violent protests and a clear statement that

the by-law cannot be used to suppress lawful free expression.

Peaceful protest strengthens democracy and community engagement. We can protect safe access to services without undermining constitutional rights.

Thank you for considering this important balance.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:03

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Ashton Hebert

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Ashton

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:09

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

Asia Bilsky,

Fort Rouge, Winnipeg

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Last name
Bilsky

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:31

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Aspen

Last name
Rodrigues

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Proposal to ban ‘nuisance’ protests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Removing the right to protest is a sign of the decline of our democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

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First name
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Last name
Coles

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Signed,



Astrid Scholte

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 04:31

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Signed,
Aud

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:00

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I support the right for groups of people to voice concerns in public spaces on issues significant to human rights and the environment. Peaceful protests are an important method of communication between the people of our city and our various levels of government.

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Signed,
Audrey Unger

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:29

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Aurora Thiessen

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

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Aurora

Last name
Thiessen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,

Austin Pohl

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Austin

Last name
Pohl

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:14

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Autumn Bilous

Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:44

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing regarding the Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law limiting peaceful protests and demonstrations. With all due respect, are you kidding? This is how democracy works and it's basic free speech. We do not live in a police state. We live in a country where minorities, marginalized groups, and the general public are allowed to advocate for their rights.

Public demonstrations have defended the basic human rights of Indigenous people, workers, the LGBTQ+ community, and others, as well allowing citizens to speak against environmental injustice and other forms of discrimination.

This bylaw violates free-speech and basic constitutional rights. It is undemocratic, and it feels suspicious that it comes at a time when our neighbours to the south are instituting drastic and inhumane violations against marginalized populations. We need to stand firm in protecting human rights and the safety of minorities, and not piggy-back on America's decline into violence, surveillance, and hate.

To reiterate: nobody wants this except the people who want to maintain a status quo of inequality and to restrict the freedoms of marginalized populations and the communities who have had to fight for basic safety and fair treatment.

Please do not consider this bylaw any further.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:33

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Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
While the safety of Winnipeggers should be prioritized, prohibiting any form of protest anywhere, infringes of the rights and freedoms of Winnipeggers. It's one thing to prohibit protest around places that provide healthcare and daycares but schools, post-secondary institutions, libraries is a different matter. Places of education are the places that should be open to expression and freedom of opinion.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:03

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Averill Gutierrez

Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:54

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Ban on protests

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Signed,
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Dear Executive Policy Committee,

Our city has been alive with the strength of our protest, we have a rich history of using our rights and freedoms to stand up for the poor, the marginalized and the colonized. This is something I have been very proud of. It is why I choose Manitoba and Winnipeg as my home and city.

I am grateful for the opportunity to voice that our Freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression is threatened by this Bi-Law. A protest is used to communicate the wants of the masses to civil servants like yourself. It is not just the fact that we gather but WHERE that sends a message. Its purpose is to cause inconvenience and draw attention to the disagreements at hand.

I understand that this by law is trying to prevent further property damage, hate crimes, and violence. These acts are already illegal and limiting the space at which people protest is not the way to address these. Mistakes have been made in our history of protesting, Winnipegger's have tipped over train cars, hit protesters with their car, and used hate speech in their messaging. All these happenstances are already illegal wither or not they have been memorialized in art pieces (i.e the labor protest train car next to the concert hall). The fact is that the majority of protest are peaceful, most of our protest use our right and freedoms with respect and consideration of our fellow citizens.

If you truly wish to address these concerns, there are ways to do it without infringing on rights and freedoms.
Some options might be having more Cadets and Police to help supervise and navigate traffic. Maybe the city can employ some de-escalators that help to manage the feeling of injustice that often arise in a protest. I do not pretend to know the answers, but I would be willing to help brainstorm options.

I do know that limiting the access to spaces which people can protest is to limit peaceful demonstrations, free speech and democracy.

I understand that there would be a convenance to limiting the space that protesters use. But I do not feel that convenance is worth trading in our ability to ask for accountability, the chance to influence of public opinion, push for political, legal, and social change, amplifying marginalized voices, challenges existing power structures, and the chance to build solidarity among Winnipeggers, Manitobans, Canadians or humanity. Limiting the space is to limit the protest in its entirety.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. There are many places around the world where the freedom to expression is banned, and it is leading to further oppression of the citizen and division between us all. I truly believe that if passed this will only CAUSE harm to vulnerable infrastructure and more importantly to our community's most vulnerable.

I implore you to drop the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

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Support or oppose recommendations
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I personally feel that an expansion to the size of the ban area will cause far more issues in regards to protesting

Public engagement (optional)

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I am disappointed that this motion is even being considered. Winnipeg is a city that is passionate and stands up for what we believe it. We have the right to protest peacefully, and horns/traffic delays may be a nuisance but they are certainly not unpeaceful. I'm disappointed this is proposed as a bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

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I'd like to begin with a quote from John F Kennedy that I'm sure you're familiar with by now

"Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable"

I'd like to expand on what this means. Before I start I would like to clarify that I am AGAINST violence of any kind, and so I very much want PEACEFUL protests to be able to continue in the city. The language I'm using is simply for illustrative purposes, as a way of speculating how bad things COULD get (and have gotten in the past!) without the ability to peacefully protest

Here Goes:
Don't you dumbasses FUCKING REALIZE that peaceful protests, specifically DISRUPTIVE protests are already the compromise position where WE can have our voices heard and YOU don't have to worry about threats of violence???

You should already know that peaceful protests work as a release valve for social discontent so that issues can be dealt with before they get heated.

Surely you must agree there should be something between people sitting at home twiddling their thumbs or protesting so far from the halls of power that their cries don't even have a chance a being heard, and bringing out the FUCKING GUILLOTINE???
Surely you as our elected officials would like to know if people are upset with you WITHOUT your house being firebombed???

And DON'T try to tell me this is about protecting minorities or other vulnerable groups. As a member of a vulnerable group myself (the trans community), this would only make me

MORE vulnerable, as it would take away the ability for my community to advocate for ourselves. We already have laws against hate speech AND against protesting near hospitals, so this by-law would be redundant at best! This law would prevent religious minorities from speaking out at their OWN sites of worship and students from protesting at their OWN schools, and you know it, you cowardly pieces of shit.

If you, like I am, are AGAINST the possibility of dissent turning violent, and are FOR living in a PEACEFUL DEMOCRATIC society, please vote AGAINST this bylaw. If, instead, you are against DEMOCRACY? please resign immediately.

Thanks!
- Someone who likes having rights, like freedom of expression and freedom of peaceful assembly, as guaranteed in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, alongside many others

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Bailey

Last name
Zacharias

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Democracy is based in a person or group of people's right to peacefully protest. How can the City Council try to pass a bylaw to take this away? Especially in light of the facist policies we are seeing to the south in the US. Why is a Canadian city trying to squash our human rights?

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Barb

Last name
Bottle

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This is a slippery slope to total censorship. Our right to demonstrate should not be restricted in any way. If a protester or is being offensive or endangering the lives of others, then the police can deal with that protester. Who determines is a protest is a nuisance!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Barbara

Last name
Ediger

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Barry

Last name
Leib

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:39

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Bassam

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Bassam

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
The ban on protests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I highly oppose the proposed bill to ban, and fine protesters. This country prides itself on democracy, being part of the 1st world. Actions like protests are good, allowing each community to arrange for matters that have value. They are peaceful demonstrations to each civilians right to a voice in their community, and government. Democracy does not exist without the people. To ban protests is vile, and an inexcusable slight to every person's human right. Civilians have a right to demonstrate in support of any cause, protests are not meaningless nor are they a 'nuisance', rather, throughout history, protests have shaped the way we live today. Where would today's women rights, and liberties be like without protests?

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Basta

Last name
Pshdari

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Ban on Protests

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Basta Pshdari

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Basta

Last name
Pshdari

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Bea Basaran

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Bea

Last name
Basaran

Submitted: mer 11/02/2026 - 17:04

Renseignements sur la délégation

Comité à qui vous voulez vous adresser
Comité exécutif

Point à l'ordre du jour sur lequel vous souhaitez vous exprimer (numéro et titre)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable infrastructure By-law

Pour ou contre les recommandations
Je m'oppose aux recommandations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Soumettre des commentaires par écrit

Commentaires
Cher Comité exécutif des politiques,

Je vous écris aujourd'hui pour exprimer mon choc et mon inquiétude face à l'examen par la Ville de Winnipeg du règlement proposé sur l'accès sécuritaire aux infrastructures vulnérables, qui viendrait restreindre nos droits protégés par la Charte à la liberté d'expression et de réunion pacifique. C'est pour cette raison que je m'oppose au règlement proposé.

Ce règlement limiterait les libertés fondamentales que les Winnipegger·e·s ont utilisées pour revendiquer de nombreux changements sociaux et politiques dont nous bénéficions aujourd'hui comme communauté, et même comme nation. Des veillées et rassemblements aux tables rondes et manifestations publiques, les mobilisations ont permis de faire avancer les droits des travailleurs et des locataires, des peuples autochtones, des communautés racisées et 2SLGBTQIA+, ainsi que la protection de l'environnement.

S'il est adopté, je crains que ce règlement n'empiète non seulement sur des droits constitutionnels, mais qu'il réduise au silence les voix des communautés marginalisées, entraîne des excès d'intervention policière et offre des réponses inadéquates face à la haine. Le règlement municipal proposé sur « l'accès sécuritaire » ne ferait rien pour prévenir davantage les dommages matériels, les crimes haineux ou la violence — des actes qui sont déjà criminels. Il limiterait plutôt sévèrement les manifestations pacifiques. Ce type de restriction draconienne et antidémocratique de la liberté d'expression n'a pas sa place dans la Ville de Winnipeg, qui aspire depuis 2018 au statut de « Ville des droits humains » de l'organisation Cités et Gouvernements Locaux Unis (CGLU).

L’Association canadienne des libertés civiles (ACLC) a exprimé des préoccupations selon lesquelles des règles générales comme celles-ci pourraient restreindre injustement les manifestations pacifiques et la liberté d’expression protégées par la Charte, et que de telles lois nuisent souvent aux groupes marginalisés qui dépendent des manifestations pour revendiquer des changements sociaux.

Il s’agit ici de protéger la liberté d’expression et d’association, pierres angulaires essentielles d’une démocratie libre et équitable. Compte tenu de la suppression inquiétante des droits et libertés à laquelle nous assistons aux États-Unis, je vous exhorte à vous rappeler vos obligations légales de respecter la Charte et de protéger notre démocratie.

Je vous implore d’abandonner toute considération supplémentaire du règlement proposé sur les manifestations.

Beaudry Labossière.

Participation publique (facultatif)

J’accepte qu’on communique avec moi pour que je prenne part à des participations publiques potentielles associées à cette affaire.
Oui

Renseignements personnels

Prénom
Beaudry

Nom de famille
Labossière

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable infrastructure By law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Citizen rights to demonstration should be protected

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Bechara

Last name
Azar

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:17

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Begaiym Duishenova

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Begaiym

Last name
Duishenova

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Begna

Last name
Tolawak

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Agenda Item: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,

Bela

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Bela

Last name
Di Martino

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Belinda Campbell

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Belinda

Last name
Campbell

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,

Belloty Kabamba

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Belloty

Last name
Kabamba

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Ben Crowe

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ben

Last name
Crowe

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Nuisance Demonstrations

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This proposed bylaw seems like a heavy handed attempt to stifle public demonstrations and targets groups who have no other avenues to voice their opposition to legislation, to offer demonstrations of solidarity or to raise public awareness around different issues. These demonstrations are a fundamental part of any healthy democracy and offer a non-violent avenue for people to voice their discontent or support in a public setting. It is not in the purview of city council to infringe on our Charter rights. Section 2(c) guarantees the right to peaceful assembly. Having attended many public demonstrations in the past decade, I have seen massive public demonstrations with no violence and nothing that would constitute a blockade or riot. Minimal impact on traffic and negligible impact on other Winnipeggers.

Prioritizing someones convenience in navigating the city is not a justifiable reason to restrict others rights in the public arena.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ben

Last name
Linnick

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I can’t believe I am doing this, and I am disgusted that this by-law was even proposed. Evan Duncan hinted, more or less, that the ICE protests in Minnesota are an indicator of what’s coming to Manitoba. I don’t have to say anymore. I am extremely disappointed it has come to a point where I need to oppose this by-law. This is a complete embarrassment.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ben

Last name
Wiebe

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
i think this is dumb and stupid, where do you guys get your ideas?(rhetorical)

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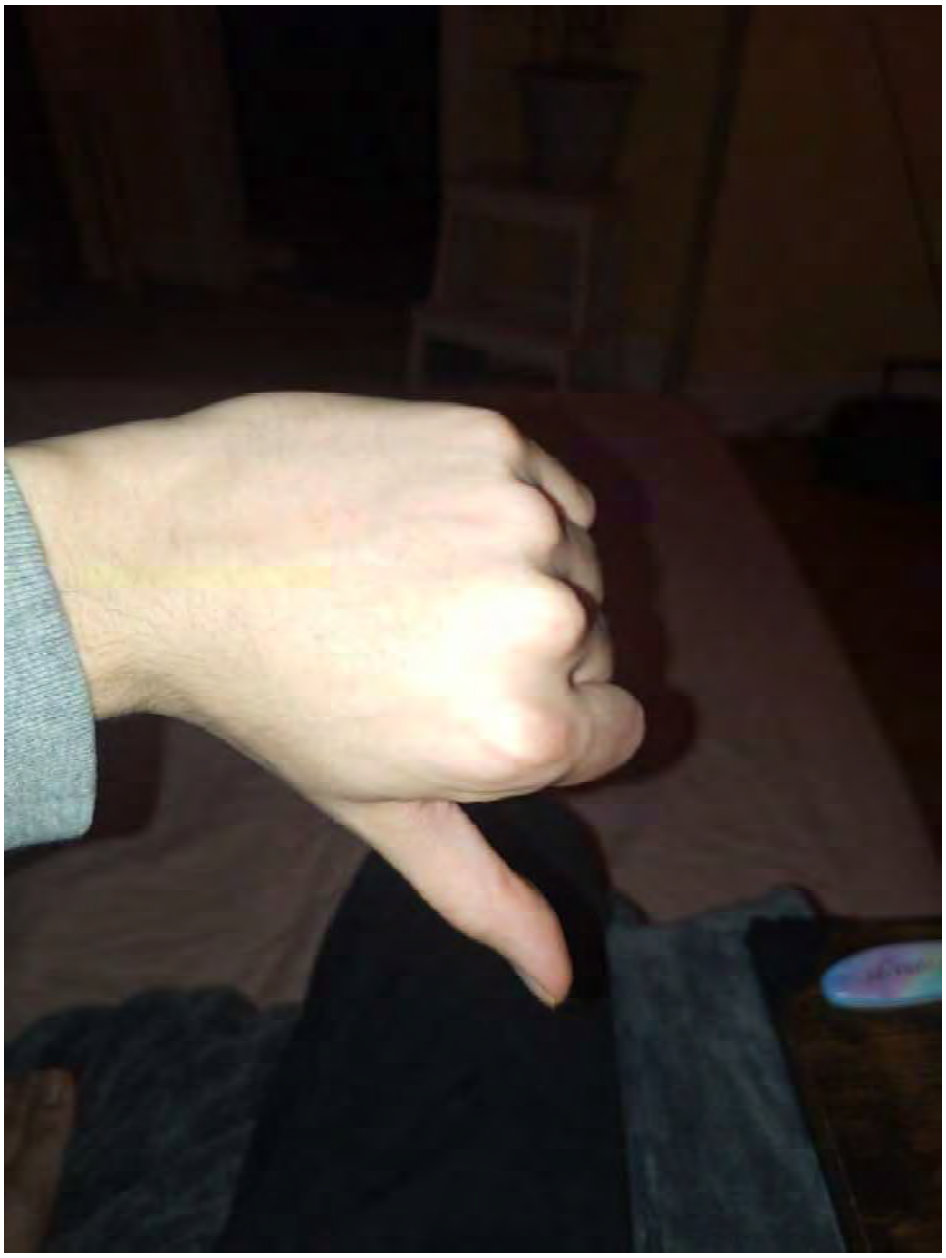
Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Benjamin

Last name
Tuesday



Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Bertrand

Last name
Nayet

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Zachary Gage

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Beth

Last name
Gage

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:56

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Beth

Last name
Martin

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:31

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

Beth Pachkowski

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Beth

Last name
Pachkowski

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:47

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Via zoom

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Submit comments in writing

Comments
I know you're going to be getting a lot of comments against this. I think most of you know the history of why the right to peaceful protests is so important. So I'll leave you with this...

Please don't. Just don't.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Bethany

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Signed,
Bethany Hildebrandt

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Bethany

Last name
Hildebrandt

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Nuisance protests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is an appalling move on the part of municipal government!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Bev

Last name
Pike

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-lae

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed, Bilen Mengesha

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Bilen

Last name
Mengesha

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 05:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Bill Northcott

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Bill

Last name
Northcott

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am writing in opposition to the proposed “Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure” bylaw. While protecting public safety is important, this bylaw is overly broad and risks undermining fundamental rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The definitions of “nuisance” and “intimidating” protest are vague and subjective, granting broad discretionary powers to bylaw officers and police to shut down lawful, peaceful demonstrations. Many existing laws already address violence, harassment, and hate speech. This bylaw appears unnecessary and risks suppressing legitimate civic engagement rather than enhancing safety.

The geographic scope is also deeply concerning. Applying restrictions to public spaces such as libraries, universities, City Hall, and other locations near decision-makers would significantly limit residents’ ability to make their voices heard. The potential for fines of up to $5,000 per participant is disproportionate and could have a chilling effect on peaceful protest.

I urge Council to reject this bylaw and instead pursue measures that protect public safety without infringing on constitutional rights or limiting democratic participation.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Blair

Last name
Jamieson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Blair

Last name
Ziolkoski

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
To Whom this may concern,

I believe that people deserve the right to peacefully protest, let the people's voices be heard. Do not take away the rights of others, just because you deem us to be a nuisance.

All the best,
BN

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Bonnie

Last name
Nowell

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This proposal is so broad it amounts to a de-facto ban on protest through much of the city, especially the downtown core. It is very reminiscent of the actions of the USA Federal government in it's heavy-handed approach to justified demonstrations against their immigration "crackdown". What's happening in the USA should encourage us to reinforce the right to protest, not limit it. The city should be defending our freedoms, not advancing authoritarianism.

Not only is this By-law clearly wrong, it is also unconstitutional, and will inevitably result in an expensive lawsuit that the tax-payers of Winnipeg will have to pay for.

This By-law should be rejected.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Bowen

Last name
Thomas-Lundin

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Agenda Item: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my opposition to City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

The word authoritarian gets overused and misused a lot these days, however that is the only way to describe the policy that is being proposed here. It stands firmly against the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It is shocking that a city council would suggest Charter-protected rights of expression to be limited.

The right to protest is fundamental to a functioning democracy. To be a nuisance is sometimes, unfortunately, the point. If the only citizens with an approved voice are once that are not a "nuisance" to those in power, then you are living in a fascist society.

Globally we are witnessing alarming suppression of rights, and the violence that is trust upon everyday people in societies that tamper with freedom of expression and association. Don't let this happen to our community.

I have endured many protests in this city that I firmly disagreed with. But to strip that right from the people I disagree with is infinitely worse.

You are considering removing the citizens of Winnipeg's right to freedom of peaceful assembly. Do you want your legacy to be the council that stripped peoples right to freedom of peaceful assembly? Is that how you should like to be remembered?

I understand the attempt is to balance peoples safe access to facilities with peoples right to protest. But to have the bylaw open to vague interpretation is only opening the door to authoritarianism, overreach and violence. It is wrong, against the Charter, and if passed should be challenged in court.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Brady

Last name
Allard

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:44

Delegation information

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
A person's right to protest an organisation should be unalienable, whether it be student walking out and protesting their school board, nurses stiking outside hospitals, or community members organising against a community centres decision.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Brady

Last name
Wilby-Sayer

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:22

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Braeden Stanley

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Braeden

Last name
Stanley

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:08

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Braelynn

Last name
Hofer

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Braiden

Last name
Watling

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
To whom it may concern, I am opposed to these recommendations. I believe that we must protect the right to protest on the legislative grounds, city hall, university campuses and that the current regulations are sufficient and do not wish to have these recommendations implemented.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Bramwell

Last name
Adey

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Protest is right, and should be protected as free speech. Protect voices seeking to be heard, do not oppress them

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Bran

Last name
Friesen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.
If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.
The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to

advocate for social change.
This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Brandon Kolodka

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Brandon

Last name
Kolodka

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Protest laws/ban

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is a blatant ban on freedom of speech and the ability to fight injustice.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Brayden

Last name
Bewski

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
To the Executive Policy Committee

I am writing to state my firm opposition to the draft legislation regarding public assembly restrictions. The proposed measures represent a significant overreach that threatens essential liberties.

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects the right to gather and express dissent. These protections are the foundation of a democratic state. The government should only interfere with these rights in the most limited and specific cases. The current proposal uses vague definitions that allow for arbitrary enforcement. When the state has the power to decide what qualifies as a public disturbance, it can silence any group that it finds inconvenient. This creates a dangerous precedent where the definition of an acceptable protest changes based on the political climate.

Public assembly is often meant to be disruptive. This disruption is the method by which citizens bring attention to serious issues. If the state removes the ability to disrupt public life, it effectively removes the right to be heard.

Any limits on assembly must be narrow. These limits should only apply to critical infrastructure where safety is paramount. Medical facilities and primary education centers for minors are appropriate examples. Transitional housing for those in precarious positions also warrants protection. These rules should not apply to universities, colleges, or other centers for adult learners. Adults must be expected to encounter and process diverse viewpoints in public.

The law must also be applied without bias. There is no logical reason to grant special

treatment to trade unions or worker organizations. If a picket line blocks access to a medical facility, the harm to the public is the same regardless of who is holding the signs. Exempting specific groups from these safety requirements is unfair and contradicts the justification for the law.

The committee should abandon this draft. The city should rely on existing criminal laws to handle actual safety threats. Creating broad new powers to suppress assembly will result in costly legal battles and a loss of freedom.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Brayden

Last name
Dueck

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
B. Meadows
R3J3G2

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Breana

Last name
Meadows

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:17

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Breanna Drennan-Bilyk
R3W 1N9

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Breanna

Last name
Drennan-Bilyk

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Breanne Nemez

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Breanne

Last name
Nemez

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

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Brenda Austin-Smith

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Brenda

Last name
Austin-Smith

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:50

Public hearing participation

Identify the item and your position

Public hearing item
#7

Position on the proposed development
Opposition

How would you like to participate?

Participation options
Submit comments in writing

Comments
We are organizing action against Evan Duncan's "By-law of THE CITY OF WINNIPEG to prohibit nuisance demonstrations and intimidation of persons at or in respect of vulnerable social infrastructure".
Read all the details -
WHY do we need to fight this by-law? Here are some important points:
"Nuisance Protest" is non-specific, meaning any and all public protests, marches, round dances and other gatherings could be subject.
Areas restricted by this by-law are public spaces and points of proximity to decision makers.City Hall, University Campuses, Wab Kinew's Office, etc. You can see on this map (https://chromatin.ca/blog/nuisances/), much of the city would be subject to the geographic restrictions of this by-law.
Fines of up to $5000 could be issued to every person who shows up to Round Dances, rallies, group bike rides, marches, etc.
The language of the by-law extends to any protests in these exclusion zones that use amplified sound or block traffic.
Police will have new tools they will use to silence and punish protesters.
It is almost certain this bylaw will be racist in its application.
Please let me know if I can count on your help with this important action!
TIMELINE FOR ACTION IS IMMEDIATE:
⚠️ The City of Winnipeg's Executive Policy Council votes on this on Tuesday, Feb 17th. If it passes it goes to the city council to enact.
‼️ Deadline for written positions and registration to delegate on Tuesday Feb 17 is THIS Friday, Feb 13 at NOON ⁉️
⁉️ Here's how:

1. Register as a delegation or submit comments to a committee of Council
2. Address: Executive Policy Committee
3. Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law
4. Click "I am opposed to the recommendations"
5. Click "submit comments in writing" or register to delegate if you are able to attend in-person (A comment box will pop up)
6. Use this script or write your own.
7. Let us know you've submitted your comments here!
Manitoba Energy Justice Coalition
https://www.mbenergyjustice.org/

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This is starting to get ridiculous with the Control Over People and 'fiscal savings' , the provinces-so far-are trying to pull!! The Emerg/Medical systems drastically changed, we payin for it now!!! Sloppy/shady construction/developments/deforestations, poisoning public family pet areas,,,all done,, then report to public and we pay for courts when caught.
Transit/ Road Systems, well total fk up,,, layoffs, union businesses n strikes!! People who get pissed off at a slum lord! Granny's who don't get their afternoon tea at 2 ...And even organizations who get into traffic for $$ or Unity...Angels/WFP, Round Dances,,,Even for an info gathering like for the abuses of cats, horses,,,to morn a tragedy,,,..
Some provinces wanna Use the Not Withstanding Clause?
OR...
""Let's just change/make a new RULE and No One will be allowed to gather in any way, for any reason, for any Human /Animal Rights .Work, Environment Infractions. ......A neighbourly bbq n music playin...Street Hockey ...(banned already) ....Kids playin in the school yard.....Anything.....
Are governments then going to get out special guards who spray chemicals/shoot us??
Sounds like the beginning of Minneapolis authoritarian sht to me....
It starts small..but ,,,,,,,Start pissin people off and there's a reason to 'gather'....which leads to upset people on both sides d fence.
And from personal experience, all it would take. is on pissed off person to make a call, and the By Law sht begins!!....
A Rally to Unite Against the Nuisance Protest Restrictions By Law ....Sounds pretty good to me!!!
This is the start of something so wrong!

Concerned Fighter For Rights ....Woman,
brend

Personal information

Personal information

Full name
Brenda Williams

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in opposition to this needlessly broad law. It is drafted in such a way to restrict the right of the public to protest and assemble peacefully. As a physician, I can appreciate the need for the safety of the public and the need for essential services to be protected. However, the language of the law is incredibly broad and is at tremendous risk of being abused.

Further, as our society is increasingly fractured and we spend more of our time in the digital world where our very view of reality is curated by algorithms , public spaces such as outside of the legislature represent the public square. These are places where we can confront the problems facing our society and interact with those who are trying to make their point of view known.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Brendan

Last name

Gordon

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The proposed zones to restrict any protest that the cities deem a "nuisance" is a direct attack on the citizens of Winnipeg ability to express their disagreement with city policy and have their voice heard. The non-specific language on what deems a protest a "nuisance" allows for suppression of protests based on the whims of what is acceptable speech to whoever is in office and can be used to silence protests across the board no matter the messaging they provide.

Not to mention that the 100m range within certain public institutions also blocks areas that SHOULD be protest zones, places like city hall and universities (establishments that have a well established placed for protests across history). The blocking of these places to protest is a disgrace and attacl on our rights as citizens to protest what we think the government is doing as morally wrong.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Brendan

Last name
Stothers

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The freedom to express one's views through peaceful protest is one of the most basic and fundamental rights in any democratic society. It is unequivocally protected by section 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It is so established and uncontroversial that there is relatively little jurisprudence about it compared to other protected rights. I am deeply troubled that any sitting councillor would entertain the idea of undermining this most elementary principle of democracy.

If citizens cannot make their voices heard through peaceful protest, they will find other ways to make their voices heard. Council would be wise to remember this if it is so concerned about the "vulnerability" of infrastructure.

The proposed by-law is offensive and plainly unconstitutional. If Councillor Duncan would like to live in a society that disregards citizens' right to peaceful assembly, Minneapolis is not a far drive. Bon voyage!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Brendon

Last name
Yarish

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
It sets a very dangerous precedent to silence or constrain people's rights to peacefully protest.

People protesting is one of the only things keeping me going right now and feeling like people are advocating for the right side of history. We need the right to push for progress and speak up about things we care about, publicly, and peacefully, period.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Brenlee

Last name

Coates

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am writing to oppose the proposed bylaw restricting protests within 100 metres of schools, hospitals, places of worship, and other community facilities. I support safe access to these spaces, and I agree that intimidation, harassment, threats, and blocking entrances should be addressed. But this proposal goes too far by restricting peaceful protest primarily based on location, rather than focusing on unlawful conduct.

Peaceful protest is protected under the Charter as freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. Any limit must be clear, narrowly tailored, and minimally impairing. A broad buffer zone around a wide list of sites risks sweeping in lawful speech on public sidewalks and chilling legitimate civic participation. It also creates significant discretion in enforcement, which invites uneven application and erodes public trust.

Winnipeg should be especially careful here. Our city's history includes the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike, a defining reminder that democratic change often depends on the right to gather and be heard in public. Creating broad protest free zones normalizes the idea that public dissent should be moved out of sight rather than engaged with.

If the City's goal is safety and access, there are better options. Focus on conduct, not geography. Strengthen and enforce rules against harassment, threats, hate based intimidation, and obstructing access. If any buffer is considered, make it tightly limited to entrances and narrowly defined circumstances, with a clear sunset clause and public review.

I urge you to withdraw this bylaw as drafted and pursue targeted, evidence based measures that protect access without undermining Charter protected rights.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Brennan

Last name
Childs

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
RE: The motion by City Councillor Evan Duncan (Charleswood–Tuxedo–Westwood) to create a new bylaw against “nuisance demonstrations”

It is of great concern this motion is being forwarded. The use of term "nuisance" is an insult to democracy. Demonstrations are one of the few options the general public has to voice their opposition to important local or global issues and is a critical channel for people to engage with our political system. This motion significantly weakens Manitoban's right to demonstrate. Unfortunately the proposed bylaw aligns with the rise of anti-democratic forces in the US and seems to stem from systemic efforts to silence Palestinian voices. In 2025 the Rady Centre hosted an event where members of the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) spoke. As you are likely aware, there is significant evidence the IOF has, and continues to violate international laws including torture and murder.

The wording of the motion is reportedly vague which allows enforcement to be arbitrary. Is the US Consulate, City Hall, MLA or MP offices, or the Legislative Building considered "vulnerable infrastructure"? Will First Nations' only be allowed to demonstrate against government polices within certain parameters? The motion penalizes the use of megaphones, so how do large groups of people communicate with each other. There are safety concerns if a mass of people cannot receive direction from organizers. This motion has many gaps in logic and is fundamentally undemocratic. I oppose this motion.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Brent

Last name
Anderson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Brent Fisher

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Brent

Last name
Fisher

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 02:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Brent Warren

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Brent

Last name
Warren

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:42

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I strongly believe issues around right to public protest should not be within the jurisdiction of Municipal government.

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This proposed law as drafted is too broad and could be interpreted subjectively and potentially abusively.

As someone who requires regular access to healthcare service, I do believe the safe access to healthcare services is a critical issue. I don't believe this drafted by-law is the correct and balanced solution.

Please work with the province to solve this issue before pursuing such a law at the municipal level.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Brett

Last name
Beaudette

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:59

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Brett

Last name
Rainboth

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:55

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Signed,
Brette Elias

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Brette

Last name
Elias

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:36

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Brian

Last name
Guevarra

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:24

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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Signed,

Brian N. McDonald

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Brian

Last name
McDonald

BRIAN STEPNUK

WINNIPEG, MB

R2M 5N4

February 12, 2026

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Sincerely.

Brian Stepnuk

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:06

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Brianna Griffiths

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Brianna

Last name
Griffiths

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:32

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Brianna

Last name
Hunt

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:03

Delegation information

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Signed,
Brianna Wentz
R3G 1R3

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Brianna

Last name
Wentz

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:42

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Signed,
Briar Sayers

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Briar

Last name
Sayers

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:03

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Brie

Last name
Willoughby

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:18

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Taliesin Dorais-Fleming

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Brielle

Last name
Dorais Fleming

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:42

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Brienna Swanson

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Brienna

Last name
Swanson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:13

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed, Brietta Passalis

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Brietta

Last name
Passalis

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Bright Unger

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Bright

Last name

Unger

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

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Signed,
Brigid Christison

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Brigid

Last name
Christison

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:42

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Brigit

Last name
Tronrud

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:12

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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agenda item 7

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Brigitta Perkins

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Brigitta

Last name
Perkins

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:55

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Brigitte Plouffe
St Vital,

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Brigitte

Last name
Plouffe

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:56

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Signed,
Britany Morgan

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Britany

Last name
Morgan

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:42

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Brittany

Last name
Hatch

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw #7

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Brittany May

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Brittany

Last name
May

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This recommendation is a direct attack of our Canadian Charter of Rights and freedoms, 2(b) and 2(c). This allows us the right to assembly for the purpose of freedom of expression.

Penalizing any form of peaceful protesting is a direct violation of human rights as declared by our country.

With the direct attack of the United States against Canada non-stop to allow the slippery slope of removing one of our rights makes it seem like the city council has more nefarious purposes.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Brittany

Last name
Patrick

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Brittany Soroka

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Brittany

Last name
Soroka

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Signed,
Brittany Toews

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Brittany

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7) Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The proposed agenda item is an attack on Sections 2(b) and 2(c) of Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Given the size of the area covered by this proposed change I do not believe that Section 1 of the Charter is applicable.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Brittany

Last name
Weatherall

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Brodie Hovanessian

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Brodie

Last name
Hovanessan

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:16

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Bronwyn Lutz-Greenhow

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Bronwyn

Last name
Lutz-Greenhow

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:21

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I do not support this proposed recommendation. In a democratic society, we have the right to peacefully protest and speak out against injustices. This proposal is harmful and oppressive.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Bronwyn

Last name
Smyth

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:36

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Brooke

Last name
Coopland

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:26

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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First name
Brooke

Last name
Kozielec

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Signed,
Brooke Nelson
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Brooke

Last name
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Last name
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The right to protest is one of the most basic aspects of democracy and must not be removed. While I might support some limitations, the current proposal is too broad. Given the choice between this proposal and zero limitations on protests, I would have to choose the latter. For instance, while I personally find protesting abortion with the types of graphic imagery typically used by such groups outside hospitals, I would disagree that doing so on a university campus is inappropriate, even though I disagree with the stance and tactics in every possible way. I might support a more minimal distance limitation for young students at schools, but again, not this wide sweeping ban. Leaving variables up to police discretion leaves far too much space to exert political agenda over who gets to protest what topic and who does not, and this cannot be allowed.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Signed,
Bronwyn Turnbull-Innis

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Bronwyn

Last name
Turnbull-Innis

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:31

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Signed,
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Public engagement (optional)

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First name
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Last name
Wall

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:03

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I understand that the intentions behind proposing this by-law were good, that the intent is to protect vulnerable people accessing necessary services. I am in agreement with the intents behind this by-law - I also want people to be able to access health care, education, etc. safely. However, this by-law dangerously oversimplifies the problem that it is seeking to address.

It's always important to ask - who's safety are we trying to protect? Blanket by-laws like this that penalize people's autonomy, may protect some, but will also endanger others. Demonstrations beside hospitals, beside schools, can also function to protect people. Minneapolis is a very current example of this - anti-ICE demonstrations alongside schools throughout the city have been key to protecting vulnerable students and their parents from being kidnapped. Students, from elementary to university have participated in demonstrations necessary to improve our society, from demonstrating on school grounds for climate justice, to organizing walk-outs in opposition to new anti-trans laws in girl's sports that require for them to provide (like in Edmonton and Calgary in fall of 2025). The ability to organize and protest in these spaces allows those who are 'vulnerable' to voice what they need and want. Yes, this means opposition and disagreement can also occur, which is not always fun nor easy. But this is a burden we carry in the interest of democracy, respect for autonomy, and the desire to lift up the voices of those who are vulnerable.

This mistake of taking away autonomy in the interest of "safety" is being made everywhere right now. Pro-life laws endanger the lives of women and babies they seek to protect. Anti-trans laws in sports, which seek to protect "women", actually puts them under additional danger, leading to even higher changes for physical scrutiny and sexual harassment.

Protecting the 'vulnerable' by also taking their autonomy to demonstrate away, simply results in further oppression of the very people you are trying to protect. Again, I ask - who are you trying to protect? And will this solution genuinely ensure their safety, or is it actually preventing other forms of solidarity that would build long-term change?

Trust me, this isn't easy nor simple. I would much rather live in a world where pro-life protesters are not present at an abortion clinic. But I will accept that consequence if it means that I can also participate in the protests that are important to me. This law doesn't just take away harm, it also takes away community's opportunities to look after each other, to support each other. We need the ability to do this now, more than ever. Events in the U.S., just 7 hours south of us are showing us that. It is so incredibly important that we learn from what is going on around us, and apply this to how we govern each other here.

I ask you, do not pass this by-law. The results will be much more complex and harmful, it will not result in the good that it intends to do.

Instead, let's work together to identify the real source of the harm we're trying to address here, so that we can find an effective solution that builds up our communities, and supports us in supporting each other. If we oversimplify solutions, we will only be creating more harm for those in our city, now and in the future. I vehemently oppose this Bill, and would love to discuss alternative ways for us to meaningfully support those who need us / who we need too.

Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

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Signed,
Buffy Davey

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Buffy

Last name
Davey

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:06

Delegation information

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Signed,
Bunmi Afolabi

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Caden Marofke

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Committee you want to address
Council

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AGENDA #7 SAFE ACCESS TO VULNERABLE INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

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Signed,

Caethyn Johnson

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:45

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Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I believe that even with the best intentions of protecting the public, and some situations benefitting from this by-law, it will be a very slippery slope. To what extent will the by-law be enforced or used against certain groups, and to what cost to our fundamental freedom of expression?

Many groups currently enjoy the freedom of expressing their beliefs with protest, without fear of retribution. While this by-law may have been drafted to protect vulnerable members of society, it will equally, if not disproportionately harm even more vulnerable and marginalized groups. Indigenous groups, anti-war protesters and demonstrators, and many more people will suffer under this harmful mandate. Taking the example of both pro-Israeli and Palestinian demonstrators—both sides will be harmed with the limit on where they are able to protest and demonstrate their beliefs. The Asper Jewish Community Campus has been used as a starting point for many Jewish people wishing to protest, and Palestinian supporters should also not be completely limited in the spaces where they can demonstrate.

While I do agree that protesters could, and should use discretion as to how members of the community could be affected, this by-law goes too far. By limiting public spaces all demonstrators may use, the fundamental freedoms the all residents of Winnipeg enjoy are infringed upon. Hate crimes, vandalism, and other acts of violence this by-law hopes to prevent will not be deterred; these acts are already criminal and punishable by the law. Instead, peaceful protesters and all communities that use their freedoms to express their beliefs will be harmed.

I specifically worry about how this by-law is to be enforced—if certain groups will be more subject it than others. Will the by-law only be enforced if others feel uncomfortable? What does this mean for social issues that society is inherently uncomfortable with approaching? I worry that the city will be able to use their discretion to enforce the by-law on certain groups while turning a blind eye to others. As we all watch what happens south of the border, where freedom is becoming a question and many marginalized communities live in fear, I implore your committee to think about what this by-law means for the future of our vibrant, diverse city. The government, at all levels, should be a projection of what the people want, not an oppressive force.

Thank you for your time, I truly hope you take my comments, along with surely the comments of many others into consideration.
Caitlin Ong

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Caitlyn Medina
Winnipeg, MB

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advocate for social change.
This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Caitlyn

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Caitlyn

Last name
Norman

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing today to express my strong opposition to the classification of some protests as 'nuisance' protests.

Protesting is a fundamental right that all Winnipeggers must have. A municipal government introducing a By-law that can restrict protesting is a violation of constitutional rights given to all Canadians, namely the rights to freedom of speech and expression.

This by-law would, without a doubt, infringe on the rights of marginalized communities more than most. These include 2SLGBTQIA+ folk, Indigenous peoples across the city, racialized groups, tenants, workers.

Protests are integral to Winnipeg's past, and they are just as integral to Winnipeg's future. To limit them is to limit what makes Winnipeg a great city.

This is not an issue of some protests being a 'nuisance', this is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy.

Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Cale

Last name
Ducharme

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
By-laws that limit the right to protest are deeply problematic and only put into place by people who are in positions of privilege whereby they don't have to protest to protect their rights. It's un-Canadian, undemocratic, and alarmingly similar to the early steps of policy that lead toward situations like the ones in the US. And I think early steps is important to emphasize. These proposals are vague. They're confusing and relatively open-ended, and they punish people financially, which makes them extremely classist (ie any law punishable only by fine is functionally legal if you have enough capital). The people have the right to be heard and to peaceful protest. It SHOULD be a nuisance. Protests are sign that the government is ignoring the needs of the people that they have tried to have addressed through the polite and proper channels. You are in power through democracy, and it must be maintained.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Cale

Last name
Plett

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Caleb Beswatherick
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Caleb

Last name
Beswatherick

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:44

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Protests are protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Any attempt to curb the rights of protestors or place limitations on the right to protest is a concrete and dangerous step towards fascism and the erosion of free speech (the actual legal definition, not the right wing bastardisation or the term).

A public who cannot gather to oppose their government is a public who loses significant portions of their rights as citizens. Protesting is a major way that disadvantaged groups such as Indigenous people, other racialized individuals, 2SLGBTQ+ people, and disabled people have achieved human rights advancements. It's how people speak out against their elected officials not representing their wishes and that accountability must be preserved.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Sincerely,
Caleb Clay

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Caleb

Last name
Clay

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:36

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Caley Gibson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Caley

Last name
Gibson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:20

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Cam Enns

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Cam

Last name
Enns

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tatiana

Last name
Friesen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to this proposal as it restricts the rights of Manitobans to protest. This goes against The Charter of Rights and Freedoms. This bill should not be allowed to pass.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Cameron

Last name
Griffiths

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The right to protest in public spaces is a fundamental right of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and essential for democratic society. Limiting this infringes on this right.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Cameron

Last name
Hunter

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

Additionally, I am a federal public servant who works downtown 5 days a week. Public protests have never caused me nuisance, and they bring me great joy seeing people out and fighting for what they believe in. They remind me that I live in a healthy and thriving democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Cameron Rhinelander

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Cameron

Last name
Rhinelander

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Camille

Last name
Chartier

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Camilo Valderrama

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Camilo

Last name
Valderrama

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The proposed by-law has good content (banning protests seeking to target particular racial, gender, sexuality, religious groups etc, protecting access to medical care), but it goes too far. By banning protest near any building that may be inconvenient and preventing the blocking of roadways, we render peaceful protest meaningfully less effective in our city, and make it seem more authoritarian both to prospective and current inhabitants.

By all means, no one should be able to stop anyone from accessing medical care, but on the same note, we as a city have no right to hamstring peaceful protest within our borders.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Campbell

Last name
Reed

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to this being passed as I feel people have the right to peacefully protest

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Camryn

Last name
Cox

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Camryn Klassen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Camryn

Last name
Klassen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I oppose restrictions surrounding the right to protest as I consider protests to be a meaningful and impactful way to make my voice heard. Right to peaceful protest and assembly is a protected human right in our charter and we shouldn't put unnecessary limitations on that.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Camryn

Last name
Lloyd

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Candace Wood

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Candace

Last name
Wood

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Candice Giesbrecht

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Candice

Last name
Giesbrecht

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,
Cara Gesell

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Cara

Last name
Gesell

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:20

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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Signed,
Carlie Kane

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Carlie

Last name
Kane

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:18

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access To Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is against the charter and a clear step in the direction of fascism. That council would even consider this is an abomination.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Carly

Last name
Lane

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:36

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Carly Lawton

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Carly

Last name
Lawton

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:28

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Carly Peters

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
CARLY

Last name
Peters

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
While I understand the intention behind this, I do not believe it falls within the rights and freedoms offered to Manitobans.

Changing the standards of protest (even protestors that I personally find bigoted, regressive, bad faith actors, and so on) can set a precedent for all kinds of protest, including those that have been historically important for the progression and maintenance of many people's basic rights - to be controlled, managed or outright disallowed.

Protests and demonstrations are by their very nature, at least a little disruptive. As a communicative medium, it is important that Manitobans are able to do this as they have been able to.

There are groups and movements that I find personally objectionable, of course. Many anti-abortion activists and demonstrators make a point of harassing vulnerable people and medical workers. Even still, I believe that changing the definition of allowed protest would impede upon my ability to show up and provide community care or support in these moments.

I believe that we can find better ways to support our most vulnerable.

Thanks for your time.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Carly

Last name
Wheeler

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Carmela Lucas

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Carmela

Last name
Lucas

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:14

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Carmie

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Carmie

Last name
Ramic

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 05:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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Signed, Carol Loewen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Carol

Last name
Loewen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

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Signed,
Carolina

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Carolina

Last name
Gouveia Santana

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:31

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to this measure as it severely restricts our right to peacefully protest and provides no meaningful benefit to the city.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Caroline

Last name
Nicholson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
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Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Caroline Thiessen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Caroline

Last name
Thiessen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. This proposal would restrict Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, and for that reason, I strongly oppose its adoption.
Public demonstrations—whether vigils, rallies, round dances, or peaceful protests—have long been essential tools for advancing social and policy change in Winnipeg and across Canada. These actions have contributed to hard-won protections for workers and tenants, Indigenous peoples, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, as well as environmental safeguards. Limiting these freedoms risks undermining the very mechanisms that have strengthened our community and our democracy.
I am concerned that this by-law could infringe constitutional rights, silence marginalized voices, and enable police overreach, while failing to meaningfully address hate, violence, or property damage—acts that are already prohibited under existing law. Rather than preventing harm, the proposed by-law appears likely to restrict lawful, peaceful protest. Such an approach is inconsistent with democratic principles and stands in tension with Winnipeg's commitment since 2018 to becoming a United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City."
The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has also raised concerns that broadly framed restrictions of this nature may unjustly limit Charter-protected expression and assembly, and that these measures disproportionately affect communities who rely on protest to advocate for change.
Freedom of expression and association are cornerstones of a free and democratic society. At a time when civil liberties face mounting pressures globally, it is vital that our municipal leaders uphold their legal obligations under the Charter and protect these fundamental rights.

I respectfully urge you to discontinue further consideration of this proposed by-law.
Sincerely,
Carolyn Regehr

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Carolyn

Last name
Regehr

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Carolyne Epp-Fransen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Carolyne

Last name
Epp-Fransen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Carolyne Kroeker

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Carolyne

Last name
Kroeker

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Carrie Anne Nordal

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Carrie-Anne

Last name
Nordal

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:43

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Carrie Bryson

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Carrie

Last name
Bryson

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Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

First name
Carrie

Last name
Schulz

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Signed,
Carrie Wasson

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Personal information

First name
Carrie

Last name
Wasson

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Signed,
Carter Dawson

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Carter

Last name
Dawson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:04

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Carver Marion

Public engagement (optional)

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First name
Carver

Last name
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Caryl Jazz Cruz

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Caryl Jazz

Last name
Cruz

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Last name
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Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

First name
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In such a crucial moment for politics and social justice, it more important than ever that that right of civilians to protest peacefully is protected. It is your responsibility to protect that right.

Signed,
Cassie Bowen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Cassie

Last name
Bowen

Dear Mayor and Councillors

I'm opposed to the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly as was the case for the Lemay Forest Sacred Fire, which a peaceful, community sustained settlers with Indigenous people protest. It was within 100m of a local school adjacent to the Lemay Forest. Staff, students and parents sat in ceremony with the firekeepers and community members and firekeepers participated in ceremonial teachings at the school. And that is what truth and reconciliation is about.

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Please do the right thing.

Winnipegger, activist, ally and public participant in a democracy.

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:56

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Catherine

Last name
Acebo

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:29

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Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Nuisance by law

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Catherine Bardal

Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

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Catherine

Last name
Bardal

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I was quite shocked and very discouraged to read that this by-law is being proposed in the city I've lived in my entire life. It is not what I want for my home city, my province, my country...or my children! We live in a dangerous age of misinformation, disinformation, corporate controlled media and now AI technology that enables the convincing creation of entirely false narratives. It is more important than ever that Canadian citizens retain their rights to rally, to provide informational outreach to fellow community members, and to protest in locations where their voices can be heard. The right to express oneself in public and to assemble peacefully with others is enshrined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. As a concerned and responsible citizen, I have exercised these right many times and have never once though of intimidating anyone or seen it happen. I am certain that the Winnipeg Police already have the authority to deal with threats of intimidation and violence. Do they not? I believe that the City already has the authority to enforce regulations around megaphones and amplifiers. Do you not? There is no need to trample on the Charter and blanket-ban peaceful assembly in thousands of Winnipeg locations. We could all sit at home on our hands and watch Netflix in our spare time, but engaged, caring citizens put in the effort to hold corporations and governments accountable to make our country, and world, a better place. We are not a "nuisance". The very idea of this by-law, which sets a dangerous precedent, makes me think that we are moving dangerously closer to the U.S. in terms of infringing on the rights of citizens. I implore the City Councillors of the City of Winnipeg to vote "Nay" to this by-law. Thank you.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Catherine

Last name
Collins

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I wholeheartedly oppose this proposed by-law — which would, in effect, restrict citizens' right to exercise a healthy, democratic practice of social engagement in local community — that of gathering in public space to voice concern, to demonstrate, to protest.

How can you, as our local government, say that your work is in service of the community if you are actively trying to fine and punish folks for gathering in public space, in a proposed by-law that is sloppy and dangerous, that uses broad, open-ended language? That the Canadian Civil Liberties Association deems unconstitutional and part of a concerning trend?

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Catherine

Last name
Cormier

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:29

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This proposed by-law is in opposition to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. If it passes, it will be challenged at higher levels of court and it will be defeated. The city will waste money and time tied up in the case(s), leaving less resources for the for us to spend on the more important issues facing our city.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Catherine

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Herbert

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:41

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Signed,

Cayoya Courchene

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Cayoya

Last name
Courchene

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Anti-Protest By Law

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
caz

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bisson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:10

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Comments
This bylaw is a slippery slope to oppressing free speech, and infringes on our right to protest.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Cecil

Last name
Dion

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:26

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This proposed bylaw is a limitation on basic freedom of speech. It would be not only disconcerting, but embarrassing, to see it implemented.

Adopting this bylaw would absolutely bring on legal and human rights challenges which, as well as being an embarrassment to the city and province, would also cost taxpayer money.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Celeste

Last name
Côté

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:12

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Celine

Last name
Brandt

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:28

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Chadwick

Last name
Turner

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:54

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Chael

Last name
Donald

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:38

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This item is a blatent disregard for the peoples right to peaceful protest. This attempts to prohibit protest in areas where protest commonly happen, and have commonly happened for years. They happen in these places for good reason: its where people are, and its where people will be heard. This is an active attempt to silence the public by prohibiting protest. If this passes, where will be left for the people to be heard? Does the mayor expect us to protest quietly in our homes? No, it is vital to the right to protest peacefully that citizens be allowed to congrigrate peacefully, and limiting that is an active attempt of silencing us, and an active disgregard what we stand for in Canada.
You cannot simply decide when and where its convenient for the people to be heard.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Chance

Last name
Peloquin-Epp

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Chance Sabados
Winnipeg, Manitoba

The right to protest is a right not optional.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Chance

Last name
Sabados

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:58

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

Chandra Dexter

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Dexter

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Signed,
Chantal Hogue

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
Chantal

Last name
Hogue

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
While your heart may be in the right place, in practice this by-law would restrict nearly all peaceful protests - a fundamental right for citizens making themselves heard. Yes protest may occasionally be uncomfortable but that's how change happens. The idea that a university would be off limits from challenging ideas is ludicrous.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Chantal

Last name
Sauve

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:46

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Signed,
Cyrus

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Chantelle

Last name
Rouire

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:45

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Personal information

First name
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Delegation information

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Signed,
Charis Lisakowski

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
charis

Last name
lisakowski

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The right to peaceful protest is included in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. This by-law is infringing upon that right. We need to make sure that we remain a healthy democracy and allow all voices to be heard.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Charlene

Last name
Lipka

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This bylaw is far too sweeping and vague. Freedom of expression is a cornerstone of democracy, and if it's a little messy at times, that is the price we pay. If ever a demonstration goes awry and becomes violent, there are already laws to deal with such a turn. This looks very much like something that would come out of the Trump/Republican playbook.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Charles

Last name
Kroeker

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Charlotte Friesen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Charlotte

Last name
Friesen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
The Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Chase Fincaryk

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Chase

Last name
Fincaryk

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Residents of Winnipeg should have the right to peacefully protest something they oppose. It would be a violation to our human rights to pass this by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Chelsea

Last name
Barkman

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
WHY fight this bylaw?
* silences our citizens and infringes on our freedom of speech
* "Nuisance Protest" is non-specific, meaning any and all actions could be subject.
* Areas restricted by this by-law are public spaces and points of proximity to decision makers. Much of the city would be subject to the geographic restrictions of this bylaw including City Hall and University Campuses.
* Fines of up to $5000 could be issued to every person who shows up to Round Dances, rallies, group bike rides, marches, etc.
* Police will have new tools they will use to silence and punish protesters.
* We are very concerned this bylaw will be racist in its application, limiting protests and rallies promoting Indigenous rights,

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Chelsea

Last name
Fillion

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 01:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Chelsea Kiz

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Chelsea

Last name
Kiz

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item #7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.
It is far too broad and will limit the fundamental freedoms that citizens have to express their opinions, protect rights, and advocate for positive change.
There is certainly a concern for the safety and freedom of people who just want to do their job, to go to school, or to access their place of worship. But I feel this bylaw is so broad and poorly defined that it will discourage individuals from engaging in issues that affect their community, and will be minimally effective in stopping individual who's intent is to harass, intimidate, or assault. The solution can't be to restrict all voices in certain locations. This seems like a very lazy solution – punish all so there's no need for an investigation into who is causing the real problems.
If this bylaw was in place a year ago, Lemay Forest would have been decimated by now, as the sacred fire was within the proposed 100m buffer from a school. It was only through the protests of individuals and not-for-profit organizations that the full ecological, cultural, and historic value of this property came to be known, which resulted in its protection by the provincial government.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Cheryl

Last name
Hodgson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to limiting citizens rights to protest. This goes against freedom of speech and our free will. Shame on the govt for trying to silence people on their beliefs and values. We are NOT the USA.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Cheryl

Last name
Maendel

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am horrified and angered to learn that the City of Winnipeg would even entertain the idea of a by-law restricting the rights of its citizens to exercise their Charter rights to assemble, and peacefully protest. Peaceful protest is a fundamental aspect of democracy and must be protected at all costs. We are seeing the rise of facism across the globe, but particularly with our neighbours to the South where peaceful protesters are being kidnapped, beaten and killed in the streets simply for objecting to their government's policies. We can not allow even the hint of this kind of dictatorial control to infect our governments.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Cheryl

Last name
Roby

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Appreciate the Canadian charter of rights, nothing less. I am against this proposal.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Cheryle

Last name
Jahn

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Chloe Bergen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Chloe

Last name

Bergen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Chloe

Last name
Crockford

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
“Nuisance Protest” is unspecific meaning any and all actions could be subject

This infringes on our right to protests.

Through protests the people are given a voice which has initiated massive change throughout history.

Police will have new tools in which to punish those who protest in peace.

Will affect those in marginalized communities who are otherwise left unheard

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Chloe

Last name
Ouimet

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vunerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to share my deep concern about the City of Winnipeg's proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. I'm shocked and alarmed that this by-law is being considered, as it would limit our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. For this reason, I strongly oppose it.

Public demonstrations have always been a powerful way for people in this city to push for positive change. From vigils and rallies to round dances, Winnipeggers have used peaceful protest to fight for workers' rights, tenant protections, Indigenous, racialized, and 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, and environmental justice. These freedoms have helped shape the community and country we live in today.

If this by-law is passed, I'm concerned it will infringe on constitutional rights, silence marginalized voices, and lead to increased police overreach. It won't prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence — those actions are already illegal. Instead, it would mainly restrict peaceful protests. This kind of heavy-handed and undemocratic approach has no place in Winnipeg, especially as the city has been working toward becoming a UCLG "Human Rights City" since 2018.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has also warned that broad laws like this can

unfairly limit free speech and peaceful protest, and often end up hurting marginalized communities who rely on these tools to advocate for change.

This is about protecting freedom of expression and association — basic rights that are essential to a healthy democracy. At a time when we are seeing worrying attacks on these freedoms elsewhere, including in the U.S., it's more important than ever that you uphold the Charter and protect our democratic values.

I strongly urge you to stop moving forward with this proposed by-law.

Sincerely,
A Winnipegger

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Chris

Last name
Anderson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am in strong opposition to the proposed bylaw. There are very few reasons for peaceful protests to be outlawed, regardless of the location designations as conditionals, when these determinations are unilaterally decided and dictated by governing bodies. This inherently violates the right to open discussion, for public assembly, and the right for the public to freely voice opposition and diverse viewpoints, particularly around serious issues. This creates a precedent that leads down a slippery slope of enabling the governing bodies to stifle opposing voices that are enacting one of the only available means of publicly opposing unfair or unfavourable changes. While there may be legitimate concerns around safety and the hazards that potentially arise, particularly around sensitive and critical areas, such as hospitals. The current draft, however, is too generalized and wide-reaching, without nuance to allow flexibility and allows too much control by governing bodies to make decisions around when/where protests are allowable.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Chris

Last name
Cadonic

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my dismay at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Chris Campbell

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Chris

Last name
Campbell

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
By-law of THE CITY OF WINNIPEG to prohibit nuisance demonstrations and intimidation of persons at or in respect of vulnerable social infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
To the Executive Policy Committee,

I whole heartedly oppose this proposed By-law to prohibit "nuisance" demonstrations as a violation of our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. This By-law would limit the fundamental freedoms that our community needs to express our needs and rights.

If this is passed - I am concerned that it not only infringes on our constitutional rights but also silences the voices our city needs to hear the most. As well - this provides even more power to police to declare any 'protest' they do not like to be a nuisance. We already have laws on the books to prohibit property damage, hate crimes, and violence.

As a city that prides itself on the Winnipeg General Strike of 1919 we shouldn't be acting to restrict the peoples voices from being heard.

I am originally from the United States and I have watched as that country has systematically stripped the constitutional rights from its citizens - and now Winnipeg is looking to go down the exact same path. Please do not follow in the footsteps of our southern neighbours! This by-law would make it an offense to protest in nearly every square inch of our great city - confining the voices of our people to miniscule "free speech zones". Should the image our city presents to the world be one of armed police arresting unarmed citizens for expressing their charter rights?

I beg of you to please drop further consideration of this bylaw.

Thank you,
Chris Taylor

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Chris

Last name
Taylor

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Prof. Chris Tillman, University of Manitoba

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Chris

Last name
Tillman

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to this proposal as it limits freedom of expression.

The nuisance or inconvenience caused by a protest is not an adequate harm to justify restricted Charter protected rights and freedoms. This is an inappropriate use of government power, and i do not believe that the claim of "protecting vulnerable infrastructure" is justified. This proposal is too broad and heavy handed. With the rise of an authoritarian regime to our south, it is very important that we are very, very careful not to begin down a path of restricting and limiting people's rights.

If the councilor who proposed this is too weak to handle public criticism, perhaps he should seek a new, more isolated job rather than try to tell other people what they can and cannot say and where they can and cannot say it.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Chris

Last name
Watson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I would like to write in opposition of the proposed, so-called Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. Compared with our southern neighbours' free speech landscape, I've always been pleased with the balance that the legal interpretation of Canada's Charter right to free expression strikes. I am concerned that the EPC feels the need to impose Winnipeg-specific restrictions to this right. Vaguely-written by-laws intended to curtail our right to expression under the guise of protecting infrastructure seems like obvious pandering to interest groups and those whose primary civic concern is traffic flow. I also find the timing of this proposal troubling considering the events that have been unfolding in our sister city of Minneapolis over the past couple of months. A by-law like this in the Twin Cities could easily have been used as a tool to prevent criticism and opposition to Trump's ICE clampdown, including protest action at or near "vulnerable infrastructure". I don't think that Winnipeg will be faced with such a dire situation in my lifetime, but chipping away at our ability to express opposition to injustice with by-laws and fines is an incredibly bad look, especially considering how brave and resilient our international neighbours have been over the past weeks and months. I proudly stand in objection to agenda item 7 and ask that you vote to kill this proposal in EPC.

Thanks for your time.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.

Yes

Personal information

First name

Chris

Last name

Yorke

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access To Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
As a lifelong Winnipegger, I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law, which would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. For this reason, I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.
This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers, tenants, Indigenous peoples, immigrants, people of colour, LGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.
As a union member, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence the voices of those committed to worker's rights and social justice, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.
The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.
This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the

Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Christian

Last name
Boulley

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Christie Paul

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Christie

Last name
Paul

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Christina Bishop

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Christina

Last name
Bishop

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we

are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Christina Prokopenko

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Christina

Last name
Prokopenko

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am strongly opposed to the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law seeing that it infringes upon our charter rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

These freedoms have allowed for Winnipeggers to rally for social policy changes that bettered the lives of marginalized populations and the general working class. These movements have allowed people to strengthen bonds as a community that they can feel safe and proud of. However, we live in times that still require change to continue living safer and healthier lives through policy changes towards sustainability and social justice.

We are witnessing the impacts of suppressing these rights in the US, with at least 2 protesters being shot and killed. In Winnipeg, we already have populations that face substantially higher rates of police violence in our city and a history of racial profiling. This by-law can be too easily manipulated to allow for more police overreach and threaten the safety of all Winnipeggers. Winnipeg has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) “Human Rights City” since 2018, but this by-law will only harm our progress because it will not reduce crime but instead make up a new one.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has also expressed concerns that this by-

law will restrict charter-protrcted rights and harm marginalized groups advocating for social change.

As a concerned citizen I urge you to uphold your legal obligation to protect the Charter rights of all Winnipeggers, and our freedom of expression and association by dropping further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Christina Tran

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Christina

Last name
Tran

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item 7: Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Christine Darbel

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Christine

Last name
Darbel

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Christine Kolbuck

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Christine

Last name
Kolbuck

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Agenda Item: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I ask you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Christine Lylyk

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Christine

Last name
Lylyk

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Christine Lauren Swan

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Christine

Last name
Swan

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg considering a Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that restricts our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. I am opposed to the proposed by-law.

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If passed, I am concerned that this by-law will infringe on constitutional rights, and also silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law will likely not prevent further property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, this by-law would severely limit peaceful protests. This type of undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Christopher Douglas

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Christopher

Last name
Douglas

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Christyn Blondeau

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Christyn

Last name
Blondeau

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Cindy Titus

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Cindy

Last name
Titus

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am horrified at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Cinnamin
Winnipeg

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Cinnamin

Last name
Moar

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I am writing in opposition of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. The right to peaceful protest is at the core of any democratic society. I am concerned about the ways in which this by-law would limit and potentially silence voices within our communities and our city.
I ask you to drop further consideration on the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Claire Friesen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Claire

Last name
Friesen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Claire

Last name
Ksionzyk

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:30

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Clara Buelow

Public engagement (optional)

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Last name
Buelow

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Signed,
Clara Fretz Corlis

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Signed,
Clarice Martens

Public engagement (optional)

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Signed,
Claudia Konefal

Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:15

Delegation information

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Very opposed to this, protesting is a fundamental right and policing it in such a way goes against the entire structure of why people protest.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable infrastuctures by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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I am deeply concerned about the proposed Winnipeg bylaw creating buffer zones that would restrict protests near schools, hospitals, places of worship, and other designated community spaces. While protecting people from harassment and ensuring safe access to services is important, I strongly oppose this measure because it risks unnecessarily limiting fundamental democratic freedoms in Canada. I am frankly troubled that such broad restrictions on peaceful protest are even being proposed, given how central free expression is to our democracy.

Peaceful protest and freedom of expression are protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Creating wide exclusion zones could make it significantly harder for citizens to express dissent where it is most relevant — near the institutions, decisions, or policies they are seeking to influence. Restrictions like this risk setting a precedent that gradually normalizes limiting democratic participation.

There is also a concern that vague definitions of “nuisance” or “intimidation” protests could be applied unevenly or discourage legitimate, peaceful demonstrations. Canada already has laws addressing harassment, threats, violence, and obstruction; enforcing those existing laws is a more appropriate approach than broadly restricting where people can protest.

Democracy requires space for disagreement, even when that disagreement is

uncomfortable. While safety and accessibility must be protected, we should be extremely cautious about policies that curtail Charter-protected freedoms. For these reasons, I strongly oppose this proposed bylaw and urge decision-makers to carefully safeguard Canadians' longstanding right to peaceful protest.

Public engagement (optional)

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Signed,

Clement Betiku

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

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Signed,
your name, Clifton Trout

Public engagement (optional)

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Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:54

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Protest By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to convey my deep concern regarding the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. The proposal, as presented, would place limits on our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. For that reason, I must voice my opposition to this bylaw.

Public gatherings—whether vigils, rallies, round dances, or other demonstrations—have long been vital tools for Winnipeggers advocating for meaningful social and policy change. These forms of expression have helped secure advances for workers and tenants, Indigenous peoples, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, and environmental protections. Restricting these freedoms would undermine the very mechanisms that have strengthened our community and our country.

I am troubled that, if enacted, this bylaw could infringe upon constitutional rights, silence marginalized voices, invite excessive policing, and provide no meaningful improvement in addressing hate or violence. Acts such as property damage, hate crimes, and violence are already illegal under existing laws. Rather than addressing those issues, the proposed "Safe Access" bylaw appears poised to significantly curtail peaceful protest. Such sweeping and heavy-handed limitations on freedom of expression are inconsistent with democratic principles and do not align with Winnipeg's commitment to becoming a "Human Rights City" through its engagement with United Cities and Local Governments since 2018.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has also cautioned that broadly framed restrictions like these can unduly limit Charter-protected expression and assembly, and often have a disproportionate impact on marginalized communities who depend on public protest to advocate for change.

At its core, this matter concerns the protection of freedom of expression and association—foundational pillars of any healthy democracy. In light of troubling examples of democratic backsliding elsewhere, including in United States, it is more important than ever to uphold our legal obligations under the Charter and safeguard our democratic institutions.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:56

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Signed,
Cloe Carriere

Public engagement (optional)

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Carrière

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Delegation information

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This proposal needs to be withdrawn, on the basis that "nuisance protest" is a subjective term that cannot be applied equitably. Thus being used to suppress the rightful expression and association of peaceful protesters. This right is deeply rooted in the culture of Winnipeg, from the 1919 General strike to Louis Riel.

This law sets a dangerous precedent, that should not be given any further consideration.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Cobi

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:58

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Codi

Last name
Guenther

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 08:38

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Signed, Cody Brewster

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Cody

Last name
Brewster

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:33

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item #7, Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
To City Hall,

Given we have the Human Rights Museum within walking distance of City Hall where protest is celebrated it is astounding to me that city hall has made it a goal to effectivly ban protest throughout Winnipeg.

Relegating democratic participation to a vote every four years is not democracy.

I loose faith in the institutions we structure society around more and more everyday.

This is a facist authoritarian move and I will dedicate every possible moment to not only making sure this fails but that anyone who has had their fingers in this fail to maintain any position in our public structures.

The plan to ban protest is one of the highest betrayals of "public service". This plan must be rescined and scraped in its entirity. There is no need to ammend such a disgusting piece of legislation.

History will not be kind to you for even suggesting this.

The doors of litigation that this opens for tax payers will be profoudly costly if this goes forward. You have already lost, please do not put Winnipegers in a position where pointless legal costs will shame your names for generations.

You have declared war and you will loose if you dont abandon this in its entirity,
NO AMENDMENTS,

Cody Gabrielson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Cody

Last name
Gabrielson

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Charter and protect our democracy.
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Signed,
Cody McKay

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Cody

Last name
McKay

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
A member of the community

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Cohen

Last name
Sieg

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:46

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Cole Eichel

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Cole

Last name
Eichel

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:23

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
The proposal is overly broad and terms such as 'nuisance demonstration' are subjective; this is no doubt purposeful in order to allow government/police to limit peaceful opposition to upcoming policy/legislation decisions. This decision falls in line with dictatorial practices intended to minimize visual dissent/opposition to policy decisions that actively put the public in harms way. The intention behind this is not to protect the public, but rather protect special interest groups from having to be accountable for decisions they make and to protect them from having to deal with / interact the public that is harmed by those decisions.

This policy is vague and grants too much discretion to authorities to decide which causes are allowed to be heard.

This policy is unnecessary, as laws currently exist that address intimidation, violence, and harassment; police forces already have the tools to manage what this policy allegedly addresses.

This policy is vague to the point of being sinister; our executive policy committee should want to engage with public discourse rather than being fearful of the public that they serve. This is a trend that is in-line with geopolitical shifts that are obviously intended to limit the rights and freedoms of the general public in favour of special interest groups. For the council to deny this is disingenuous.

If the council is legitimately interested in protecting the public with policy then this is not the way to move forward.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Cole

Last name
Scheller

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

This city has a clear history of abuse of power at the local level. Look at our previous Mayor in court right now. This law is far too vague to even consider passing this. You all need to start doing better for this city. You are an embarrassment to even let this get this far.

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Signed,
Colin E.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Colin

Last name
Enquist

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Colin Hildebrand

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Colin

Last name
Hildebrand

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The definitions of Vulnerable Infrastructure and Nuisance Protest are far to vague to be comfortable supporting this by-law.
The stated infrastructure is incredibly vague as to what buildings would actually be affected. In the case of Public and Private Educational Institutions would it be illegal to protest at the universities? Would City hall suddenly be a community centre? What of The Legislative Building?
The definition of nuisance protest as written includes everything RELATED to the listed groups, this would define any protests against injustice to these groups as "nuisance protests"; this is contrary to the by-law's goal of creating safer, more welcoming places.
There exists provincial legislation protecting vulnerable infrastructure, what reason is there to introduce a by-law on the same issue but to obfuscate and expand what an illegal protest is?

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Colin

Last name

Hoeppner

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
this is worded far to broadly. the right to protest is a charter right and this would rightfully be challenged in court. Dont waste our taxes on this horrible piece of legislature.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
colin

Last name
mercer

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:47

Delegation information

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Signed,

Colin Stothers

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Colin

Last name
stothers

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:01

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Colleen Desmarais

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Colleen

Last name
Desmarais

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 03:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Colleen Kwade

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Colleen

Last name
Kwade

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
You are infringing on our rights to freely assemble. This by-law will limit our ability to express our discontent and seeks to disarm the public's ability to inconvenience the state. I am extremely opposed to this by-law

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Colton

Last name
Rempel

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to oppose this by-law. While I can see the heart behind the proposal, I believe it is more destructive than good. I disagree with almost every protest I see in Winnipeg, however, I support the people's right to gather and the right to free speech. While this by-law would protect vulnerable infrastructure, it is too restrictive. Either a narrower scope of infrastructure or smaller zone around the infrastructure would make me support this bill.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Connor

Last name
Blaikie

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Save Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-lar

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Banning protests on or around university campuses is really anti-democratic. University campuses should be a place of political discourse, and this includes protests. This includes both internal protests, e.g., if the university admin people are doing something wrong, or protests about things more external, e.g., the university admin people investing in weapons and thus profiting off killing people abroad.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Connor

Last name
Mark

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
A concerned Winnipegger

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Constanza

Last name
Moraga Alvarez

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Cooper Beaudette

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Cooper

Last name
Beaudette

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,

Cora Smolders

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Cora

Last name
Smolders

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7: The vulnerable infrastructure bylaw Opposing

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is my first time submitting my opinion to the City. I don't attend Protests. Protests by nature are meant to interrupt and put eyes on an important cause. Listen to them, really hear what they're asking. If you want to prevent protests listen and act accordingly. This is just going to make them more organized with more people attending. Listen!!!!!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Corey

Last name
Cote

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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If passed, this broadly worded By-Law will infringe upon our protected Constitutional rights, and could easily be weaponized to further silence marginalized communities' voices by those with more power and privilege. It could also lead to police overreach, and result in deeply inadequate options for responding to hate at both the individual and community level. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts which are already defined as criminal and already have a legally defined process of action and accountability. The only additional prevention this by-law provides is the severe limitation of peaceful protests. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression sets an extremely dangerous precedent, and has no place in the City of Winnipeg. We are only 8 hours north of Minneapolis, USA. It has never been more clear that the elected governments of a democratic nation are mandated to actively protect the

Constitutional rights of ALL citizens at every level, and ensure the guardrails and safeguards of democracy are steadfastly maintained. As a citizen of Winnipeg, and on behalf of my children and the generations to come, I demand that you drop further consideration of this by-law.

Our city has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) “Human Rights City” since 2018, and we need to ensure the vision of what our city can aspire to be is followed through with continued consistent and meaningful action towards that goal.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely,
Ms. Cory Storm

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Cory

Last name
Storm

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:02

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Courtney H.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Courtney

Last name
Horwood

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:06

Delegation information

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Signed,

Courtney Kolthof

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Courtney

Last name
Kolthof

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:47

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Courtney

Last name
Unrau

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:31

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Who is to say which protests are justified and which are a nuisance? How can that possible be fairly judged, across time and across cultures?

Lastly, this will do nothing to heal the constant waning trust in our police. It will only increase community tensions.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Craig

Last name
McRae

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:52

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Craig

Last name
Midwinter

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Crystal

Last name
Zawadowski

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:28

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Curran

Last name
Faris

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
While maintaining access to critical infrastructure is important, the scope of this bylaw is immense and allows broad limit of free speech within 100m of so many facilities throughout the city. At a minimum there should be an investigation/report into how this would specifically impact dense areas such as downtown, the exchange, and osborne, with a map that will identify all "designated facilities", including the 100m range around them. For example, I suspect the result would be extremely limiting to an ability to protest down major public roadways.

Of particular concern, and worthy of specific investigation of impact, are these definitions:

Nuisance demonstration: "any in-person protest or demonstration occurring in view of the public or in a location ordinarily used or frequented by members of the public that involves the expression by any means…of objection or disapproval towards an idea, action, person or group based on or related to any specified characteristics"

designated facilities and their respective definitions (e.g. “community centre” means a building or group of buildings used for recreational, social or multi-purpose activities by membership or members of the public, whether publicly or privately funded, including leisure centres, skating rinks, curling clubs, swimming pools and community halls)

Based on the above, I assume that the library facility near the courts would severely limit ability to protest near the legislature. The University of Winnipeg, and Canada Life Centre (private skating rink) means there can be no protests along Portage Avenue. This would be unacceptable. There are obviously many more examples throughout downtown, likely being extremely disadvantageous to a free society and an ability to protest.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Curt

Last name
Smith

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 06:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
This law effectively bans protest in much of the city, because we are comparatively well-off for the density of community centres and civic buildings, etc. Winnipeg has a proud history of disruptive protest, and has enjoyed the benefits of protests making "nuisances". A protest that can be driven by or walked by can be ignored, and without people being forced to engage with a demonstration's points we wouldn't have labour rights of any kind, parental leave, or a plethora of other benefits of living in Canadian society.

The proposed bylaw envisions a society where meekly asking for change is the only meaningful contribution a citizen can make. Given the chaos and state violence happening to our South, we should ask ourselves if that is the society we want to live in: one where the citizenry are almost apathetic and those who speak up against injustice are executed by their own democratically elected government.

This is not us. Vote against this.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Cynthia

Last name
Ratelle

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
C. Alexis Sta. Brigida

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Cyril Alexis

Last name
Sta. Brigida

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 05:25

Delegation information

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Signed,
Daija Torres

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Daija

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:02

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Signed,
Dale Finney

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Dale

Last name
Finney

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:20

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Damhat

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Damhat

Last name
Zagros

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:16

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Sincerely,
Damien

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Damien

Last name
Dureault

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe spaces law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The language of the proposal is entirely too broad and too restrictive of the right to protest. I'll take the occasional protest I don't agree with if it means that the right to protest things I support is maintained.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Dan

Last name
Gilson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:52

Delegation information

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Signed,
Dana Grindean

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Dana

Last name
Grindean

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:02

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infastructure by Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Dana Gross

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Dana

Last name
Gross

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:35

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Dana

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

On behalf of Manitoba Animal Save, I write in strong opposition to the proposed “Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure” by-law.
I would like to appear as a delegate but unfortunately I work during these hours so I am submitting my comments here.

Manitoba Animal Save is a grassroots, volunteer-led organization that engages in peaceful, nonviolent public vigils, demonstrations, and community outreach to raise awareness about animal suffering and to advocate for a more compassionate food system. Our actions are grounded in bearing witness, education, and the democratic right to peaceful assembly.
This proposed by-law raises serious concerns for civil liberties in Winnipeg.
The language around “nuisance demonstrations” is vague and overly broad. “Nuisance” is subjective and risks capturing lawful, peaceful protest that some may simply find inconvenient or uncomfortable. Democratic expression is often disruptive to the status quo — that is precisely why it is protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
Section 2 of the Charter guarantees freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. Municipal governments must ensure that any limits on these rights are narrowly tailored, demonstrably justified, and minimally impairing. A broadly framed prohibition around undefined “vulnerable infrastructure” risks chilling lawful advocacy across a wide range of issues — from animal protection to environmental justice to Indigenous rights.
As an organization that regularly holds peaceful vigils in public spaces, we are deeply concerned that this by-law could be used to restrict proximity-based protest in ways that effectively silence marginalized voices. Social change movements — including those that

challenged residential schools, secured labour protections, and advanced civil rights — relied on the ability to gather in visible, meaningful locations.
We fully support protections against harassment, intimidation, and violence. Those behaviours are already addressed in existing laws. Creating sweeping new protest restrictions is not the answer. The City must be careful not to conflate peaceful dissent with intimidation.

Winnipeg should be strengthening democratic engagement, not narrowing it. This is especially concerning in the current political climate.
We respectfully urge the Executive Policy Committee to reject this proposal. If Council believes further protections are necessary, they must be precise, evidence-based, and fully compliant with Charter standards. Chsnges should be developed through public consultation with civil liberties organizations and community stakeholders.
Peaceful protest is not a nuisance. It is a cornerstone of democracy and we oppose this proposal.
Thank you.

Sincerely,
Danae Tonge
Manitoba Animal Save

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:24

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Signed, Dani Jo Lea

Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am not in support of this bylaw. The definition of nuisance is far too broad, and would allow the city to essentially shut down any protest they simply do not like or find inconvenient, including protests in support of missing and murdered indigenous women, LGBTQ2SI+ rights, or protests against gun violence, for example. Furthermore, this bylaw would restrict protest access from approximately 17% of the total area of the city of Winnipeg, which simply cannot be construed as anything other than a violation of Charter Rights, which enshrine the right of Canadians to protest on public property. The point of protests is that they are inconvenient- they force people to pay attention to issues and allow citizens to express themselves to their elected representatives. If elected representatives are allowed to avoid having to see protests as they go to work at City Hall or the Legislature simply because they are a “nuisance” then it follows that soon they will not have to listen to their constituents, because that would also be a nuisance. If you make it so citizens cannot protest on a university campus, which have been longstanding places of peaceful protest, you will be restricting the ability of citizens to exercise their ability to affect change in our city, country, and society.

Furthermore, a provincial law blocking protest access within 50 metres of surgical centres, clinics, and hospitals already exists, as do legislation and bylaws for protests that block access to these essential services - they simply need to be enforced. Additionally, laws that encompass unacceptable protester behaviour, such as harassing families, specific ethnicities, and religious groups, already exist - they simply need to be enforced. We already have the tools in our toolbox to combat the issues targeted by this bylaw. The addition of this bylaw to this metaphorical toolbox would be like trying to fix your glasses with a power drill - it’s simply not the right thing for the job, and will end up causing more harm than good.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
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Committee you want to address
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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I strongly appose banning protesting in the city! Having our voices silenced destroys trust within our governments. We all know non-violent action is how major movements have succeeded in the past and in order to continue evolving to what we the people need, we need to be able to voice it through protests.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Dani

Last name
Wenger

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:26

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Overreach, curbs free speech, trying to pull a fast one, nice try.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Daniel

Last name
Buchanan

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
The right to protest and voice discontent is an important part of our democracy. We see our neighbours to the south plummet into authoritarianism and we do not need to be moving in the same direction up here.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Daniel

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Item No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
We are the city of the 1919 general strike. This made conditions better for workers everywhere, including members of this council. Placing limits on protest is a dangerous president, especially in the worldwide context.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:38

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
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Signed,
Daniel Keding

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Daniel

Last name
Keding

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I have deep concerns about the motives and impacts of this legislation. Our country already has hate laws that address hateful and violent speech, which makes them illegal regardless of the chosen location of protest. This law would only serve to limit Winnipeggers' right to peaceful free speech as provided by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. This prohibition can be used to silence already marginalized communities. This bylaw will inevitably lead to the use of "community centres" and other "vulnerable infrastructure" as a shield to criticism. It does not matter whether you or I agree with the content of that expression. People have a right to feel safe, not necessarily a right to feel comfortable.

If your community centre, school, or place of worship hosts an event promoting hatred towards a marginalized community, perhaps the members who feel unsafe should be joining the protestors outside rather than lobbying the city to limit legal and peaceful expression.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

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Daniel

Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Committee, I am vehemently opposed to the proposed "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure" bylaw, both in premise and in wording.
In its premise, Evan Duncan has referenced events unfolding in the United States: "The chaos that is unfolding south of us right now is a clear indicator that it's coming our way and if we don't put these things in place to stop that, it's going to be your neighborhood next, it's going to be your place of worship next. And we don't want that to happen." As a US Citizen myself and someone who's only one degree of separation from Alex Pretti, a victim of fascist violence and government overreach, I urgently beg you to consider the alarming deduction of Councillor Duncan's reasoning: by drafting a By-Law that restricts protests and increases the enforcement capabilities of police in Winnipeg, it seems that his conclusion of what's happening in the US is that citizens are in the wrong for upholding their rights and protecting each other, and that they should submit to constitutional violations and kidnappings at the hands of masked, fascist thugs. He is placing the blame of violence and destruction upon the victims and not the perpetrators. We already have established parameters for assembly and protest. Why would we allow this kind of poisonous ideology to influence the way our wonderful city is governed? If any Canadian is wondering how the violence and division that's happening in the States could happen here, it's through this kind of legislating to erode our Rights and Freedoms.
In its wording, this proposed bylaw is reckless in its ambiguity. What can be considered a "nuisance" is astonishingly subjective and reaches far beyond protests. Under its umbrella, many of the kinds of gatherings and community initiatives that make Winnipeg a vibrant, connected city could be expunged, or at least subject to harassment. Even bystanders could be subject to fines, which alarmingly discourages engagement and dialogue between differing opinions, for risk of association. Living in community is often inconvenient, uncomfortable and sometimes disruptive, but that's necessary and normal in a society that is continuing to grow and connect with each other. This bylaw is too

dubious in its distinction between inconvenience and discomfort versus actual harm. While the current members of Winnipeg's government might not use this bylaw to the full extent of its harmful potential, it leaves the door wide open for future harm. I might not agree with Councillor Duncan's conclusion, but I do agree that we need to learn from the events down South.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:25

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,

Daniel Ross

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
Daniel

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Daniela Barrera

Public engagement (optional)

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Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This bylaw threatens the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. Since existing laws already prohibit violence and the incitement of hatred, the bylaw is unnecessary.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
The by-law proposal as it stands is too broad and is likely unconstitutional. The term "nuisance protest" is non-specific and could be weaponized in an undemocratic way too easily. This by-law if enacted would represent a real threat to the freedoms and rights of Winnipeg residents to protest peacefully and does little to nothing to protect the public that isn't already available to WPS through current legislation.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:23

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Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Danielle Northam

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Danielle

Last name
Northam

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,
Danielle Sheedy

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Danielle

Last name
Sheedy

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Danika

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Danika

Last name
Coulthard

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable infrastructure bi-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Peaceful protesting is a right, and it is unethical to strip this away. It is unacceptable.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Danika

Last name
Hanson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,
Danny Corrigan

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Danny

Last name
Corrigan

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to the proposed by-law as it violates our right to peaceful protest, free speech, and human rights. The proposed by-law has the potential to be used for great harm against any cause its executors deem a “nuisance,” which is unspecific and subject to personal biases, be they racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic, or otherwise bigoted.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Daphne

Last name
Finlayson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Canadians have and should remain to exercise the right to peaceful protest which is included in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. This by-law is infringing upon that right.
Canada/Winnipeg is currently a democracy and I would like to keep it that way. This by-law is one step closer to making our city a Totalitarian Regime and this is simply put, wrong.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Darci

Last name
Michaels

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Darcy

Last name
Gosek

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 00:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7, Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Daria Magnus-Walker

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Daria

Last name
Magnus-Walker

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infastructure BY-law

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Signed,
Darian Allen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Darian

Last name
Allen

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am writing with the deepest concerns regarding the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. As we look south of our border, we see how fundamental democratic rights of freedom of speech and freedom of association can be eroded under the umbrella of "public safety". Without going into detail, there are currently laws existing to address safety concerns which can be applied, especially "intimidation". As for "nuisance", though annoying it is well within the scope of free expression. Much is said these days that I find a nuisance (see Alberta) at this critical time - but I recognize their right to express their opinions publicly in a venue that will be heard by decision makers and stakeholders.

Today, looking south (and a bit to the west) the importance of our Canadian Constitution and Charter of Rights and Freedoms could not be more clear. Despite what your lawyers have said, I doubt much of what is proposed will ultimately pass the Oakes Test (R. v. Oakes, [1986], see https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/rfc-dlc/ccrf-ccdl/check/art1.html), especially regarding '"Minimal Impairment": ... The government will be required to show that there are no less rights-impairing means of achieving the objective “in a real and substantial manner”'. Given existing laws, this will be difficult. It will also be hard to argue that a "nuisance" to the status quo is a "legislative goal pressing and substantial". Especially since what is a nuisance to some will be a vital concern to others. For example, consider accommodations for accessibility in public and work spaces. Will demonstrations highlighting inadequacies of current accommodation occurring at the offending public places be possible under this framework? I think not.

We critically need discourse and public expression beyond "controlled" environments where what is said and discussed can be limited, or worse directly regulated. There is no free democracy without free discourse.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Darren

Last name
Gillis

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Feb. 17, 2026. Item 7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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Signed,
Darryl Loewen

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Darryl

Last name
Loewen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Davey F. Cole

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Davey

Last name
Cole

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,

David Bergen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
David

Last name
Bergen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Agenda Item: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
To the Executive Policy Committee,

I write to you today in complete shock at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would shamefully limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.
As a proud out-member of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, I take this sort of legislation as an attack on myself as a queer person, and my community as a whole.

If passed, I am well aware (hello, USA!!!) that this by-law will not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited.
Masking a discriminatory law as protection for infrastructure is the kind of racist classist rhetoric used by U.S. Republican "Leaders" that will eventually land them all in prison.

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Signed,
David Corby

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
David

Last name
Corby

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
My name is David Driedger. I am an ordained minister with Mennonite Church Manitoba and Leading Minister of First Mennonite Church of Winnipeg. Under this proposed by-law the building my congregation worships in would restrict 'nuisance demonstrations'.
I have mixed feelings about this bill. For over a year I helped maintain a sacred fire on the Manitoba Legislative Grounds in honour of those children who never returned from Indian Residential Schools. This was led primarily by 2Spirit Indigenous youth. During that time the Freedom Convoy also set up camp in this area protesting the government's COVID restrictions. Ultimately the MB government considered us both a nuisance. Our camp was bulldozed without notice in the early morning citing 'health and safety' issues. I do not know how the Convoy camp was dispersed. I would argue these demonstrations were fundamentally different in their aim and purpose but they could easily be collapsed together as a 'nuisance' by the government's understanding.
This tendency to view all disruptive demonstrations the same is a problem under a framework that only understands or accepts 'individual rights' as the highest or greatest priority. This is a problem under the proposed by-law which expands broad discretionary powers for the police over major sections of downtown Winnipeg.

By its own definition some of my sermons would fit the definition of a nuisance of demonstration as I have, often enough, spoken in "objection or disapproval towards an idea, action, person or group based on or related to any specified characteristics."
Specified characteristics are then defined as a person's or group's,
(a) ancestry, including skin colour and perceived race;
(b) ethnic background or origin;
(c) gender, gender identity or gender expression;
(d) marital or family status;
(e) nationality or national origin;

(f) physical or mental disability, or related characteristics or circumstances;
(g) religion or creed, religious belief, religious association or religious activity;
(h) sex or sex-determined characteristics or circumstances, including pregnancy, the possibility of pregnancy or circumstances related to pregnancy;
(i) sexual orientation;
(j) social disadvantage; or
(k) source of income.
I have spoken against the injustices that come with the 'source of income' under capitalism. I have challenged male (gender) and white (perceived race) supremacy. I have challenged Canadian (nationality) identity. This has caused conflict in our church at times (perhaps at times it has even 'incited intolerance' towards Canada as a 'nationality' and capitalism as a 'source of income'). And sometimes I got it wrong. But the church is one site of ongoing contested demonstrations. This is the hard work of communities resisting the use of policing in the face of conflict.
I believe that not *all* individual rights should be upheld in the midst of structural wrongs. This bylaw denies this difference. Who is being served by this by-law? Whose 'rights' are being responded to?

My understanding (and commitment) is that government exists to create laws and institutions that are first accountable to those who suffer most in society. This comes prior to flattening everything to 'individual rights' which can too easily keep injustice in place. I therefore oppose this bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
David

Last name
Driedger

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:38

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Comments
While I agree with the wording of this city hall action, and agree with the outcome suggested, I must remind you that our laws already prohibit this misbehavior. It is clear to everyone that the city has chosen to not enforce those laws.
Here is a question for those supporting this measure: how can we be assured that protests in violation of any new bylaw will also be ignored by city enforcement?

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
David

Last name

Grant

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 06:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
David Guillas

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
David

Last name
Guillas

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed, David Mckie

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
DAVID

Last name
MCKIE

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I can understand why this type of law could be put in place considering the state of the current world and how much protest has been seen and documented under You-Know-Who's presidency, but a good amount of protests take place within or near educational centers like college campuses or places of worship like churches, and being completely real here, like 70% of Winnipeg could reasonably fall under this law so the amount of space for a demonstration would not be enough, especially if something really was wrong with our government.

Which, I haven't personally seen yet, but it's better to have the space needed than not have it at all.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
David

Last name
Whitford

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
To whom it may concern;

I am deeply concerned by the proposal to effectively limit protest in Winnipeg. There are Charter issues here; what is being proposed might very well be contravening Canadian law at its highest level. There's the obvious and unsettling parallels in protestor crackdowns that we're seeing in the United States against anti-ICE protestors, not to mention international cases like Russia. There's Winnipeg's proud history as a city that champions human rights—we are the city of Louis Riel, and we have a massive museum dedicated to human rights that is an important tourist attraction.

So I am not only alarmed, but baffled. Everything about this flies in the face of what it means to be a Winnipeger and a Canadian right now, aligning with American politics—which Winnipegers are staunchly against at a civic and legislative level—to a jaw-dropping degree.

This all connects to me on a really personal level. During the trucker protests, I lived very close to the Legislative building. I remember when they got a train horn, I remember being scared to leave my apartment, I remember the constant din and the feeling that my life was being overtaken. I understand intimately the annoying and sometimes damaging effects of "nuisance protests" but I absolutely reject the idea that the passing of this proposal would be a net good.

I don't know how many protests in the name of any number of human rights causes you've attended as a participant, but the ones I've been to in Winnipeg have been characterized by interactions and conversations with passionate, articulate people who want a better world for our kids, and who want to discuss important ideas in the public square. Places

like universities, or city hall, are essential sites of public discussion—limiting those discussions would be disastrous for this city's heartbeat and identity. It also won't work—people will continue to protest, pay the fines, then do it again. The passion of people in this city for a better world means they won't allow themselves to stay benched; this proposal has already been subject to media coverage and it will continue to be if it is passed, because it would be a massive blunder for this city council that will significantly harm public trust and will get rehashed every time it's enforced. We're an elbows-up town and that's a huge part of what makes Winnipeg a wonderful place to live.

I imagine you're getting a lot of mail about this one; that's because it matters what you do, because Winnipegers believe in the right to speak our ideas publicly, even when we disagree. I've never written in about a policy before, but because this one so broadly affects Winnipegers' ability to participate in the democratic process, which will in turn affect ALL policy-making going forwards in this city, not to mention our charter-protected rights to protest and speak about the urgent issues of our country and time, it felt crucial to write in.

There is a literal monument to the 1919 General Strike across the street from City Hall. I hope and trust that the Executive Policy Committee brought this forward with the best interests in mind, but that you will honour Winnipeg's history and present commitment to building a better world, however we can.

Sincerely,
Davis Plett
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Davis

Last name
Plett

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Protests are a necessary function of our democracy and this bill only serves to limit them. I believe that if passed, it will be leveraged unfairly against already marginalized groups to prevent them from organizing.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Dawson

Last name
Knight

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:46

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
As an active citizen of this city, who believes that I have a right to peacefully and publicly express myself, I am deeply disappointed in Winnipeg's city council for considering this draconian and undemocratic by-law. Why, especially in these tumultuous times, would our city attack one of the most basic rights of Canadians? We should be celebrating and supporting the people who participate in our democracy by peacefully protesting. There are already laws in place to ensure that protesters are not infringing on others comfort and safety. Do we want to be seen as a city that cracks down on demonstrations and attempts to quash differences in expression and opinion? Or, should Winnipeg support a healthy and thriving public discourse?

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Dawson

Last name
Reynolds

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Dayna Goudie
River Heights,

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Dayna

Last name
Goudie

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7 : Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law." Specifically Section (3) of the proposed by-law that would prohibit so-called "nuisance demonstrations." I believe the provisions of the proposed by-law are fundamentally flawed.

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees in section (2) that freedom of "opinion and expression" and "freedom of peaceful assembly" are fundamental freedoms enjoyed by all Canadians. Any law or by-law that proposes to place limitations on those rights should only do so in exceptional cases, such as in the case of hate speech under section (318) of the Criminal Code of Canada (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46). The definition of a "nuisance demonstration" as described in the proposed by-law limits actions against persons with "specified characteristics," as defined in the proposed by-law. Such actions are already illegal under section (318) of the Criminal Code. The proposed by-law adds no new protections beyond what is already limited under the Criminal Code of Canada (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46).

However, the use of the term "nuisance demonstration" has the potential of being applied more broadly to any gathering to which some individual(s) object. It might easily be used to limit expression in opposition to actions of elected officials, official persons (such as inappropriate actions of law enforcement), or public gatherings seeking to advancing social justice. One need only look to the recent social upheaval in the United States where the U.S. federal administration has used incendiary labels to limit dissent and curtail fundamental freedoms. Canada is better than that. We must ensure that any proposed by-law is not open to similar abuse. I am deeply concerned that the provisions of this proposed by-law could be manipulated to suppress freedoms of expression and assembly that are guaranteed under section (2) of the Charter, while adding no new protections that

are not already addressed by laws already enacted.

As identified above, the key provisions of the proposed by-law (sections (3) and (4)) are already covered by other legislation. Specifically, the Criminal Code of Canada (R.S.C., 1985, c. C-46) makes hate speech or promoting hate, including antisemitism, a criminal offence under section (318). Threats of violence or acts of intimidation are already criminal offences under section (423) of the Criminal Code. Similarly, obstruction of traffic is also illegal under section (423) of the Criminal Code.

In summary, this proposed by-law provides nothing but an opportunity for Charter rights to be curtailed unnecessarily and inappropriately. For the reasons stated above, I strongly urge that this proposed by-law not be approved.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
McNeill

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Freedom of Peaceful Assembly is a Fundamental Freedom in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Debbie

Last name
Dann

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Deborah

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Deborah

Last name
Mahuji

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item #7, Safe Access of Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Winnipeg City Council

I'm writing to you today with my deep concern, and to express my opposition to Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law --- which would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

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Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) “Human Rights City” since 2018.

This proposed by-law is counterproductive, regressive, and fundamentally at odds with human rights. Winnipeg cannot claim to uphold human rights, reconciliation, equity, or UNDRIP on one hand, and then silence the very people who have historically had to rely on public protest to be seen and heard on the other.

Winnipeg has not advanced human rights because power voluntarily listened. Progress has happened because of grassroots advocacy, because people showed up, because voices were raised in public spaces when formal systems failed them.

Indigenous peoples.
Families of MMIWG2S+.
Disability advocates.
Anti-racism organizers.
Community members demanding accountability.

These movements were not “nuisances.”
They were necessary.

This proposed by-law does not simply protect access to services. As drafted, it restricts peaceful protest and expression based on location alone, across large parts of the city, near the very institutions where decisions are made. That is not how democracy works. That is how dissent is managed and minimized.

It is also critical to name who this by-law actually protects.
The only clear exemption written into the law is for lawful labour disputes and collective bargaining. In other words, people who are already employed, unionized, and inside formal capitalist systems retain protected avenues to be heard.

Those who are unemployed, precariously employed, excluded, harmed, or ignored by institutions do not.

That creates a two-tier system of voice.
If you are inside the system, your dissent is legitimate.
If you are outside it, your visibility becomes a problem.
That is not equity. That is hierarchy.

And we must talk about who is given the power to enforce this silence.
This by-law places sweeping discretion in the hands of City enforcement staff and police, the very institutions many communities are protesting because they have not been listened to. It gives public officials the authority to shut down people exercising their rights, even when those people are responding to arbitrary, exclusionary, or discriminatory practices by the same systems now empowered to penalize them.

When your aim is to silence people whose only remaining tool is public protest, especially when institutional channels have already failed them, that's control. Human rights are not advanced quietly behind closed doors. They are advanced when people are visible, vocal, and impossible to ignore.

When you are not seen, you are not heard.
When you are not heard, your rights are not protected.

So who is this really protecting?

It is not marginalized communities.
It is not people shut out of decision-making.
It is not those seeking accountability.

It protects power, not people.

A city cannot say it supports human rights while criminalizing the methods that have historically been required to enforce them.

If Winnipeg is serious about equity, reconciliation, and its human rights obligations, it must choose accountability over comfort and democracy over silence.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely,
Deborah Narine

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Deborah

Last name
Narine

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
The proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-law is government overreach that stifles the freedom of expression guaranteed by the Canadian Constitution.

“In light of the trouncing of rights in the U.S., with ICE protesters being detained killed, the timing of this proposed legislation is chilling. Does this bylaw set us on a potential path in this direction?

My objections include:

1. “Nuisance Protest” is a disarmingly vague term, open to broad interpretation and ripe for shutting down uncomfortable opposition.
2. Analysis by others using City of Winnipeg mapping data reveals that 17% of the city would be subject to restrictions, including City Hall and university campuses and other significant places where Winnipeggers have historically used their democratic voice in protest.
3. There is a $5,000 fine for violating this broadly worded bylaw, which would be an onerous burden on marginalized citizens who have felt pushed out of the mainstream political process and resort to public protest to be heard.

This bylaw is poised to allow the government to discount and silence marginalized and otherwise “inconvenient” voices in their favour. It is an undemocratic and gravely concerning step that I hope the City Council will vote against.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Deborah

Last name
Zanke

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
To the Executive Policy Committee

I stand in opposition to this proposed bylaw. This bylaw does nothing to protect vulnerable people and does everything to silence the marginalized folks in this city from expressing their discontent in peaceful ways.

The Right to Expression and Peaceful Assembly is a charter protected right. Canadian Civil Liberties Associations have warned that this is an authoritarian move, aimed at curtailing the voices of the people.

Fascism does not roll in with a train of emaciated folks. It comes in through bureaucracy and by laws, exactly like this. It comes in silently, pretending to help the people, pretending to the "vulnerable". But who does this bylaw actually protect?

Laws exist to protect property. Laws exist against hate crimes. Therefore, laws already exist to punish protestors who cause property damage or engage in hate crimes. So this law doesn't not "protect" vulnerable infrastructure.

What it protects is the people hiding behind these buildings to engage in unlawful activity, criminal proceedings, and unjust and unfair practices. Protests are not against buildings, they're often against ideas, ideologies, and actions.

This law seeks to protect such unlawful and unfair actions while penalizing those who stand in opposition to this slide into intolerance. This law seeks to illegal land sales in synagogues. This law seeks to protect discriminatory staff, unjust and unfair administrators at schools, colleges, universities, and hospitals. It seeks to protect corrupt

politicians who refuse to engage with their constituents. This law seeks to protect war criminals who have been using Winnipeg as a playground for their fascist propaganda. It seeks to protect law enforcement agents who overstepped their powers and terrorist their own communities.

This law gives powerful people even more power over the citizens. And seeks to silence those who opposed this power grab. Evan Duncan says this protects his people? Whoa are his people? His constituents are here, opposing this move. Are his people the group who benefits from silencing marginalized voices?

We should not be entertaining this bylaw. This bylaw gives discretionary powers to the local government and to the law enforcement agents to label any dissent they disagree with as unlawful. The fines are extortionately high- 500-5000 dollars for third offence. For what? Holding a sign near a govt building?

To the people supporting this bylaw:
You exist as part of society too. Protest is not an inconvenience, it is part and parcel of living with other people under systems that are not designed to be fair to all. What you are here supporting is your privilege, not your rights. You want your privilege protected at the cost of other people's rights. You should all be ashamed of yourself.

I firmly opposed this proposed bylaw. I urge the council to drop all consideration of this bylaw forever.

Deepthi Mohan
St Nobert- Seine River

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Deepthi

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Mohan

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:25

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Deidre Miller

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Deidre

Last name
Miller

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:16

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
D. Rooney

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 01:03

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Signed,
Delaney Chan

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Delaney

Last name
Chan

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear executive policy committe, I'm writing to you to express my disgust towards this law you're thinking of installing. As Canadians we stand proud that we are a 1st world country with the basic human right of voting and protest. To all the women that are helping in this law I hope you give up your chair because you are unworthy of sitting in it if this is the way you're gonna thank the women that came before us, the only way you are able to be in the position you are in today is because of the protest for womens rights. Other countries respect us for doing good and standing for the right side. Installing this would be such a disgrace to the Canadian belief of honouring human rights, because you are punishing the people who fight for the rights of the LGBTQIA+, POC, the environment, the rights of women, the rights of people with disability, the rights of children, the rights of animals, the rights of our FELLOW MANITOBANS! I'm especially disgusted that this is happening in Manitoba, the province with their only tourist attraction being the HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUM! It is sooo ironic. You guys are acting like the government of Alberta and Quebec right now and it's really shameful and disappointing. Shame on you. Do Better.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Protesting

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
your full name
your location (your Ward and/or postal code)

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Delyka

Last name
Juenke

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Demeter Van Vliet Vaisius

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Demeter

Last name
Van Vliet Vaisius

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
new proposed bylaw restricting 'nuisance demonstrations"

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
As an elderly citizen of this City, I wish to express my opposition to City's proposed By-Law to create a 100 metre buffer zone prohibiting demonstrations around schools, hospitals, community centres and places of worship. The right to protest is a fundamental tenent of democracy that is protected through sections 2b and 2c of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. While I appreciate the need to ensure safety and access to public services, the proposed bylaw greatly overreaches. I have learned from various sources that if enacted the proposed by-law
- Could prohibit demonstrations on nearly 17 per cent of all of Winnipeg's lands
- Could prohibit demonstrations on all of our university campuses
- Could prohibit demonstrations along most of Portage Avenue and much of Main Street
- Incredibly, could prohibit demonstrations in the courtyard of city hall, on a portion of the legislative grounds and even the in front of the Premier's constituency office
- and might even restrict group bike rides undertaken by Bike Winnipeg and other organizations.
What if this by-law had been in place in Minneapolis, how much harder would it have made it for the citizens of Minneapolis to express their indignation and disgust about ICE's actions, among other things, through legitimate protests and marches in high profile locations.
I encourage Executive Policy Committee to completely revisit this matter and come up with a solution to the problem you are trying to address that does not violate our Charter Rights and is not as physically expansive.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is far too broad, that will close any opportunities for democratic expression. Please re-consider narrowing the scope considerably.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I'm opposed to the proposed bylaw, for all of the reasons that have been expressed more eloquently by others. These include limiting freedoms of expression that push for social change, vigils, and response to hate.

Other concerns I have are the possibility of police overreach, and the effects of creating a 100-metre protest-free zone around "vulnerable" infrastructure. Specifically, pushing protesters back 50 metres from the extant 50-metre zone could well result in protesters taking up station in the vicinity of other such infrastructure. A protest near a given medical facility might result in protesters forming up in front of a school, or place of worship.

Any such issues such as ensuring unencumbered public access to such infrastructure are already addressed in existing laws and by-laws.

Increasing fines may only serve to further impoverish those who have to money to pay escalating fines, but feel a need to raise their voices against injustice. Needing to be heard shouldn't require paying fines.

I urge you all to consider our rights for freedom of expression. At the very least, agree to take more time to consider all the potential deleterious ramifications of passing this by-law.

Thank You.

Signed
Dennis Hudyma

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Dennis

Last name
Hudyma

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
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Villanueva

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Derek

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Derek Myhre

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Derek

Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This legislation is too broad for a free and democratic society. It allows the city to decide who is allowed to protest and what is allowed to be protested against.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Derek

Last name
Voth

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:45

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Desiree Heipel.
Winnipeg, MB.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Desiree

Last name
Heipel

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Devin Jarrett Delaney

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Devin

Last name
Delaney

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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protects its citizens rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.
The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.
This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of right and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligation to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations by-law.
Signed,
Devin Slippert

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Devin

Last name
Slippert

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed of the recommendations in reference to our Canadian rights of Section 2(b) and (c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights.

Section 2(b) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees freedom of thought, belief, opinion, and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication. It protects any activity that conveys or attempts to convey meaning, such as speaking, writing, art, and protest, provided it does not involve violence. Section 2(b) ensures individuals can express themselves without fear of government censorship. Most importantly, as courts have determined that the right to protest government action lies at the very core of this freedom. While section 2(c) specifically protects "freedom of peaceful assembly," Canadian courts often treat protest as an aspect of freedom of expression under 2(b) because the purpose of assembly is usually to communicate a message.

I find it extremely disheartening that the government wants to go agaisnt fundamental freedoms that represent core principles in our Canadian Constitution.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Devin

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 06:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
AGENDA #7 SAFE ACCESS TO VULNERABLE INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is a direct human rights violation of the right to peaceful protest. Absolutely unacceptable. Mandating small bubbles to be able to access buildings such as hospitals is a different matter, but that legislation already exists. 100m is much too over reaching, especially when it involves universities, city hall, and most of downtown. Do not pass this.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Dezmond

Last name
Wise

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:17

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7 – Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
To the Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

I write not only as a resident of Winnipeg, but as an Indigenous woman whose ceremonies have been publicly misunderstood and formally mislabeled.

At Lemay Forest in St. Norbert, I carried ceremony. We prayed. We fasted. We gathered in accordance with Indigenous law and responsibility to land. That sacred work was at times described and treated as protest.

It was not protest.
It was ceremony.

Yet the language used to describe our presence shaped how institutions responded.

I have since received federal acknowledgment recognizing my role in ceremony and land-based gathering connected to Lemay Forest. That recognition affirmed what we already knew — that this work was cultural, spiritual, and lawful within Indigenous tradition.

This is why I oppose the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects freedom of peaceful

assembly and expression.
Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 affirms existing Aboriginal and treaty rights.

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples affirms our right to practice ceremony and maintain our spiritual traditions in community. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action calls on governments at all levels to adopt UNDRIP as the framework for reconciliation.

If a municipal by-law creates buffer zones and enforcement discretion without explicitly distinguishing intimidation from Indigenous ceremony, then history tells us who will bear the consequences.

Who decides whether a drum is disruptive?
Who interprets prayer as pressure?
Who labels Indigenous presence as protest?

At Lemay Forest, ceremony was targeted through language before it was ever evaluated through understanding.

Public space is often the only space where Indigenous peoples can fulfill responsibility to land, ancestors, and future generations. Discomfort is not intimidation. Ceremony is not obstruction.

If Winnipeg is committed to reconciliation, then any law restricting proximity to institutions must:

- Explicitly protect Indigenous ceremony and cultural gathering
- Include safeguards against disproportionate enforcement
- Demonstrate meaningful consultation consistent with UNDRIP Article 19
- Ensure that definitions of intimidation are narrow, objective, and evidence-based

Reconciliation is not symbolic. It is structural.

When ceremony is mislabeled as protest, democracy is weakened.
When cultural presence is treated as threat, trust erodes.

I urge this Committee to pause this by-law until protections for Indigenous spiritual practice are clearly written and consultation has occurred.

I will not allow ceremony to be mistaken for disorder again.

Respectfully,
Diane Bousquet
Shining Flowering Thunderbird Woman

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Diane

Last name
Bousquet

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I am very concerned that Council is considering a by-law that could infringe on my Charter rights -- especially in light of the Courts determination that the Federal government had exceeded it's authority in applying the Emergency Act for the infamous trucker convoy blockade in Ottawa!
Please, you were elected to thoughtfully find solutions for the many challenges our Winnipeg faces - and to be clear, this by-law is not one of them!!!
So, I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Diane Sabourin

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Diane

Last name
Sabourin

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Dianne

Last name
San Juan

Submitted: Tue, 02/10/2026 - 21:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to the above-noted proposal as it is an undemocratic and unnecessary restriction on Winnipeg citizens' constitutional right to freedom of peaceful assembly and protest.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Dominique

Last name
Wightman

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This proposal is overly broad and violates the charter right to freedom of peaceful assembly.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Donavyn

Last name
Nelson

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The proposed by-law would restrict our charter of rights protecting freedom of expression and lawful assembly. Winnipeg citizens should continue to be free to advocate for social policy changes, as we have in the past. Rallies and Public demonstrations have helped to win rights for workers, tenants, protect the environment, as well as many other social justice changes. Peaceful protests are a cornerstone for democracy, and attempts to limit this kind of freedom of expression mimics what we have been witnessing by the governing party in the United States.
It is incumbent on the executive policy committee to reject any further consideration of the proposed demonstration by-law, uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Donna

Last name
Minkus

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am taken aback by the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. I am concerned that a by-law such as this is not only too vague but also labels as "nuisance" those who have significant concerns to raise with elected officials and government associated organizations. People who gather in this way do not do so lightly and are acting within our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

Peaceful gathering and protest by the public have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free

speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the United States, I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter, protect our democracy, and listen to the voices of those who choose to raise their concerns publicly in peaceful protest, wherever it makes the most sense. These are often folks who are vulnerable (along with their allies) and need to be heard.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely,
Dori Zerbe Cornelsen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Dori

Last name
Zerbe Cornelsen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is a despicable attack upon democracy, freedom of speech and assembly, and our basic civil liberties. Living in a democracy our ability to communicate and share ideas and opinions is paramount. By limiting people's ability to affect social change you are limiting societies opportunities for growth and change especially regarding marginalized communities. This may frame itself as a move for law and order, but so is every action taken in the name of fascism, so we must be cautious in how power is applied.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Dorian

Last name

Zaharia

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Dorice

Last name
Tepley

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Doug Brownridge

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Doug

Last name
Brownridge

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safw Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Doug MacDonald

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Douglas

Last name
MacDonald

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I do not support making it illegal to hold peaceful protests near so-called “vulnerable city infrastructure.”

As a Winnipeg citizen and physician who works within essential public systems, I understand the importance of safety, continuity of services, and protecting critical infrastructure. Hospitals, water systems, transit hubs, and civic buildings must remain accessible and secure. However, broadly prohibiting protests in proximity to these sites risks undermining fundamental democratic freedoms protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, including freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Public spaces near government and civic infrastructure are often precisely where citizens seek to be heard. Creating wide or vaguely defined “no-protest zones” could have a chilling effect on lawful, peaceful civic engagement. The term “vulnerable infrastructure” is also potentially overbroad and open to interpretation, which may lead to inconsistent enforcement and unnecessary escalation between demonstrators and authorities.

Importantly, Winnipeg already has laws and bylaws that address obstruction, trespassing, mischief, harassment, and threats to public safety. These tools allow authorities to intervene when conduct crosses the line into illegality without restricting peaceful, non-violent expression. Rather than imposing blanket prohibitions, the City should focus on proportionate, narrowly tailored measures that ensure access to critical services while respecting civil liberties.

A resilient city is not one that limits dissent, but one that manages it safely and lawfully. Protecting infrastructure and protecting democratic rights are not mutually exclusive goals. I encourage Council to prioritize clear enforcement of existing laws and dialogue-

based approaches over new restrictions that may unintentionally erode public trust and constitutional freedoms.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Dr Paeta

Last name
Lehn

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
item: 7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is limiting free speech all over Winnipeg, and a callous attempt by local Zionists to prevent pro-Palestine demonstrations.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Dr. Erin

Last name
Weinberg

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
protest ban

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 01:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This has the potential to be dangerous and flexed in the wrong ways. As a citizen of Winnipeg I do not support this by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Drew

Last name
Barrow

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access To Vulnerable Infrastructure By Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am copy and pasting the words of fellow community members that I agree with wholeheartedly. They have conveyed my emotions about the bill in a polite manner.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Drew Riekman

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Drew

Last name
Riekman

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Dryden Budd

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Dryden

Last name
Budd

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 02:13

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Duha Wall

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Duha

Last name
Wall

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The right to peaceful protest is included in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. This by-law is infringing upon that right. Canada/Winnipeg is currently a democracy and I would like to keep it that way. This by-law is one step closer to making our city a Totalitarian Regime and this is simply wrong.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Dulcy

Last name
Arden

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
D. Kirkpatrick

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Duncan

Last name
Kirkpatrick

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:17

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Duncan

Last name
Macleod

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is a blatant attack on Winnipeggers' right to peaceful protest. The ability to impose fines on protesters defined as a "nuisance" by the WPS is unacceptable

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Duncan

Last name
Murta

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 08:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7: safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Dunja Kovacevic
R3L 0V6

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Dunja

Last name
Kovacevic

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Dustin

Last name
Pernitsky

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Peaceful assembly and protest is how we make sure that our voices are heard. It is how we support one another, grieve and heal together, build community, and remember our interconnectedness as a city. In a time where we are bombarded by constant grief and horrors on the news and on our phones, coming together to organize is key in not crumbling into isolation and overwhelm. This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

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How can we hold our countries only Human Rights Museum, a museum that celebrates movements of social change, while criminalizing our city's right to organize? The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm under-served groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change. This is one of the most accessible ways for underserved groups to make their voices heard. If you care about upholding justice and politics that reflects the needs of our city's people, why would you take away our main way to communicate our needs and issues that need attention?

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If you benefit from the eight hour work day or enjoy weekends, you can thank a protest. Some may see these demonstrations as a nuisance, but I can guarantee that dealing with traffic comes no where close to the 'nuisance' our under-served communities are experiencing. We stand together even in our brutal winters not because we 'want to', it's because we have to. I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Dylan Carr

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Dylan

Last name
Carr

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
If you suppress peaceful protest, the alternative becomes the only option remaining. Winnipeg will not stay silent if this by-law is passed. Save yourself the trouble, use common sense, and do not pass this.

-Dylan Delaat

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Dylan

Last name
Delaat

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Dylan Hunter

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Dylan

Last name
Hunter

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Protest ban

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Absolutely undemocratic, I strongly oppose this as a taxpayer in Winnipeg. Embarrassing that this is even up for debate.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Dylan

Last name
MacDonald

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:19

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Eddie Jz

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Eddie

Last name
Jz

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Action to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Eddie Wright

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Eddie

Last name
Wright

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 06:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am not necessarily opposed to preventing protests blocking access to healthcare. But protest bubbles around all hospitals, schools, and cultural places severely limits people's ability to protest. A protest being within 100 meters of these places is no threat to public safety.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Eddrick

Last name
Higginson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Eden

Last name
Carter

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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Signed,
Eden Funk

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Eden

Last name
Funk

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Edyn LeDrew

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Edyn

Last name
LeDrew

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:26

Delegation information

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Signed,

Efrel Cabaguio

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Efrel

Last name
Cabaguio

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:42

Delegation information

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to oppose the proposed “Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.” The vague terms like “nuisance” and “intimidating” give excessive discretion to police and bylaw officers to shut down peaceful protests, despite existing laws already addressing violence and hate. This risks violating Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.
The bylaw’s broad exclusion zones and harsh fines of up to $5,000 will discourage ordinary residents from participating in lawful civic action and may be applied selectively against marginalized communities. I urge Council to reject this regressive bylaw and protect democratic rights in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ehsan

Last name
Koohpayehzadeh Esfahani

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:31

Delegation information

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Signed,
Elan Beveridge

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Elan

Last name
Beveridge

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:02

Delegation information

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Signed,
Eli Bird

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Eli

Last name
Bird

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7, safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bilaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Everyone has a right to be heard, this is way overkill. It is not necessary to ban so many places from protesting - this bill doesn't function to protect people, it functions to silence them. We need to hear from the public what they want / need, or else we are headed towards a dictatorship. I don't agree with all Canadians all the time, but I would rather hear their opposition than have them be silenced. The right to protest is a right to be heard, a council that can't listen to the city is doomed.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Eliesha

Last name
Sullivan

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Elisabeth M.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Elisabeth

Last name
Mouflier

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:47

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Elise Agniel

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Elise

Last name
Agniel

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:36

Delegation information

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Signed,
Elise

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Elise

Last name
Hummelbrunner

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Your request to have power over protests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is NOT acceptable and I do not support it. Complete overreach.

The fact that this is even a discussion is disgusting.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Élise

Last name
Marcoux

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Elise

Last name
Roller

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Sincerely,
Elise Watchorn

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Elise

Last name
Watchorn

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:37

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Eliza

Last name
Binding

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The proposal is worded vaguely as all protests could be seen as a nuisance. This seems like a classicist attack on our more vulnerable citizens who have every right to protest.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Eliza

Last name
Montgomery

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:32

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Eliza

Last name
Wells

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am very concerned about the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. Peaceful, non-violent protest is an essential pilar of democracy.

I am a gay and married. The first pride event would be illegal under these rules. Protests are essential for social change. If the first pride event had not happened in Winnipeg, my queer experience would be much, much worse. Limiting peoples' right to protest makes marginalized peoples' lives worse.

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Hamilton

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Elizabeth

Last name
Hamilton

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 08:17

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Elizabeth

Last name
Reimer

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Sincerely,
Elizabeth-Anne Johnson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Elizabeth-Anne

Last name
Johnson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Peaceful protesting is not a problem. There are tons of things to work on in Winnipeg. It's about time you idiots in power work on the areas that harm people. Protests aren't one of them. Use your brain.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ella

Last name
Cole

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Signed,
Ella Flett-McMahon
University of Winnipeg

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ella

Last name
Flett-McMahon

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Ella Russell

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ella

Last name
Russell

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
E. Steele
Winnipeg Centre

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ella

Last name
Steele

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
If passed, this bylaw would infringe upon Winnipegers charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. Please, do not pass this bylaw

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ellen Charlotte

Last name
McGregor

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:38

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am shocked and alarmed the City of Winnipeg is considering the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. This by-law would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am deeply concerned that this by-law could infringe on constitutional rights, silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would severely limit peaceful protests. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ellen

Last name
Paulley

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 SAFE access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Peaceful protests should never be criminalized!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ellen

Last name
Weenusk

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ellie

Last name
Boisjoli

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to this by-law because it would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. Throughout Canadian history, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Elliot

Last name
Hanowski

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Elliot

Last name
Hasselfield

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Elliott Stewart

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Elliott

Last name
Stewart

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Elly Martin

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Elly

Last name
Martin

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This goes against the constitution of human rights.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Else

Last name
Watt

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely,

Élyse LeBlanc

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Elyse

Last name
LeBlanc

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item #7 Safe Access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Elyse Thiessen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Elyse

Last name
Thiessen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This bylaw is claiming to be in support of vulnerable groups but fails the legitimacy test at face value because Canada already has legislation forbidding hate crimes and incitement. If city council is actually interested in targeting those who incite hatred and violence against marginalized groups then they should join those groups in demanding the enforcement of these laws against bigoted actors. This is something city council has never done nor has expressed any interest in doing; I invite them to reconsider this timid and disinterested stance that currently allows bigots to spread hatred in media, social media and in public without consequence.

what this bylaw will actually do is restrict our essential right to freedom of assembly and expression, and give police sweeping powers to arrest and fine people simply for engaging in acts of civic activism. This is anti-democratic and morally execrable, and needs to be called out for what it is: a shameful example of the global slide towards fascism taking place in our city which we will never accept or tolerate. I condemn those responsible and call for them to resign from office immediately because they are obviously a danger to our democratic rights and should vacate their seats to make way for citizens who are more ethically-equipped to be leaders in a participatory system of equals rather the elitist police state they are trying to force on us with this policy.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ember

Last name
Manson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Peaceful protests should be a right, and if we take this away using vague language that can apply to any protest, we are putting ourselves in danger of not only taking away peoples' voices but putting people in physical danger as well. People will continue to protest, whether they are fined for it or quelled by the police or not. When there is a consequence to this act, one of our only tools to use our voices, it gives rise to more violent protests instead which will be dangerous for those protesting and those policing the protesting alike. It does not solve problems, it creates more. I would rather have a noisy protest marching through the streets than a violent riot and/or resulting police violence any day.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

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Last name
Awuyah

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Signed,

Emèt Hadass Eviatar

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Emèt Hadass

Last name
Eviatar

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Emily

Last name
Brownell

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Signed,

Emily Christine Bergen

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Emily

Last name
Bergen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This bylaw should be very narrow in scope to prevent, for example, protests from blocking access to health care (abortion clinics, hospitals). Instead it is creating huge swaths of our city where protests and other civic gatherings are banned. This is anti democratic and authoritarian.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Emily

Last name
Denton

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:58

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
A concerned citizen as we slip into fascism

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Emily

Last name
Drummond-Truttman

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:26

Delegation information

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Signed,
Emily Dueck

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Emily

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:22

Delegation information

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Signed,

Emily Halldorson

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Emily

Last name
Halldorson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:16

Delegation information

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Signed,
Emily Hunt

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Emily

Last name
Hunt

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda #7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Emily

Last name
Marshall

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:17

Delegation information

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Signed,
Emily Mernett

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Emily

Last name
Mernett

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:14

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Signed, Emily Nigh

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Emily

Last name
Nigh

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:06

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Emily Ostrowsky

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Emily

Last name
Ostrowsky

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:37

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I believe that the right to protest peacefully is a core principle of democracy. The proposed restrictions would excessively impede on that right, making it very difficult to meaningful express or support an opinion through means of peaceful protest.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Emily

Last name
Peters

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

I am a criminal defence lawyer, a transgender woman, and a politically active Winnipegger.

As a criminal defence lawyer, the by-law in question is alarming and likely unconstitutional under s. 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and is likely not saved by s. 1. The right to protest is essential to maintaining freedom in a democratic society and the law as proposed is extremely broad and not minimally impairing.

As a transgender woman and politically active Manitoban, I am extremely concerned that this law would likely prohibit my ability to contest threats to human rights in my community. If there's an anti-transgender speaker at a church or at a university, I would not be able to voice my opposition to that effectively, causing a chilling effect to my rights in Canada broadly. If there's a speaker at a community centre supporting the deterioration of human rights abroad, be it in Gaza, Sudan, Myanmar, or elsewhere, then I would not be able to effectively voice my dissent.

I would also express my concurrence to these concerns expressed elsewhere:

"The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise.Prohibiting 'nuisance demonstrations' within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers

hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting."

In short, I believe this proposal should be wholly rejected. If the policy objectives of this proposed by-law are to be achieved, then it must be approached in a different way that is within the bounds of constitutional law and broader notions of international human rights.

If the City of Winnipeg embarks upon a path against those things, then I know myself and many in my profession will do everything in our power to inhibit it. I do not include this to be dramatic. Our world currently is going through a dramatic decline regarding democratic norms and human rights. It is important that the City of Winnipeg move against that trend, not with it.

Thank you for your consideration,

Emily Peterson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Emily

Last name
Peterson

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my concern due to the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment. Additionally, this By-Law would restrict University professionals and students from holding gatherings on campus as well as advocating for positive change. As we saw in the last proposed strike and the University of Manitoba, students and staff rallied to have a peaceful demonstration that lead to better working conditions for staff thus leading to better educational outcomes for students. With this By-Law in place, that would not have been achieved.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change such as marginalized groups, students, workers, and communities in need of help.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Thank you

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Emily

Last name
Ross

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Emily S

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Emily

Last name
Sinclair

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda #7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Act

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
To whom it may concern,

This Agenda seeks to curtail the Charter rights of Canadians to free expression, assembly, and protest under the guise of civil safety. Winnipeggers are not falling for it. Let's be honest: this is about shielding businesses and bystanders from discomfort. This Agenda, if passed, would effectively prohibit any protests in Winnipeg's downtown area and slap fines on protestors for constitutionally protected activities that would be otherwise free of cost. This is a power move at the expense of ordinary citizens. God forbid citizens have to deal with pesky social issues, like people protesting a genocide or the further centralization of power under Carney's Liberal government. Maybe it would be easier for us all to roll over and die while we witness the genocide in Palestine or the criminal wealth transfer from the lower and middle classes to the 1%, but that doesn't sound as good for an Agenda, so this is what our cowardly councillors will settle for.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Emily

Last name
Witzaney

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:25

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Emily

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:58

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. The Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Emma

Last name
Baron

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I fear this by-law would harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.
This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely,
Emma Carey

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Emma

Last name
Carey

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Protesting is part of a healthy democracy. Please don’t turn us into the USA.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Emma

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Collins

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. Protesting is apart of Winnipegs history, from the Winnipeh general strike and to enact this by-law would be harming the historical rights we built this city on. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment. As a member of these communities I know the detrimental impacts this legislation would have on the people's.
If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. I believe everyone has a right to an opinion and these peaceful protests are the safest way for people to express concern about issues. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg,

which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) “Human Rights City” since 2018.
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Emma Dalgleish

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I believe this proposed by-law is too broad and has limiting implications that could obstruct peaceful protests. Protesting is often disruptive by nature, even the most peaceful protests in history have been considered a "nuisance".

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

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Emma

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Emma Gillich

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Emma

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Gillich

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:17

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Emma

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Emma

Last name
Harper

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am not in support of this bylaw. The definition of nuisance is far too broad, and would allow the city to essentially shut down any protest they simply do not like or find inconvenient, including protests in support of missing and murdered indigenous women, LGBTQ2SI+ rights, or protests against gun violence, for example. Furthermore, this bylaw would restrict protest access from approximately 17% of the total area of the city of Winnipeg, which simply cannot be construed as anything other than a violation of Charter Rights, which enshrine the right of Canadians to protest on public property. The point of protests is that they are inconvenient- they force people to pay attention to issues and allow citizens to express themselves to their elected representatives. If elected representatives are allowed to avoid having to see protests as they go to work at City Hall or the Legislature simply because they are a “nuisance” then it follows that soon they will not have to listen to their constituents, because that would also be a nuisance. If you make it so citizens cannot protest on a university campus, which have been longstanding places of peaceful protest, you will be restricting the ability of citizens to exercise their ability to affect change in our city, country, and society.

Furthermore, a provincial law blocking protest access within 50 metres of surgical centres, clinics, and hospitals already exists, as do legislation and bylaws for protests that block access to these essential services - they simply need to be enforced. Additionally, laws that encompass unacceptable protester behaviour, such as harassing families, specific ethnicities, and religious groups, already exist - they simply need to be enforced. We already have the tools in our toolbox to combat the issues targeted by this bylaw. The addition of this bylaw to this metaphorical toolbox would be like trying to fix your glasses with a power drill - it’s simply not the right thing for the job, and will end up causing more harm than good.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Emma

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bi-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I strongly oppose these recommendations. Limiting the right to protest is an extremely slippery slope. This proposed recommendation is far too broad and infringes upon rights while potentially protecting the morally bankrupt.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Emma

Last name
Pither

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:14

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Executive Policy Committee - Submission
I'm writing this to state my clear opposition to the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By Law.
This by law directly infringes on our Charter protected freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly. Section 2(b) of the Canadian Charter is unambiguous: political expression — including protest — is a fundamental democratic right. Courts across this country have affirmed this repeatedly. In R v. Kopyto, the Court of Appeal called free expression "the very life blood of democracy." We already have legislation that addresses harassment and hate motivated behavior. We do not need a new bylaw that restricts peaceful dissent.
The bylaw also undermines inclusion. People protest at schools, places of worship, and public institutions because those are the places where decisions are made and where harm or discrimination may occur. Redirecting protests away from these locations' silences marginalized communities and weakens their ability to influence the institutions that shape their lives. That is not inclusion — that is exclusion.

The language of the by law is vague, especially around so called “nuisance protests.” Without clear definitions, enforcement becomes subjective. Those who object are penalized, while those who agree are unaffected. That dynamic is divisive, and it erodes trust in public institutions.
And finally, I want to remind us all that many of the rights and public services we enjoy today exist because people protested. The 8 hour workday, weekends, minimum wage, and workers’ compensation came from collective action — including the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike, just steps from where we stand. Women’s right to vote was won through protest. Environmental protections were secured through Indigenous land and water defense. Even our public healthcare system was shaped by public mobilization.
We benefit every day from freedoms that were earned through objection, disruption, and civil disobedience. Supporting a by law that restricts protest while enjoying the rights protest delivered is a moral contradiction.
For these reasons — because it restricts Charter rights, promotes exclusion, and divides our city — I urge you not to adopt this by law.
Thank you.

Submission for a committee of council

Submission letter.docx

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Emmanuela Ejiogu

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Emmanuela

Last name
Ejiogu

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Ban on protests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
A ban on protests is a ban on human right!!!

Our voices matter

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access To Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Enzo Riegel

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Enzo

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Nuisance demonstration by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Sincerely,
Eric Blais

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Eric

Last name
Blais

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Erica

Last name
Flaten

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,
Eric Rae

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Eric

Last name
Rae

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Eric Robb

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Eric

Last name
Robb

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Eric

Last name
Roberts

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Register as a delegation
In person

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Erica McNabb

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Erica

Last name
McNabb

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Members of Council,

I am writing to share my concerns about the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

I understand and support the need for people to safely access schools, healthcare facilities, places of worship, and other important spaces. At the same time, I am worried that creating 100 metre buffer zones around such a wide range of locations could significantly limit where residents are able to gather and express themselves peacefully.

We are living in a time when many people already feel unheard and disconnected from decision makers. Peaceful protest is one of the most important ways ordinary citizens can make their voices known. I am concerned that this by-law, even if well intentioned, may go too far and unintentionally weaken those democratic rights.

I respectfully ask Council to reconsider the scope of this proposal and ensure that any restrictions are carefully balanced so they protect both public access and the fundamental freedoms of Winnipeg residents.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Erik

Last name
McCarthy

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Erika Snifeld

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Erika

Last name
Snifeld

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The right to protest is a cornerstone of a functioning democracy. By introducing new limits to where and how people can protest, it is stripping away this important right. I may not agree with all protests that happen within this city, but I will always defend their right to do it.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Erin

Last name
Daher

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Erin Dolinski

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Erin

Last name
Dolinski

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Erin Evenson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Erin

Last name
Evenson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing with deep concern about how the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law would affect the city of Winnipeg and restrict our charter rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. I am particularly concerned with the broad and unspecified reach of the proposed by-law and the large area of Winnipeg that the buffer zone would include.

Protesting is an important tool for marginalized and oppressed people to advocate for social and policy change. The proposed by-law could silence marginalized voices, limit vigils, rallies, round dances and public demonstrations that have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

For these reasons I am opposed to the recommendations and urge you to drop further consideration of this by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Erin

Last name
Froese

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Register as a delegation_checkbox
Register as a delegation

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Via zoom

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I oppose the notion banning “nuisance” protest. Non violent public protest is an inherent and necessary part of democracy. The propose measure would disproportionately affect marginalized people by effectively silencing them. The measure is deeply un-democratic.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Erin

Last name
Johnston-Weiss

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed bylaw that would require a buffer zone of 100 metres outside of schools, places of worship and other public buildings. I believe that the City of Winnipeg's proposal is too broad, and places an unjustifiable limit on freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly and association.

While I can appreciate that there are locations where protest and rallies may not be appropriate, police already have the power to intervene if protests pose a threat to physical safety or involve harassment or intimidation.

In this moment, as we see our neighbours to the south lose their rights as citizens and residents, to think that jurisdictions in Canada are considering limiting our opportunities to peacefully rally or speak out about issues that are important to community members, is simply unacceptable. None of this is necessary and, ultimately, is a detriment to our democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Erin

Last name
Jonasson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 08:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The right to demonstrate is core to Winnipeg identity and council has no business interfering with that. I am opposed to any bylaw that touches protest matters.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Erin

Last name
Knight

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Erin Mc

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Erin

Last name
McNally

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Erin Regehr

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Erin

Last name
Regehr

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:20

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I was shocked and distressed to read about the City of Winnipeg's proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-law, restricting our charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. I am very strongly opposed to the proposed bylaw.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely,

Erin Sawatzky

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Erin

Last name
Sawatzky

Dear Mr. Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing in strong opposition to Item No. 7, the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law, which significantly overreaches and threatens my rights as guaranteed under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Those rights and freedoms include the right to peaceful assembly (s.2(c)) and freedom of expression (s.2(b)). Those freedoms cannot be restricted if our democracy is to be preserved and protected.

Indeed the right to protest is not simply "permitted" in a democracy—it is essential to the democratic process. Peaceful protest is a primary way in which residents can express dissent, hold governments and leaders accountable, and influence public policy. Broad 100-metre exclusion zones around an extensive list of facilities—including public buildings, schools, community centres, and places of worship—would effectively prohibit legitimate, peaceful demonstrations across a significant portion of the city.

The City's own administrative report confirms this by-law would create wide "no-protest zones" around nearly every major civic institution in Winnipeg. Those restrictions go well beyond addressing harassment or obstruction (which existing laws already cover) and instead create generalized bans that would chill democratic participation by labelling them as "nuisance" protests.

If Council chooses to pass this by-law, I intend to peacefully protest it—an act protected by the Charter—and you can count on seeing me in court to challenge it.

As a journalist, filmmaker and Winnipeg resident I cannot support legislation that undermines my democratic rights, suppresses community dissent, and sets a dangerous precedent for protest restrictions in our city.

Sincerely,

Erna Buffie

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The proposed ban, sited in Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law, doesn't come across as a proposal to protect vulnerable people/places, it reads like censorship and a way to control the population. It's an uncomfortably slippery slope, especially in light of what is happening to our neighbours south of the 49th parallel, to start saying who can gather when and where and say what and for what purpose.

Simply put, the proposed ban on protests for "the expression by any means, including graphic, written or oral, of objection or disapproval towards an idea, action, person or group" in "view of the public" in Winnipeg goes directly against Canada's Freedom of Expression laws. If you are unfamiliar with Canada's Freedom of Expression laws, they are clearly defined here: https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/rfc-dlc/ccrf-ccdl/check/art2b.html

Thank you for your time, please do not go forward with this ban.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Eryn

Last name
Mackenzie

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Esmond Chong

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Esmond

Last name
Chong

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Esteban Seunarine

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Esteban

Last name
Seunarine

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7, Safe Access to Vunrable Infastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The proposal is much too broad and infringes on the right of the populus to protest which is integral to a healthy democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Esther

Last name
Gacheru

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Esther McNairnay

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Esther

Last name
McNairnay

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,

Ethan A. Kolmel

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ethan

Last name
Kolmel

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Ethan Langit

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ethan

Last name
Langit

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:30

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Ethan Osland

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ethan

Last name
Osland

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Eunwoo Baek

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Eunwoo

Last name
Baek

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Colleges and Universities are places where thousands of young adults CHOOSE to pay tens of thousands of dollars to explore drugs, sexuality, and identity. They aren't children under guardianship. They aren't seniors needing care. They don't need coddling and protection from ideas and dissension. These grounds are meant to be a place for young adults to find their voice. What are you teaching them if you tell them it's unlawful to use it? I would ask each council member to look back at their own time in university and then justify why a post-secondary institution for ADULTS should be labelled as "Vulnerable Social Infrastructure".

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Evan

Last name
Bergen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments

Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Evan

Last name
Martin

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee

I write in opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law that is currently being considered by the City of Winnipeg. Marginalized groups have relied on their Charter-protected rights in order to advocate for their freedoms and peacefully gather to express their opinions and beliefs. This by-law will restrict the voices of 2SLGBTQIA+, Racialized and Indigenous communities if passed. I urge to Executive Policy Committee to not pass this by-law.

Signed
Evan Wilson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Evan

Last name

Wilson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:20

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Eve

Last name
Ross Moore

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I think that retracting people's right to protest is infringing on people freedom of speech. We are a democratic country and should be able to freely express our views without fear of a fine. There are events happening within the world that is important to spread awareness for and advocate on behalf of those individuals affected.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Faith

Last name
Bergman

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vunerable Infrastructure By -Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This policy is an infringement of free speech that every Canadian is entitled to. Just because you dont like what they have to say doesnt mean they get their rights removed. It's disappointing to see Winnipeg want to put this through my family has been here for generations and we pride ourselves on activism and protesting which has been built and fostered IN WINNIPEG! going in this direction will be unacceptable and I hope you dont pass this. Many rights were obtained through protesting and its how we move our country forward through expressions. ESSPECIALLY AS THERE IS FASCISM IN THE USA BELOW US IT IS ESSENTIAL WE PROTECT ALL VUNERABLE CITIZENS AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Faith

Last name
Brown

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructures By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am heavily against the idea of banning protests in Winnipeg Manitoba. It is a right our ours and we don’t want that to get taken away from us.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Fallon

Last name
Waddell

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Duntan

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Favour

Last name
OLADEJI

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Limited right to protest sets a dangerous precedent. We already, and quite rightly, have laws against destruction of property, excess noise violation, etc.
These can be used when and if needed.
Limiting the right to assemble is draconian and echoes, far too loudly, the regime south of the border.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Faye

Last name
Tardiff

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

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Sincerely,

Felicity Milne

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Felicity

Last name
Milne

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 04:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Banned protests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Via zoom

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
EPC's #7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Finley

Last name
Allison

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:38

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Fontine Beavis
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Fontine

Last name
Beavis

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,

Fraser Young

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Fraser

Last name
Young

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Freedom Lapuz

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Freedom

Last name
Lapuz

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Anti protest legislation

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Winnipeg residents should be allowed to peacefully protest. Do not make a right nearly impossible.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Freeha

Last name
Comeau

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Gabby Gatbonton

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Gabby

Last name
Gatbonton

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 05:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,

Gabrielle Glowatsky

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Gabby

Last name
Glowatsky

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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As a Winnipeg citizen, I demand that you drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Gabriel Dallago

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Gabriel

Last name
Dallago

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Gabriel

Last name
Kokan

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I was shocked to see this by-law is being seriously considered. It constitutes an obvious attack on the right to peaceful protest enshrined in our constitution, and essential to any functioning democracy.

If you'd like to see fewer protesters it would surely be wiser to spend time/money addressing their concerns instead of shutting them up and corralling them somewhere out of sight.

I'd like to believe I live in a city that listens to and works with its people. Please do not pursue this by-law any further.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Gabriel

Last name
Krawec

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safety of vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Gabriela

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:20

Delegation information

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to the recommendations to ban "nuisance" protests. I believe that disruptive, non-violent protest is part and parcel of a vibrant, functioning democracy. By minimizing and restricting our voices, you are limiting our freedom of speech in our community.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Gaby

Last name
Pelletier

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure By-Lawinfastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
As a resident of this city I opposed to this agenda item.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Gage

Last name
Kirton

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Members of Executive Policy Committee -- I urge that you reject further consideration of this proposed by-law. Its ultimate adoption by the City would effectively muzzle the voices of Winnipeggers at, and adjacent to, our representatives' places of work, public spaces where legislation is created and administered. It would impinge on the freedoms of free expression and peaceful assembly. These are Charter-protected rights in Canada, but that is not to say they are not fragile as history and recent global events have shown of such rights. Please do not join the ranks of those who disassemble core freedoms. After all, they are your rights too. - Gail Perry, Winnipeg - 12 February 2026.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Gail

Last name
Perry

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:20

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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advocate for social change.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Gareth Rice

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Gareth

Last name
Rice

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
X
Lee Repko

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Garrett

Last name
Repko

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Gary Turnbull

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Gary

Last name
Turnbull

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Gennevieve

Last name
Bourdeau

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Geoff Grauer

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Geoff

Last name
Grauer

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Anti- protest legislation

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is not where we want to go as a society. Very scary in my opinion. This sounds like the lunatics south of us and our actual free speech here is what makes us different/better.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Geoff

Last name
Rhymer

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Free speech is essential for the functioning of democratic systems. To fine people for expressing their graphic, written or oral opinion is completely authoritarian, no matter the location. There is a certainty that organizations contributing to social harm would use this by-law as a way to escape public protest in bad faith.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Geoffrey

Last name
Boutcher

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-lay

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Geoffrey

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Geoffrey

Last name
Pagcaliwagan

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. While the goal of ensuring safe access to public facilities is understandable, this by-law as drafted represents a significant overreach that threatens the fundamental rights of all Winnipeggers. Freedom of expression and peaceful assembly are the cornerstones of a healthy democracy, and implementing 100-metre buffer zones around a vast list of public and private buildings effectively bans the right to gather in much of the city's public square.
Furthermore, acts of violence, property damage, harassment, and intimidation are already illegal under the Criminal Code of Canada. We do not need a new municipal by-law to police behaviour that is already subject to criminal prosecution. The definition of nuisance and intimidation in this by-law is also concerningly subjective, which may lead to inconsistent enforcement and the silencing of legitimate dissent simply because it is deemed disruptive.
Winnipeg has a long history of public demonstration. Moving protests away from the very institutions they are addressing renders that expression invisible and ineffective. I urge the Committee to uphold our constitutional obligations and reject this by-law. Public safety should be managed through existing laws without dismantling the civil liberties that protect us all.
Sincerely,
Dr. George Dyck

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
George

Last name
Dyck

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:38

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item #7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The right to free speech, free expression, and freedom of association are core to the healthy continuation of our Canadian democracy. It may be that Council sees protests, such as that have been ongoing in Minneapolis, as 'nuisances' to be suppressed. If that is the case, I cannot disagree more. On the contrary, peaceful protest is integral to the protection and advancement of our rights and interests. This by-law, as written, would have made it an offence to protest peacefully in favour of divestment from Apartheid South Africa or the unjustified invasion of Iraq by the United States in 2003. I still remember marching peacefully in opposition to the Second Gulf War as a child, a major demonstration that passed by many sites that would have been 'protected' from peaceful protest under the By-law. Was simply passing by these facilities, in protest of the actions of Americans (a nation and nationality), offensive conduct? Would protesting the racism of White South Africans have been offensive, since White South Africans are a race or nationality?

We cannot simply pick and choose what forms of speech will be tolerated in the public square. While actual intimidation and violent conduct can already be prosecuted under the Criminal Code, the proposed by-law would effectively ban even the most peaceful and innocuous forms of protest through large portions of the City - including at City Hall and the Manitoba Legislature. If, then, this motion is intended to protect access to amenities and services for vulnerable or historically-disadvantaged groups, it goes far beyond what is necessary to achieve that goal. The idea that a person holding a sign in front of City Hall poses an inherent threat to public health and safety because it is within 100 metres of the property line of Red River College is absurd.

As a Winnipeg citizen, I humbly ask that EPC send this proposal back to the Administration for additional study and consideration. While true harassment and intimidation should be

undoubtedly be prohibited, the right to free speech and peaceful protest remain at the heart of a healthy democratic society. Even where we disagree with another person's opinions, their right to speech - when exercised peacefully - should not be banned from the public square unless it amounts to hate speech or an incitement to violence.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
George

Last name
MacLean

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Winnipeg resident

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Gillian

Last name
Hansell

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Gillian

Last name
Shankie

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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It should be obvious to everyone in City Hall that public demonstrations are an extremely important form of communication between us and you. This by-law would lead to an out of touch city council with even less understanding of the needs of the city. This by-law is an unprecedented and outrageous attach on our charter rights and the fact that it was even put forward indicates that the councillors who allowed it to progress are not qualified for their positions and not adequately prepared to work in any level of government. If this by-law was to pass it would make this city, and city council, a laughing stock and embarrassment nationally. a single city councillor does not have the authority to override our charter rights. shame on you.
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Signed,
gislina

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Gislina

Last name
Patterson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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Signed,
Glenn Moulaison

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Glenn

Last name
Moulaison

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Gordon Stenberg

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Gordon

Last name
Stenberg

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing today to oppose the proposed by-law that would restrict our charter-protected rights as Canadians. As citizens we have the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. Public demonstrations have been integral to the success of previous efforts that have strengthened rights for women, the queer community, Indigenous peoples, disabled people, etc... It is an essential right of a functioning democracy. Given the anti-democratic processes that are taking place in the US, it is especially concerning that our city would attempt to pass a by-law that suppresses democratic discourse.

As representatives of Winnipeg citizens, you are all supposed to work with us, and not for us. We deserve to have a say in the decisions of our governments and one of the primary methods of public discourse is protesting and demonstrating. Passing this by-law would send a very strong and concerning message that the City of Winnipeg is not invested in a fair and strong democracy.

Signed,
Grace Carey

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Grace

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Carey

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:11

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Although protest can certainly be a nuisance, that ability to do so is an integral part of a just society.

There should be very little limiting to the ability to protest, provided the people protesting are not infringing in the freedoms of others.

Preventing any protest within X distance of specific locations is too broad of a measure. It seems intended to ensure the freedoms of non - protestors, but it has far too much potential to curtail the right to protest in general.

A balance can be struck, but this proposed balancing measure is not acceptable.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Graham

Last name
Regan

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting "nuisance demonstrations" within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation

to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of "intimidation" is also concerning. Language such as conduct "reasonably expected" to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing.This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City's objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal

Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and

Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation-not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Graham

Last name
Zuk

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:58

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Grant Edwards

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Grant

Last name
Edwards

From: Grant Tyler
Sent: February 11, 2026 12:50 PM
To: CLK-CityClerks <CityClerks@winnipeg.ca>
Subject: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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Respectfully submitted,

Grant Tyler

From: City of Winnipeg <no-reply@winnipeg.ca>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2026 1:58 PM
To: CLK-CityClerks <CityClerks@winnipeg.ca>
Subject: Webform submission from: Register as a delegation or submit comments to a committee of Council > Components

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:56

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Gray Fedirchuk

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Gray

Last name
Fedirchuk

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Grayle Peace-Heft

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Grayle

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Peace-Heft

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:38

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Gregg M. Olsen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Gregg

Last name
Olsen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am writing to express serious concerns regarding the proposed "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law" and to urge the Council to reject this measure as currently drafted.

While I understand the stated intent to protect critical infrastructure, this by-law represents a significant overreach that threatens fundamental rights to peaceful assembly and free expression. The broad language defining "vulnerable infrastructure" creates the potential for excessive restrictions on legitimate protest activity that is essential to a functioning democracy.

Of particular concern is the redundancy of this proposal. Manitoba already has comprehensive laws governing protests near sensitive locations. The Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act establishes buffer zones around healthcare facilities, and the Provincial Offences Act provides mechanisms to address obstruction, harassment, and threats to public safety. Additionally, the Criminal Code contains provisions against mischief, intimidation, and interference with lawful use of property. These existing frameworks have proven effective at balancing the right to protest with the need to maintain access to essential services.

Rather than layering additional restrictions that risk chilling lawful dissent, the Council should focus on robust enforcement of current laws. The right to peaceful protest—even when inconvenient or unpopular—is a cornerstone of Canadian democracy that must be vigilantly protected. Overly broad by-laws set dangerous precedents for limiting civic participation and could be deployed to suppress legitimate advocacy on issues ranging from environmental concerns to labor disputes to healthcare policy.

I urge the Council to reject this by-law and instead work within existing legal frameworks to address any genuine access issues at specific locations.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Abra

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Gregory

Last name
Abra

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:11

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Gwen

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:20

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to Vulnurable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Artbydeee/ Hadiza

Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:54

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Signed,
Hailey K

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Hailey

Last name
Kell

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:02

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Hailey Wilson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Hailey

Last name
Wilson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:10

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
###7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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Signed,
Haley Allan

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Haley

Last name
Allan

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:18

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Haley Pischke

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Haley

Last name
Pischke

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Haley Salamacha

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Haley

Last name
Salamacha

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
To whom it may concern,

I have seen that there is a new policy that is trying to beautify to place that does not sit well with me. I feel that #7 Safe access to vulnerable inastructure bylaw is an infringement on human rights. Please refrain from passing this bylaw. Our community deserves the right to free speech and safe rallying/protests to have their voices heard.

Sincerely,
Haley Stevens

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Haley

Last name
Stevens

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
ban on protest

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I do not support this recommendation as it limits the freedom of opinion.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Halkawt

Last name
Pshdari

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 03:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
To ban all protests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Police trying to silence us? How dare you

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Hanaa

Last name
Rezai

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:20

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Sincerely,
Hanako Teranishi

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Hanako

Last name
Teranishi

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7- safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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Signed,
Haneen Shouman

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Haneen

Last name
Shouman

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Agenda Item: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Hanna Reimer

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Hanna

Last name
Reimer

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Hanna

Last name
Reimer

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
If passed, the proposed by-law risks seriously impairing the rights of those in Winnipeg without taking any new action to address concerns of intimidation. The definition of "nuisance protests" proposed by the draft by-law is vague and overly broad such that it may significantly impair the section 2 Charter rights of those in Winnipeg. The purpose of this proposed by-law may be to deter and punish intimidation and incitement to hatred in the context of protests at certain buildings and institutions. If this is the case, "intimidation" as defined by the proposed by-law can be dealt with by the Canadian Criminal Code under sections 319 and 432. If passed, the by-law would be rife for costly legal challenge, deeply affect many residents' faith in City leadership, and stifle the use of peaceful protest to affect change.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Hannah

Last name

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations by-law.

Sincerely,
Hannah Brown.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Hannah

Last name
Brown

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

Numerous groups I am apart of and support have opposed this law, and I am alarmed that my city is proposing to limit rights for protest. Rights to protest are a hallmark of democracy. I also agree with the following statement:

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Hannah

Last name
Burkholder-Wenger

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Hannah Chambers

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Hannah

Last name
Chambers

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 05:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item no. 7 The Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to the proposed bylaw as it limits Winnipegers right to protest

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Hannah

Last name
Derry

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Hannah Dunn

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Hannah

Last name
Dunn

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to this by law. I am in favour of free speech and protest

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Hannah

Last name
Gray

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Hannah

Last name
Heidman

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Hannah

Last name
James

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access for vulnerable infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Hannah Middleton
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Hannah

Last name
Middleton

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
banning “nuisance” protests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This bill is mind boggling. How could we look at what is happening in the USA and think “ya, let’s do that.” Peaceful organizing and the right to protest are fundamental to a democracy. The City would be doing every citizen a disservice by supporting this bill in any way.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Hannah

Last name
Mooney

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7. safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
The power and importance of community mobilization could not be more clear when we look at what is happening in our sister city of Minneapolis, and other cities across the states. It is shocking that at a time like this, Winnipeg city council would be considering taking steps to chill public protest.

Regardless of political affiliation, I believe a basic level of freedom of speech and freedom of assembly is essential to our democracy. I didn't agree with the cause of the truckers convoy, for example, but I respected their right to organize. But it is significant that this bylaw is being proposed now, when thousands of Winnipeggers, including Jewish ones, have been rallying in solidarity with Palestinians and against the Gaza genocide, and not in 2022 when the whole street in front of the legislature was blocked off by the truckers convoy for several weeks.

I understand that this is not an across the board protest ban, but nevertheless it is obviously meant to have a chilling effect and is a significant overstep.

I ask all councillors to please vote against this item.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Muhajarine

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:36

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Hannah

Last name
Paterson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Signed,
Hannah Ramsey

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Hannah

Last name
Ramsey

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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No

Personal information

First name
Hannah

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:31

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Hannah Robins

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Hannah

Last name
Robins

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:23

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

Hannah Schneider

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Hannah

Last name
Schneider

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
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Shiffman

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:38

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I believe that the passing of this law would be infringing on the right of Winnipeg citizens all around the city. It's INCREDIBLY important to have protected rights to protest, this is how we as a people speak our minds and show opinions when it matters most. The fact that this is even is being considered is ridiculous to me.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Hannah

Last name
Worden

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law 4

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Hannah-Pearl Crofford
Winnipeg (St. John's)

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Hannah-Pearl

Last name
Crofford

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Hans Christian

Last name
Aguilar

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Harleen

Last name
Chahal

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
“Nuisance Protests”

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Harley

Last name
Flett

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
To the Members of Executive Policy Committee

I write in objection to the proposed “nuisance” protest bylaw put forward by Councillor Evan Duncan. His purported objective to “protect” churches, synagogues, schools and community centres is a smokescreen for suppressing the right of people to participate in political activities - the ones he doesn’t want to hear expressed.

If the above-names institutions are used for political purposes, they should expect that people who do not agree with speakers or activities organized in these building will use their right to speak and advocate in front of them. It’s a smokescreen to say that he (or the Council) is interested in protecting religious observances, children, etc. It has been made evident in the past few years that the intent behind restrictions to demonstrations and rallies has been aimed at the movement for justice in Palestine. These rallies, etc. have been peaceful, but those who do not want to address the issue of Palestinian occupation insist that the activities are the equivalent of anti-semitism. I wonder what study, discussion or analysis Councillor Duncan has done to learn about this topic.

This proposed bylaw is an attack on democracy. It’s a soft approach to creeping authoritarianism, in the same way as is happening in the U.S. Canadians and our City Council should be firm in safeguarding citizens’ right to dissent and citizens’ demands for justice. These rallies are not “nuisances;” they are an expression of opposition to genocide and fascism as it is growing in the Middle East and elsewhere.

This bylaw would he a step backward in our city’s and country’s history. I urge EPC and City Council to withdraw or reject this bylaw. Trying to suppress dissent will not make the problems go away. If EPC and Council want to reduce conflict over issues, they should

organize forums and workshops to elaborate on them and encourage people to learn from each other and advocate for justice.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Harriet

Last name
Zaidman

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Protest is how change happens. If we restrict protest, are we any better than the countless authoritarian regimes around the world? This isn't about safe access, it's about convenience and not wanting to be uncomfortable regarding the issues we see globally.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Harry

Last name
Telfer

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Agenda Item: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This by-law doesn't actively protect vulnerable communities, but rather inhibits the ability of people from the right to protest, especially at government buildings.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Haven

Last name
Soto

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Hayden Mushinski

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Hayden

Last name
Mushinski

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:17

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Michelle P

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Michelle

Last name
Pereira
Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:01

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Signed,

Hazel Rankovic

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Hazel

Last name
Rankovic

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:57

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Protest zone issue

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

Comments
The proposal to limit our ability to peacefully protest based on the specific recommendations in this proposal is undemocratic and unconstitutional. As a physician and mental health expert, I would like to strongly assert that this concept being put forward of “mental safety” is intellectually incoherent and completely unacceptable. While protests can make people feel uncomfortable, our current legislation is sufficient enough to protect against actual harm or violence that may happen during a protest or any other interpersonal encounter. To adopt this framework as a city would stand against our values of democracy and free speech. It would also disproportionately affect BIPOC people, discrediting any real anti-racism work and commitments that the city has committed to. Finally, this would not stand up to a charter challenge, and the city would face a great deal of legal difficulties in enforcing and maintaining this framework- which is a waste of all of our time which should be spent on the pressing issues we face together as a city.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Heather

Last name

Ashdown

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:48

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Heather Finlay

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Heather

Last name
Finlay

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Heather Grant

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Heather

Last name
Grant

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my opposition to the “7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law”. It infringes on the public's freedom of expression and to peacefully protest in order to placate one particular group. This is political power run amok and I urge the Executive Policy Committee to vote against this bylaw and preserve our enshrined rights. Infringements on our Charter rights should not be dictated by a special interest group.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Heather

Last name
Jones

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 05:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By—Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This proposal is undemocratic and will obviously be used to silence whoever the WPS and EPC decide needs to be silenced. I agree that some protests are lame and stupid but we all deserve the right to protest. Public officials, religious leaders, community leaders should be able to handle seeing and hearing opposition IN REAL LIFE. “Vulnerable infrastructure”? (Eyeroll) Put on your big boy pants and deal with it in therapy, Evan and Scott rather than fining people $5000 for showing up and being passionate about life.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Heather

Last name
Myers

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item #7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I oppose this bylaw since it infringes on a key component of healthy democracy

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Heather

Last name
Pringle

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:53

Delegation information

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Signed,

Heather Routley

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:04

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
"Disruptive, non-violent protest is part and parcel of a vibrant functioning democracy." - Canadian Civil Liberties Association

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Heather

Last name
Russell-Smith

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:56

Delegation information

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Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Everyone has a right to protest and shouldn't be chosen by the city what they believe is peaceful Or a nuisance. If people weren't able to protest against those animal abusers im sure they would have got a lot of a less sentence . Again everyone has a right and as Canadian also Manitoba I want to keep my right and not be in fear of being arrested to stand up in what I feel is right

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Heather

Last name
Toon

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 06:40

Delegation information

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Signed,

Heather Torbert

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Heather

Last name
Torbert

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:47

Delegation information

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to restrictions to free speech.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Heidi

Last name
Phillips

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:14

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
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Henry J Rempel

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Henry

Last name
Rempel

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:53

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Re: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Dear Executive Policy Committee

Allow me to begin by commending you for the time and energy you have dedicated to this sensitive matter. Let me also continue by expressing my whole-hearted agreement with the spirit of this by-law.

In a democratic society, no individual should feel unsafe by being subjected to harassment and attacks on their person. Irrespective of a group's opinion regarding religion, mask mandate, abortion, Gaza Strip conflict, and so on, no one should feel personally vulnerable and subjected to physical or emotional abuse by that group for holding an opposing opinion.

No person of faith must feel unsafe to enter their place of worship and attend their religious ceremony. No mask-wearing hospital staff or patient entering a health care facility should have felt intimidated by the actions of a group of staff and public opposing mask mandates. Any woman, seeking an abortion and having already undergone emotional turmoil regarding that decision, need not be confronted by yet another anxiety, produced by an anti-abortion crowd at the entrance to the Women's hospital. No publicly elected official must be faced with an angry mob at the door to their constituency office or personal residence. And certainly, the life of the residents of the Ottawa neighbourhoods surrounding Parliament Hill must not have been disrupted by the actions of the so-called Freedom Convoy.

But the first thing that comes to mind is the famous adage "If it ain't broke, don’t fix it."

What is lacking in our current legislation that comes up short in protecting the public from abuse, and will be remedied by this by-law? Let's not forget that Stephen Harper's government faced a strong backlash and rightful ridicule for opening up the Barbaric Cultural Practices Hotline. The very first simple and justified question put to them was "What's wrong with "9-1-1?" This may have contributed to their landslide loss in the subsequent election and to this day, this issue continues to haunt them.

As much as I agree with the spirit of the proposed by--law, I must admit that I have some trouble with the letter of it. At times, I find the language foggy and in serious need of clarity. For instance, I object to the following:

“nuisance demonstration” means any in-person protest or demonstration occurring in view of the public or in a location ordinarily used or frequented by members of the public that involves the expression by any means, including graphic, written or oral, of objection or disapproval towards an idea, action, person or group based on or related to any specified characteristics.

I find this definition very vague. There is no reference to the nature of the assembly, peaceful or otherwise. It is a blanket statement open to interpretation, resulting in a whole slew of potential abuse and unintended consequences. As it is worded, it goes against the very essence of freedom of speech and the right to peaceful protest.

And at times, I see this as a gateway to government overreach. for example:

Enforcement authority: The designated employee and enforcement officers are authorized to administer and enforce this By-law and to remedy a contravention of this By-law, and for these purposes have the powers of a “designated employee” under the Charter.

With all due respect to law enforcement, a very obvious indicator of a democratic society is limiting the power of the executive branch as much as possible, while maintaining its functionality.

As mentioned before, the unclear definition of nuisance leaves the interpretation to the enforcement authority. This is unfair to the democratically-minded enforcement officers, and open to abuse by the not-so-civic-oriented ones.

Let us learn the lessons supplied to us by the past and particularly current events south of the border. Generally, oppression does not enter the scene full force with guns blazing. It quietly seeps in while we are unaware and establishes itself firmly. We detect it too late and then have a steeply uphill battle to eliminate it. Let us be mindful and shut out the autocracy creep.

I hope to see changes to the language of the by-law to make it more acceptable to me and many of my fellow Winnipeggers. As it stands today, I will be obliged to sign any petition to

launch a legal challenge against it.

Sincerely

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Aminian

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Hilary Carroll

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Hilary

Last name
Carroll

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
We ask the City to show it respects public protests if they are peaceful. This is democratic process.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Hilda

Last name
Chiswell

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Although some shorter distance restrictions around certain locations such as elementary schools might be appropriate, this bylaw goes much too far:

“Nuisance Protest” is non-specific, meaning any and all public protests, marches, round dances and other gatherings could be subject.
Areas restricted by this by-law are public spaces and points of proximity to decision makers.City Hall, University Campuses, Wab Kinew’s Office, etc. Much of the city would be subject to the geographic restrictions of this by-law.
Fines of up to $5000 could be issued to every person who shows up to Round Dances, rallies, group bike rides, marches, etc.
The language of the by-law extends to any protests in these exclusion zones that use amplified sound or block traffic.
Police will have new tools they will use to silence and punish protesters.
It is almost certain this bylaw will be racist in its application.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Hildegard

Last name
Vickers

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Hillary Jorgenson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Hillary

Last name
Jorgenson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:29

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Signed,

Hiruni

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Last name
Jayaratne

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 06:28

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Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Holly Abuda

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Holly

Last name
Abuda

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The proposed bylaw to restrict our Charter-protected rights to protest attempts to set a dangerous precedent. Protesting is a fundamental element of a healthy democracy and to attempt to chip away at this right is disturbing. The policy is far too vague and would give police and other enforcement agencies far too much power to scare people away from exercising their rights due to fear of fines or other issues. Existing ordinances related to things like excessive noise volume already exist and can, and should, be used only to restrict protests which are unreasonably disturbing visitors to a space and/or residents. I implore City Council to listen to the voices of myself and countless others calling for this policy to be rejected.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Holly

Last name
Beddome

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:15

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Holly Monkman

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Holly

Last name
Monkman

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This proposed by-law is showing extreme cognitive dissonance. At the last three museums I visited, the Manitoba Museum, Canadian Human Rights Museum, and the Canadian Museum of History in Ottawa, each had multiple exhibits about how protesting made positive social change. There is literally a statue commemorating the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike across the street from City Hall. The City should focus on enforcing the by-laws it already has.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Holly

Last name
Poklitar

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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Signed,

H Smith

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Holly

Last name
Smith

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Ban onProtests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
If you ban protests, you are taking the path of fascism, just the same as the USA.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Holly

Last name
Stratton

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I am writing to express my deep concern about the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. As drafted, this by-law risks restricting Charter-protected freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly. For that reason, I oppose its adoption.
Public demonstrations—including vigils, rallies, round dances, and marches—have long been essential tools for community advocacy and democratic participation. Winnipeggers have relied on these freedoms to advance social and policy change, including rights for workers and tenants; justice for Indigenous communities; equity for racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ people; and protections for the environment.
If passed, I am concerned this by-law could infringe constitutional rights, disproportionately silence marginalized voices, invite police overreach, and narrow the space for lawful dissent. It would not meaningfully prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence—acts that are already addressed under existing criminal laws. Instead, it would primarily constrain peaceful protest. Such an excessive and undemocratic limitation on expression is incompatible with the values Winnipeg has claimed to uphold, including its efforts since 2018 toward being recognized as a United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City."
The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has also warned that broadly framed restrictions like these can unfairly limit Charter-protected speech and peaceful demonstration, and that these measures often fall hardest on marginalized communities who depend on protest to advocate for change.
This is fundamentally an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association—cornerstones of a healthy democracy. At a moment when we are witnessing alarming erosions of rights and freedoms elsewhere, I urge you to uphold your legal and ethical obligations to protect Charter rights here in Winnipeg.

I respectfully ask that you discontinue further consideration of this proposed by-law.
Sincerely,
Houda Elmimouni

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Houda

Last name
El mimouni

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Anonymous

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Howard

Last name

Cade

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I think this motion would infringe upon our freedom, and is a blatant gross form of political control. I oppose it,

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Hunter

Last name
Reynolds

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 00:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Historically, these types of laws have been used to control and police Indigenous and other racialized people. Stopping them from advocating for change and practicing their culture via Sundances, Powwows, etc

If this by-law passes- HISTORY WILL REPEAT ITSELF

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Signed, Hunter Wiest

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Hunter

Last name
Wiest

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:32

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I strongly support the By-Law. As a physician and university professor, I too frequently see vulnerable people frightened to enter buildings by protestors. There are plenty of places for people to protest and this is a reasonable By-Law that will ensure that patients, students and worshippers are not deprived of their rights to safety and security of person.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Iain

Last name
Kirkpatrick

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:15

Delegation information

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Ian Link

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Ian

Last name
Link

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:49

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I feel this proposed by-law is the peak of a slippery slope into anti-democratic territory. People should be protected from harassment, but we already have laws in place for that purpose.

What is the function of peaceful protest if it is washed away and hidden from where people congregate? How will we approach difficult conversations in policy or the running of society if our daily experiences are sanitized of the conflict necessary to create change. I WANT my children to take notice and say, "Why are these people protesting?" so they can learn that they have agency within our systems, that they are ALLOWED to have ideas that conflict with the status quo, with what others think, and that they feel the freedom and safety to express those ideas in a way that is meaningful and VISIBLE.
Silencing protest in public is an attack on all of us and diminishes our right to speak out against the wrongs in the world.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ian

Last name
Mikita

Dear Councillors,

I am writing in strong opposition to Item No. 7, the *Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law*. While I fully support ensuring safety and access to public services, this by-law significantly overreaches and threatens rights guaranteed under the **Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms**, including the fundamental **freedom of peaceful assembly (s.2(c))** and **freedom of expression (s.2(b))**. These freedoms cannot be restricted without clear, necessary, and proportionate justification—standards this by-law does not meet.

According to the **Canadian Civil Liberties Association**, the right to protest is not simply permitted in a democracy—it is *essential*. Peaceful protest is a primary way in which residents can express dissent, hold governments accountable, and influence public policy. Broad 100-metre exclusion zones around an extensive list of facilities—including schools, community centres, and places of worship—would effectively prohibit legitimate, peaceful demonstrations across large portions of the city.

The City's own administrative report confirms this by-law would create wide "no-protest zones" around nearly every major civic institution in Winnipeg. Such sweeping restrictions go well beyond addressing harassment or obstruction (which existing laws already cover) and instead create generalized bans that would chill democratic participation.

Should Council choose to pass this by-law, I intend to peacefully protest it—an act protected by the Charter—and you can count on seeing me in court to challenge it.

As a public-school teacher and a school trustee representing Ward 1 of the Louis Riel School Division, I cannot support legislation that undermines democratic rights, suppresses community voice, and sets a dangerous precedent for protest restrictions in our city.

Regards,

Ian Walker

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access To Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
As a believer in the Charter of rights and freedoms which is designed to "protect the right to protest through sections 2(b) (freedom of expression), 2(c) (freedom of peaceful assembly), and 2(d) (freedom of association), these fundamental freedoms ensure the right to gather, express opinions, and demonstrate, provided the assembly is peaceful. However, these rights are subject to "reasonable limits" prescribed by law."
These are not reasonable limitations. I understand there are hours of the day in which one can protest, and when it's related to safety, I also will concede the point. However, the terminology in the proposal shows more dubious language when describing what will and won't be allowed.

Please reconsider tabling such a bill until the finer points can be resolved with public input. We look at the crackdowns and cooling effect these policies have on our neighbours to the south, and the last thing I want in Canada is the scaling back of freedoms for Canadians at large to satisfy the whims of special lobbying and special interest groups who seek to control policy and our political parties with financial influence and messaging.

Thank You,
Ian W

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ian

Last name
Walsh

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Ifra

Last name
Shami

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Please respect people's rights to express their civil opinions about relevant political issues and policies.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ildiko

Last name
Nova

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:44

Delegation information

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Comments
This is infringing on human rights to peaceful protest and is not acceptable in any way in Canada

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

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Ilse

Last name
Dyck

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:26

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
This will not make people more safe, protests are peaceful in Winnipeg and they provide necessary information share and community gathering in a safe productive way. By creating rules like this you limit people's ability for free speech and to engage in community. This will further anger the populous and create more chaos. Do not buy in to these distorted belief systems that by-laws like this keep people more safe or that it does anything productive. It is more divisive and will create more issues. Listen to real Winnipeggers, not some snooty rich folk who can't be inconvenienced to acknowledge our city and nation are struggling with real issues that need to be vocalized.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Iman

Last name
Ali

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:23

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Indie Dufour

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Indie

Last name
Dufour

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Re: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Attn: Winnipeg Executive Policy Committee
Re: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

It is deeply disturbing to see this policy proposal put forward by Councillor Evan Duncan. Such a proposal exemplifies what are among the worst of the anti-democratic tendencies on the rise across the Canadian political landscape in this moment.

Misleadingly titled the "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law," if adopted, this by-law would limit both access and safety, as it is a thinly disguised and draconian maneuver designed to silence Winnipeggers' rights to object, to assemble, and to speak against harmful municipal, provincial, and federal policies, police violence, corporate corruption, and all forms of neglectful, violent, racist, and otherwise destructive governmental and corporate practices.

The proposed by-law is also built on a falsehood: the implication written into it, that protest in Winnipeg has been violent or unsafely obstructive, is patently false.

Historically, legislation that is designed to restrict peaceful protest, such as the form of protest we see in Winnipeg, appears due to a ruling class desire to silence the views of regular citizens who are working towards and rallying for desperately needed change, including in this case, for the reversal of devastating cuts to social programs and services in Winnipeg, change to Winnipeg's backwards infrastructure and housing policies in their unfair allocations that benefit companies rather than residents, an end to a disgracefully inflated police budget that drains all public services, and the reversal of creeping privatization practices that work across the board against the interests of Winnipeggers.

But such a policy proposal is not only designed to shield Winnipeg's City Council from criticism. In its demonstrable effort to reduce avenues of public dissent, it would also necessarily restrict both public opposition—and importantly, the visibility of such opposition—to the particular destructive policies and practices that people routinely hit the streets to protest; those of the province of Manitoba, the federal government, and large corporations for their innumerable violations, including of UNDRIP, the Genocide Convention, and trade and industrial practices to which Canada is ostensibly bound by international laws.

Crucially, this includes Indigenous demands for the full and timely implementation of the TRC Calls to Action and the MWWIG Calls for Justice, development of alternatives to the unchecked practices of fossil fuel and other destructive extractive industries, and the reversal of the ramping up Canada's unprecedented mass-militarization plans.

All of these are among the reasons why people gather publicly to use their collective voice in the City of Winnipeg, and it is their legally protected right to do so. To be clear, the "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law" would specifically stand in the way of Winnipeggers' legally enshrined rights and ongoing collective efforts to speak publicly against the destruction of human life and the planet.

Councillor Duncan, with Mayor Gillingham's support, has therefore put forward an inherently unconstitutional by-law, one that stands in the way of the right to speak against ruling powers and catastrophic practices, and that therefore also stands in the way progressive development in Winnipeg; both the Councillor and the Mayor should be ashamed, but if you, members of the EPC, fail to halt such a by-law from passing, this disgrace will rest on the shoulders of your office, and on all City of Winnipeg councillors.

If you do pass such a blatantly unconstitutional by-law, it will in all likelihood be eventually overturned by public pressure of the kind you are no doubt already facing, but history will most certainly reflect that you will have knowingly passed anti-democratic legislation that flagrantly violates the Canadian Charter rights of Winnipeg, Treaty 1, and all Manitoba residents throughout Treaties 2-5 territories, including their rights to assemble and speak against oppression, and for a just future.

As a Winnipeg and Treaty 1 resident myself, I have often been ashamed and angered to witness the dismantling of public social programs and services in this city, especially in recent years, and the city's disdain for the impoverished and marginalized, for Indigenous peoples, and for all those who advocate for a better future.

Make no mistake, the true obstruction to access here is the Councillor's brazen by-law proposal in all of its destructively anti-democratic proportions, not the voices of protesters who gather to speak about the truth.

It should be obvious to you, members of the Executive Policy Committee, that the "Safe

Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law" violates existing constitutional law, that it is an insult to every person living here, and that it should never have reached this level of review. In order to adhere to the commitments of your office, it is your responsibility to reject it unequivocally.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Irene

Last name
Bindi

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Isabel Cruzat

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Isabel

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:12

Delegation information

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Warm regards,
Isabella Buscemi

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Isabella

Last name
Buscemi

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

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Signed,

Isabella German

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Isabella

Last name
German

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:06

Delegation information

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Signed,
Dr. Itay Zutra
Judaic Studies Program, University of Manitoba

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Itay

Last name
Zutra

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:07

Delegation information

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Signed,
Ivy Quiring

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Ivy

Last name
Quiring

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:24

Delegation information

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Signed,
JM

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
M

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
J.Teichroeb

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
J

Last name
Teichroeb

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This ban on “nuisance protests” is too nebulous and provides the city authority to issue more fines to protestors as yet a new way to crackdown on public displays besides the violence and job risks of already being present at a protest. Moreover how long until this is extended to union organizations or even peaceful public gatherings, this is yet another attempt for a city in Canada to infringe on charter s. 2 rights. If passed it will not be held by the SCC

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jack

Last name
Adamson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Protesting is an important aspect for a progressive society and a way for citizens and community members to make their voices heard. The term "nuisance protest" is not specific and can be unfairly used to silence voices.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jack

Last name
Judge

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:39

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Jack Maier

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jack

Last name
Maier

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I find the proposal overly broad and will, despite whatever intentions the council claims to have, be used to suppress valid protests.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jack

Last name
Mulcahy

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to express serious concerns regarding the City of Winnipeg's proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. I strongly oppose this bylaw and urge you to not move it forward.

My concerns include:

* The bylaw would restrict freedoms protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, including freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.
* These rights are foundational to a healthy democracy and must not be limited without compelling justification.
* Public demonstrations—such as rallies, vigils, round dances, and marches—have historically played a critical role in advancing workers' rights, tenant protections, Indigenous rights, racial justice, 2SLGBTQIA+ equality, and environmental protections.
* Limiting protest spaces or imposing broad restrictions undermines this long-standing democratic tradition.
* Communities that rely most heavily on peaceful protest to be heard may be the ones most affected.
* There is a real risk of increased police discretion and overreach, which could disproportionately impact racialized and marginalized residents.
* Property damage, hate crimes, harassment, and violence are already illegal under existing criminal laws.
* The proposed bylaw appears to target peaceful protest rather than address unlawful conduct.
* The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has warned that broadly worded restrictions can

infringe on Charter-protected activities and chill lawful dissent.
* Winnipeg has been working toward recognition as a United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) “Human Rights City.”
* Enacting sweeping restrictions on peaceful assembly would undermine that commitment.

At a time when democratic rights are under increasing pressure globally, it is essential that municipal leaders uphold constitutional protections and safeguard space for lawful civic participation.

For these reasons, I urge you to halt further consideration of the proposed bylaw.

Sincerely,
Jackie Avent

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jackie

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:48

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jackie

Last name
Dormer

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 05:29

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Jackie

Last name
Graham

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:15

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Signed,
Jacklyn de Visser

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jacklyn

Last name
de Visser

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:26

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am disappointed and disturbed to see this by-law being considered. Organizations like CIJA and the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg which support this by-law do not represent the entire Jewish Community and instead represent a strict adherence to an incredibly exclusive definition of Judaism that prioritizes nationalism over spirituality and inclusive community.

These organizations fracture our communities, polarize discourse and make Winnipeg a less welcoming and inclusive place. I have experienced the harms of the Jewish Federation's leadership personally.

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Jacob

Last name
Brodovsky

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:12

Delegation information

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Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to express my concern over and disapproval of "The Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law." While I agree that Winnipeggers and indeed all people have a right to safe access to healthcare, worship, education, and more, I disagree that the this is the correct way to ensure that safety.

Firstly, Document ID 27552 is not available on the website currently, so Winnipeggers are unable to read the full text of the proposed by-law. The wording is too vague to be informative in the news post, and the link to the full text does not work. The city should need to provide a firm list of designated zones for a by-law like this, and changing said list should require a formal process. Maybe this is the case, but since the full text is not available, it is unclear.

Secondly, existing laws regarding public nuisance already prevent protestors from outright blocking access to designated spaces already. By-law 1573/77, sections 9 through 11, and the Highway Traffic Act already outline the requirements for when a permit is required. The Safe Access to Abortion Services Act already allows medical care facilities and pharmacies to request a 50 meter buffer zone. Escalating these laws risks weakening fundamental freedoms granted in our Charter Rights and Freedoms.

Furthermore, financial punishment for peaceful protests directly violates Section 2b of our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, but indirectly it also gives an unfair advantage to protestors who are financially sponsored. If the punishment for a crime is monetary, then it is only a crime for the poor.

Lastly, the wording "and other designated facilities" creates an opportunity for oppressive governments to designate banned zones arbitrarily in order to benefit a particular agenda or quell genuine public expressions.

Also notable is the imprecise, dishonest naming of the proposed by-law, which does not clearly describe its contents. Most Winnipeggers would be against a by-law proposing a fine up to $5000 dollars for protests. Were the proposed by-law called something clearer and more representative of the contents of the by-law, for example: "Fines for Protests at Designated Spaces By-Law" most Winnipeggers could make a more informed decision about their support.

Please consider my thoughts. I am available if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Jacob Carewick

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jacob

Last name
Carewick

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:55

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Comments
I was scheduled to speak at the Public Hearing regarding Bird-Friendly Window Treatments last month. I prepared a thoroughly-researched speech, paid for parking, trudged through -20 to the City Council building, and after waiting for hours, finally had to leave to go to work. It seems that hearing from the public was an afterthought at a "public hearing". Now you, as Council, are proposing removing a fundamental democratic right from your citizens (a right guaranteed by the Canadian Charter) in the form of sweeping "no-protest zones." It has never been clearer to me that the mayor and council has completely abdicated their responsibility of REPRESENTING their constituents, and instead seek to silence them. (Historically, this does not go well for the people in authority.) Please remember the job that you were elected to do, which is to represent the voices and interests of the citizens of Winnipeg, because as your actions currently stand, it seems to be an after-thought for you, if it's thought of at all. Have the day you deserve.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jacob

Last name

Herd

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:33

Delegation information

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Jacqueline Angus

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Jacqueline

Last name
Angus

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:43

Delegation information

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda # 7 nuisance

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Come on . Where's you shame?

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jacques

Last name
Gross

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:18

Delegation information

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Signed,
Jada Dyck

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jada

Last name
Dyck

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:24

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Comments
I am writing today in opposition of this change. As a openly queer, trans, and neurodivergent individual who helps operate and frequents community spaces I understand the need to keep community spaces safe more than most, however after reviewing this by-law I believe it will create an unnecessary burden on those seeking to have their voice heard and creates additional power structures that risk abuse by those that do not align with the values upheld by our charter rights. I strongly oppose this bylaw as it only serves to add tools that may be used for oppression and will simply not accomplish the goals being communicated as intended.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jade

Last name
Null

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:49

Delegation information

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Signed,
Jade Thiessen

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jade

Last name
Thiessen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:25

Delegation information

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Signed,
Jaden deBeer

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jaden

Last name
debeer

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:58

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jaden

Last name
Dela Rosa

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:44

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Jaden

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jaden

Last name
Roy

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:43

Delegation information

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Signed,

Jaeden

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jaeden

Last name
Fuller

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:18

Delegation information

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Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
People should have access to vulnerable infrastructure without getting harassed by bad faith actors staging "protests".

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jagannath

Last name
Wijekoon

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:44

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Jaime Lillies

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jaime

Last name
Lillies

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,
Jaimie Terpstra

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jaimie

Last name
Terpstra

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:41

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is a very troubling proposal, one that is overly broad and can be used to violate freedom of speech and expression. I am deeply concerned such a proposal is up for consideration at all on behalf of the City of Winnipeg. People have a right to protest meaningfully and peacefully, even for reasons you or I may not agree with. Our municipal government does not have the discretion of taking that right away by deciding what protests are meaningfully allowed or not. I understand we have laws already in place re: protesting around vulnerable infrastructure (e.g., healthcare settings) and yet this proposal attempts to go far beyond in its scope and application. It opens possibilities to a variety of interpretations that would be harmful, inappropriate, and potentially dangerous to vulnerable groups.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jake

Last name
Matheson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
number 7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
i am opposed to this, protesting is good, this is a bad idea, its anti democratic

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
jake

Last name
tuesday

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 01:31

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Jakob Finley.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jakob

Last name
Finley

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
James Gordon Allen Baines

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
James

Last name
Baines

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
James C

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
James

Last name
Couture

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Protesting is a fundamental Canadian right and they are designed to be inconvenient in order to draw attention to the matter at hand. As long as they are peaceful, protests should be allowed to occur whenever and wherever they are needed or else we risk a slippery slope argument into a repressive society that doesn't allow its citizens the basic rights guaranteed in the Charter.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
James

Last name
Edwards

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms includes freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression along with freedom of peaceful assembly among the 'Fundamental Freedoms" guaranteed to Canadians. In a democratic society, individuals must be allowed to voice their opinions publicly, and to assemble with others in protest where they perceive injustice, or wish to affect societal change.

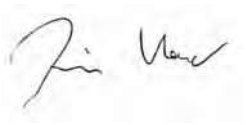
As such, I oppose Councillor Duncan's proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure bylaw, which I concede is well-intentioned in seeking to enhance public safety and reduce the prospect of intimidation of community members, but is far too sweeping in establishing bubble zones banning "nuisance demonstrations" within a 100 m radius of hospitals, schools, daycares, community centres and places of worship. Without any definition of what constitutes a "nuisance demonstration", the proposed bylaw could ultimately be used to shut down protest and public demonstration aimed at informing members of the public of legitimate concerns, whether those are related to labour disputes or broader societal issues, as there is no operational definition of what constitutes a "nuisance demonstration". Further, the breadth of the list of institutions and areas from which demonstrations would be prohibited under the proposed bylaw leaves precious little space for individuals to assemble publicly to demonstrate their concerns, and as such, would significantly compromise our charter-guaranteed rights to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression.

Such restrictions on civil liberties have no place in Winnipeg, a city celebrated worldwide for its historical rights-affirming 1919 General Strike. While we may not agree with opinions being voiced publicly, a democratic society must defend the right of its members to voice their opinions and beliefs, allowing ideas and issues to be debated and tested publicly. This does not mean that we should not vigorously enforce Sections 318-319 of Canada's Criminal Code that were established to combat hate speech, nor ignore behaviour that constitutes criminal harassment as defined within Section 264 of Canada's Criminal Code. It does mean, however, that we should not attempt to reduce or eliminate criminal behaviour by enacting sweeping bylaws that constrain legitimate public protest. To do so risks the very freedoms that prevent us from plunging into a totalitarian state.

I encourage members of Executive Policy Committee to vote against the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure bylaw. In attempting to deal with issues that are already sanctioned under Canada's Criminal Code, the proposed bylaw compromises our

Charter rights as Canadians, and would significantly curtail public debate over societal issues on which our collective future depends.

Sincerely,



Dr. James F. Hare

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:04

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I have read the proposed legislation, and I am convinced that this policy serves no real public interest. In a democratic country/city, our laws need to protect those people who are non-violently, peacefully protesting. The way this is written, it will make it impossible for people to do so in the places where we should be afforded the enforcement of our right to protest something-anything. As a concerned citizen, I am asking policy makers to go and rewrite this to make it more clear. "Nuisance" is open to interpretation. It's self-evident that a protest is ALWAYS going to be a nuisance to someone--that is terribly harmful language to put into a policy, and it will affect those fighting for their rights. Can we not rewrite this thing? What if we just all agreed that there should be no violence in protesting? I think we could agree on that. I fear this is being pushed by one interest group to silence another--and that is a form of violence.
Yours sincerely,
James Kornelsen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
James

Last name
Kornelsen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:09

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
James

Last name
Ksionzyk

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:24

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
My name is James and I am a resident of Downtown Winnipeg. My residence and University would be within these proposed buffer zones, but I am EXTREMELY opposed to this new by-law. This by-law encroaches on freedom of expression and the right of Winnipeg citizens to protest against political matters. The guise of “resident safety” that this by-law is operating under is unnecessary; I have never been made to feel unsafe as a Winnipeg resident by a peaceful protest, regardless of noise level or “disruption” to my day. Community centres and post secondary institutions ESPECIALLY should not be included, as both of these places often host political events and should be places of public debate and resident freedom. I am highly against this by-law without substantial revisions and am spreading the word for residents to voice their opinions. Thank you.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
James

Last name
Webster

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

Comments
The restrictions proposed are overly broad and would likely violate Charter rights to protest. The use of "nuisance" to describe the protests is telling - these are not threats to the safety or security of the people of Winnipeg. Law-abiding citizens need to be able to express their Charter rights, even if it is an inconvenience to others, so long as they are not threatening the safety of others. What's interesting is that the text already recognizes this by including a carve-out for labour picketing. This is overly broad, restricts our rights, and should not be passed.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
James

Last name
Zinko

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Jami Holden

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jami

Last name
Holden

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Jamicka Fowler

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jamicka

Last name
Fowler

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Peaceful protest is a human right. This by-law would be detrimental to democracy. It gives police a tool to use unnecessarily on people voicing their opinions.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jamie

Last name
Felsch

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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Signed,
your name
Jamil

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jamil

Last name
Jarvis

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 06:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Protest is a public right and has existed through all forms of democracy. Removing it is anti-democratic and anti freedom. The voices of the people must be heard, and you as the leaders of the city we love must hear our voices, not silence them. Many peaceful rallies happen regularly in the city. They must continue to.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jamin

Last name
Bains

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Jan

Last name
Basañes

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Jan L

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:59

Delegation information

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Non violent peaceful protest serves as a voice for the people and is the best way to bring institutional change to a community. The freedom to be seen and heard is part of what makes us Canadian. Being noticed in places like the legislative building and city hall is imperative.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Veldman

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Taking away peoples voice, with everything that is going on within this past year alone. Doesn't doing something like this seem wrong? All the united voices speaking for the liberation of people and you still put this as an option to underhand your own people. We are all the same but the differences in between us push us away from being happy and free for all.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:48

Delegation information

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
From a concerned Winnipegger.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:48

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Signed,

Jane Testar

Public engagement (optional)

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First name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:22

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Signed,
Janea Barrinuevo

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:32

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

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Signed,
Janel Fiddler

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:55

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Janelle Daniels.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:39

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
The "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law" would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

I am in opposition to the proposed By-Law. Frankly, not only am I opposed, but I am embarrassed on behalf of Winnipeggers by the timing of this proposed By-Law. Today, the Trump Administration announced, "the surge of federal agents in Minnesota will soon end." (February 12, 2026; CBS News). I believe this announcement is a direct result of the brave Minnesotans who are exercising the freedom to raise awareness so that those in power will pay attention. This right needs to be preserved here in our city.

Public engagement (optional)

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First name
Janelle

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

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Protesting is a right.
What Counselor Duncan said is extremely concerning.
"I think that as things evolve globally we see a lot of change out there. The chaos that is unfolding south of us right now is a clear indicator that it's coming our way and if we don't put these things in place to stop that, it's going to be your neighborhood next, it's going to be your place of worship next. And we don't want that to happen."

The people rising up to protest for their rights is not the issue south of us. The issue for the states is the government not following the rule of law. The fact that Councilor Duncan thinks the people protesting are the issue says a lot about him.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

This by-law not only infringes on constitutional rights but effectively silences the voices of the most marginalized. I expected better of a mayor who ran ran on the promise of a compassionate approach to the disenfranchised. Shame on all of you. Peaceful protest is an essential right in a functioning democracy. We should all pay close attention to what is happening in the US right now and choose the opposite direction. I am disappointed that such a proposal has even made it this far. This has no place in the City of Winnipeg or in any democratic country.

Do better.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Janet

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 SAFE ACCESS TO VULNERABLE INFRASTRUCTURE BY-LAW

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Janet

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Rempel

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. I am deeply concerned that this by-law would restrict Charter protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.
If adopted, it risks silencing marginalized voices, limiting peaceful protest, and creating fewer avenues to respond to hate. Such a restrictive and undemocratic measure has no place in a city that strives to be inclusive and responsive to its residents.
Protecting freedom of expression and association is essential to a healthy democracy. At a time when we are witnessing troubling rollbacks of rights elsewhere, I urge the Committee to uphold its legal obligations under the Charter and safeguard these fundamental freedoms.
I strongly urge you to discontinue further consideration of this by-law.
Thank you,
Jan

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Janet

Last name
Young

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:13

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
This legislation is incredibly vague, allowing police and policy makers to dictate what kind of protest and public gathering is unacceptable. Limiting what kind of protest can be present around City Hall without a permit, is a way to directly escape accountability from the harm those in power may commit against Winnipeg and those who call it home. Placing a fine as a threat increases the odds of low income people being unable to participate in community events and protests as fines may be a huge burden depending on income.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Janine

Last name
Brown

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:38

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Janique

Last name
Fortier

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:41

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to the proposed By-Law. Restrictions on civic space (which includes universities and government buildings) and restrictions on public protest undermine our democracy. Sufficient laws exist to deal with problematic protests (laws against vandalism, uttering threats, assault, etc.) without curtailing the rights of people to voice their opinions in the ways proposed. Please DO NOT PASS THIS BY-LAW.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Janis

Last name
Thiessen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:17

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Janna C.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Janna

Last name
Cuevas

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to.vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Freedom of speech. No one should be fined for sharing their.views as long as they are peaceful. Let's not turn into the U.S.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jaqueline

Last name
Chagnon

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:08

Delegation information

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I don't agree with banning protest at post-secondary institutions. Post-secondary institutions are places of diverse thought and expression and banning protests at the locations would be infringing on that freedom.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jared

Last name
Adams

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 00:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This law is overreaching and unnecessary, the freedom to protest is a fundamental human right. I feel these restrictions on peaceful protesting infringe on articles 18, 19, and 20 of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jared

Last name
Rombough

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 06:08

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Jasmin

Last name
Reimer

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 01:31

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
My intension is to address this proposed agenda of removing rights regarding protest in certain areas. In the Canadian Constitution freedom of speech is protected under Section 2(b) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as a "fundamental freedom". Removing the right to protest near systems of power, such as the police headquarters destabilizes democracy and incites fear or lack of action by those who disagree. One example of this is MMIWG2S if people would not have protested, more of deceased woman's remains would be still be missing. The protests done for George Floyd had his murder arrested. Protesting is a human right and stands against injustices. Protesting creates positive change and educates others of potential legal changes that one may not otherwise hear about. Removing that right becomes a slippery slope towards fascism. Canada and Winnipeg especially, should be a place where freedom and peaceful protest are not only encouraged but also supported. We are a country that is working hard to learn accountability but if we take away the voices of the people (specifically minorities) who protest unfair laws made against them, we have chosen regression. We are better than this. We have seen the fall of what has happened to our neighbours in the US. Removing rights invokes fascism. We are better than that.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jasmine

Last name
Ackerman

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Sincerely,
Jasmine

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jasmine

Last name
K

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jasmine N

Last name
Tamayo

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:48

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Jason Anderson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jason

Last name
Anderson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law 4

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
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Signed,
Dr. Jason Gibbs

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jason

Last name
Gibbs

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Jason Hong

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jason

Last name
Hong

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Anti protest by-laws are harmful because they restrict a core democratic right: the freedom to express dissent in public spaces. When governments or municipalities impose excessive limits on when, where, or how people can protest, they weaken an essential mechanism for holding power to account and bringing attention to social issues. These by-laws often disproportionately affect marginalized groups who rely on public demonstration to make their voices heard. Beyond silencing dissent, such restrictions can create a chilling effect—people may fear punishment for participating in completely peaceful, lawful activism. In healthy democracies, public protest is not a problem to be stamped out but a sign of civic engagement, and laws that curb it undermine both democratic participation and public trust.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jason

Last name
Martin

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Hello Executive Policy Commitee,
Are you kidding me? You are considering turning democracy into demockery. Even considering this bizarre bylaw is making a mockery of our whole system. How about instead of disallowing protest you work on fixing the things that people protest about.
Jay Nowicki

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jason

Last name
Nowicki

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:24

Delegation information

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This proposal is overly broad. People in this thread are thinking it applies just to abortion protesters at the hospital (and there's already a law on that). But no, read it.

Hospitals
Pharmacies
Doctor's offices
Schools
Libraries
Community centres
Cultural centres
Cemeteries
Churches
Halfway houses

So maybe you think it's still reasonable. Maybe you're still thinking it only applies to them, those crazies who hate abortion/the LGBT community/Jews/Muslims/whatever. No, it could apply to you as well.

There's a presentation by a speaker known for spreading anti-LGBT hate. Can't protest that, it's at a church. A professor is fired for their views on Gaza. Can't protest that, it's at a school. MAGA event at a park. Can't protest that, it's at a community centre. Nazi dies and all their Nazi friends are having a Nazi funeral? Can't protest that, it's at a cemetery.

You would be relying on the government to use their "discretion" on what is allowed and what isn't. Even if you think the current administration would be reasonable in their choices, what about the next one, or the one after that?

Freedom to protest is extremely important in Canada. There should of course be limits, but these should be very few. It should only be essential services and places predominantly for vulnerable people, like:

Hospitals
Schools for children (not universities, colleges, and other adult education places)
Halfway houses

And no bullshit exemption for labour. If it's wrong to block access to a hospital with a protest, it's wrong for any reason.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jason

Last name
Thundercauk

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I'm horrified at this proposal to limit the fundamental freedom to protest, and restrict charter-protected peaceful demonstrations.

Let's not follow in the fascist steps of our southern neighbour.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jay

Last name
Friesen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jay

Last name
Fulmore

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:38

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Jay Goertzen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jay

Last name
Goertzen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:55

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Last name
Macey

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Register as a delegation_checkbox
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In person

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The rights we have that enable us to protest are crucial to an equitable society. This is too far and this is oppressive.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jay

Last name
Richardson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
1. #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Jay

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jay

Last name
Richardson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to any bylaw that erodes our Charter-protected democratic rights — particularly the right to peaceful protest and dissent — in order to protect powerful institutions from criticism.

Canada's history is clear: some of the most serious and systemic abuses in our country were carried out, enabled, or concealed by organized institutions that demanded social deference. Many churches played central roles in residential schools, the forced removal of Indigenous children, and the broader suppression of Indigenous culture and identity. The long record of sexual abuse by clergy, and the institutional failures that protected abusers, is also well documented.

A bylaw that restricts protest in ways that prevent citizens from naming these realities is not reconciliation. It is silence.

Winnipeg has an obligation — morally and legally — to uphold the Charter, and to ensure that public protest remains possible, even when it makes people uncomfortable. Protest is not meant to be convenient. It exists because history shows that institutions often do not hold themselves accountable unless they are pressured to do so publicly.

I am also deeply concerned about the implications of this bylaw in the context of ongoing international human rights issues. Across Canada, there have been events organized by groups that promote or facilitate the sale of land in occupied territories — land that is widely viewed under international law as illegally seized.

This Proposal is not abstract. It connects directly to displacement, discrimination, and the destruction of communities — including long-standing Christian and Muslim Palestinian

communities - in the birthplace of Christ no less.

Winnipeg is home to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Council should not place itself on the wrong side of history by limiting protest against dispossession, occupation, or violence — particularly when those issues involve communities whose rights are already routinely minimized.

This bylaw risks protecting the feelings and reputations of the powerful, rather than protecting the rights of the public.

Many Winnipeggers come from families who sacrificed to defeat fascism and defend democracy. We should not dishonour that legacy by weakening the very freedoms they fought for — including freedom of expression, freedom of assembly, and the right to publicly condemn injustice.

If “Never Again” is to mean anything, it must mean never again for anyone. That requires the courage to allow dissent — and the humility to accept that protest, by its nature, will sometimes be uncomfortable for those being protested.

I urge Council to reject this infringement on our Canadian freedoms.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jay

Last name
Short

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
People have a right to protest. How do we decide what a “nuisance” protest is and what’s valid protest?

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jaya

Last name
Roe

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I cannot believe the city is trying to dissuade people from participating in protests? Protests are an essential form of civic engagement under democracy. To ban them—or use the threat of fines to punish participants—is a blatant act of fascism. Shame on those promoting this.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jaz

Last name
Papadopoulos

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:27

Delegation information

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Jazmin Davie

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jazmin

Last name
Davie

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:43

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is a wide reaching bill that would make pretty much any form of protest in most of downtown a by-law violation that could lead to fines. I would implore the executive policy comittee to simply look at a map of all locations where protest will be limited according to this proposal- a total of 80 square killometers. The language used in the bill to define a nuisance protest is open to interpretation, where any protest that obstructs pedestrians (which is unavoidable with a large protest) or even simply uses a megaphone while "expressing objection or dissaproval.... towards an idea" would be included. The areas that this would apply include limiting school and university protests, which is a dangerous and absurd violition of free speach It would even restrict protests at city hall itself due to the proximity of RRC. Again, please look at a map- creating 100m buffer zones around such a long list of institutions causes much of downtown to fall within a buffer zone- for example, protesting would be a bylaw violation along the entire length 19 block length of portage between arlington and edmonton. This is an absurd restriction of free speach and if the executive comittee has any respect for free speach at all, they will reject this bill.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jazmine

Last name
Moffett-Steinke

To: The Executive Policy Committee

City of Winnipeg

I am writing to you to express my complete objection to the bylaw titled *The Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure* or so-called "Nuisance Demonstrations" in our city. My objection is because we, as citizens, have charter rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly in this country and I am dismayed by the possibility of having those cornerstone rights blocked by a by-law.

The City of Winnipeg already requires a permit to demonstrate on streets or in any way block traffic or pedestrians. There are also anti-hate laws, anti-violence and anti-property damage laws in this country that prevent demonstrators from damaging property and using language that is offensive. These laws and provisions allow we, as citizens, to lawfully protest and express our views to the public and to those with political power.

As we watch the erosion of democracy across the world, we have been comfortable in feeling that our country is still safe and democratic. And now the City of Winnipeg wishes to begin to erode democracy here too.

I am concerned too, because this "Safe Access" proposed bylaw would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used for decades (Winnipeg General Strike of 1919, e.g.) to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy. The implementation of this bylaw would also especially silence marginalized communities and would leave no options for we citizens to respond to hate.

Please continue to make the City of Winnipeg a place where democratic values still exist, where people have the freedom to express their objections to all levels of government. Voting to institute this bylaw is an erosion of our freedoms and of cemocracy, so please vote no.

Sincerely,

Jean Clipsham

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:41

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Jean-Luc Beaudry

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jean-Luc

Last name
Beaudry

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Jeane B.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jeane

Last name
Bergen

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Jeannette Alexander

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jeannette

Last name
Alexander

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,

Jeff Priestley

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jeff

Last name
Priestley

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I believe the proposed policy's definitions of nuisance protests are too broad, and with strategic interpretation on the part of the protested party, government or law enforcement, could be used to selectively discriminate and disrupt otherwise legitimate protests.

As it stands I believe the proposed policy infringes too much onto Candian's rights to protest.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jeffrey

Last name
Kent

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jeffrey

Last name
Patteson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Jen Doerksen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jen

Last name
Doerksen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 7 Vulnerable Social Infrastructure - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my unequivocal opposition to the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

Public demonstrations—vigils, rallies, round dances, marches, and peaceful assemblies—have long been indispensable tools for advancing justice and equality in our city and across Canada.

The rights and protections we value today were secured because people were free to gather, to speak, and to demand change. Workers, tenants, Indigenous communities, racialized residents, 2SLGBTQIA+ people, and environmental advocates have all relied on these fundamental freedoms to make their voices heard. To curtail these rights now is to undermine the very democratic traditions that built our community.

It is particularly alarming that this proposal emerges while Winnipeg aspires to recognition as a "Human Rights City" through United Cities and Local Governments. A city committed to human rights does not erode the constitutional freedoms of its residents; it safeguards them.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has warned that broadly framed restrictions of this kind risk unjustifiably infringing Charter rights and disproportionately harming those who depend on peaceful protest to advocate for social change. These concerns must not be dismissed.

I urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to abandon further consideration of this proposed by-law and to reaffirm your commitment to protecting the civil liberties of all

Winnipeggers.

Thank You.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jenn

Last name
Allen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Jennifer Martens

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jenn

Last name
Martens

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:20

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This by law is not only detrimental to the people of Winnipeg, it is a direct attack against an incredibly important part of our democratic process in the city. This by law is so vague that that its practical use in law is far to broad of a reach and will negatively impact important events that happen in downtown Winnipeg that are integral to community building in the city. I am completely opposed to this by law and do not believe that this law will make anyone more safe. It should not be passed into law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jenna

Last name
Berry

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Jenna

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:59

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,
Jenna Poborsa

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This proposed by-law risks infringing on constitutional rights of freedom of expression and freedom to peacefully assemble. It is too vague and liable to be misinterpreted by police, citizens, and government alike. This confusion would likely result in mistreatment of citizens by law enforcement and lead to costly legal battles between the city and those whose right have been violated.

As a resident of North Kildonan-Rivereast, I do not support this by-law proposal.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jenna

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Warkentin

February 11, 2026

To Executive Policy Committee,

My name is Jenna Wilson, and I am a resident of St. Boniface and a Registered Social Worker working in Winnipeg. I am writing to formally express my opposition to Agenda Item #7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Historically, legislation placing any limitations on the right to freely assemble in public has been a tool of oppression used against already marginalized populations. At a time when fascism is taking root globally, the danger of enacting this type of legislation in our community cannot be overstated. Over the past few years, we have seen how student rights to protest have been eroded on college campuses across the U.S., and this by-law would function as an endorsement of the same principles.

While I agree that individuals accessing education, healthcare, religious, and community services should be free from intimidation or harassment, that right cannot supersede the public's right to protest at these institutions. The language in the by-law that describes intimidation and harassment is too vague and allows individuals to weaponize it in bad faith against respectful protestors based on *feeling* unsafe rather than on *being* unsafe. As a social worker and mental health therapist working with survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV), I am well acquainted with the difference between an actual threat to safety and feelings of discomfort. While harassment, intimidation, and violence are major problems in this city and across the province, these things most often occur inside of homes and institutions, not outside of them. If you care about protecting Winnipeggers from violence and discrimination, I suggest strengthening our rights to protest and organize, not weaken them. In addition, harassment and intimidation are already covered by provincial legislation in the Human Rights Code, Domestic Violence and Stalking Act and Workplace Health and Safety Act.

One of the primary reasons that I have continued to live in Winnipeg for the past 10 years, is that the history and culture of activism and grassroots organizing gives me hope for a better future. I know that there are many other community members who feel the same way. The proposed by-law would infringe upon the right to protest in a way that would chip away at that culture and betray the city's history.

I respectfully encourage the committee to reject this proposal and consider broad and equitable community consultation, to generate a more balanced and collaborative solution to your concerns.

Sincerely,

Jenna Wilson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:52

Delegation information

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Agenda Item 7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:31

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Jenni

Last name
Waldner

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:39

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
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This proposal is highly undemocratic. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees the freedom of peaceful assembly, a proud Canadian value that this law would undermine. It's likely that this law, were it to pass, would create more chaos and legal challenges for the City.

Democracy belongs everywhere in our society - it belongs in our classrooms, in our churches, and on our streets. No person or institution should be immune from accountability under the system that maintains our social order. If you limit who can be accountable to the people, and whose voices can be heard and where, you are surrendering the fundamental principles necessary for democracy to thrive. The limits in this bill are unconscionable on face value. There is no amendment that can make this bill suitable for the needs of our public.

It's a shame to see the City of Winnipeg consider a law that mimics the most regressive authoritarian creep that we're seeing in other parts of the world. Why does this proposal label assembly, the most foundational of civic acts, as a nuisance? Is the very existence of your constituents nothing more than an inconvenience for you? Who is considered an inconvenience and who is celebrated? A law like this will punish Indigenous People's, racialized people, and others marginalized by oppressions disproportionately and will be a stain on this city. I expect any councillor who believes in a fair and free democracy to vote

against this proposition.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jennifer

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:07

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Signed,
Jennifer Coelho

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:19

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Signed,

Jennifer Gair

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:20

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#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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Thank you

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Jennifer

Last name
Hancharyk

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:15

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I'm concerned that the wording used will allow unfair targeting of peaceful protest and may be applied unjustly. I question whether the true intent of this law is to protect citizens. Rather it seems likely it will be used to quiet, punish and hide valid dissent.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jennifer

Last name
Marshall

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:31

Delegation information

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Signed,
Jennifer Oborne Crolly

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:56

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:48

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Signed,
Jennifer Smith

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Jennifer

Last name
Smith

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:24

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Sincerely,
Resident of area code R3E 2N8

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Jennifer

Last name
Sparling

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:11

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Signed,
Jennifer Watt

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jennifer

Last name
Watt

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I am appalled and disgusted by the presentation of a by-law that would violate Winnipeggers' Charter rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. I am strongly opposed to this by-law, which will inevitably be used to silence and punish the dissent of our community's most marginalized members. Hate crimes and violence are already illegal under the criminal code. We already have a provincial law creating a buffer zone so protestors cannot harass people accessing medical care. The rise of fascism south of the border will not distract Winnipeggers from fighting against similar power-grabs in our own city. I implore you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Signed,

Jenny Henkelman

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jenny

Last name
Henkelman

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:59

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Jérôme Vandal

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jerome

Last name
Vandal

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:49

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

Jessalyn Heppner

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jessalyn

Last name
Heppner

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:32

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Thank you for your time

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jesse

Last name
Franklin

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,

Jesse Santin

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
JESSE

Last name
SANTIN

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:20

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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Signed,
Jesse Turner

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jesse

Last name
Turner

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
3. Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Register as a delegation
In person

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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As a former resident of Charleswood & graduate of Oak Park High I can say that this idea by Evan Duncan does not represent the community I grew up in.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jesse

Last name
Waters-Wolfe

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:51

Delegation information

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Personal information

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:14

Delegation information

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Signed,
Jessica Charney
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jessica

Last name
Charney

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:39

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

Jessica Derksen

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jessica

Last name
Derksen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:28

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Jessica Gibson

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jessica

Last name
Gibson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:56

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Jessica L

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jessica

Last name
Lussier

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Jessica Logan Piggott

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jessica

Last name
Piggott

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7: safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
This proposed bylaw is deeply concerning because it reframes peaceful protest, one of the few tools available to marginalized communities, as a nuisance simply for being visible, disruptive, or uncomfortable to those in power. Public protest is not meant to be convenient. It is meant to draw attention to injustice, especially when traditional political channels have failed or excluded certain voices. By restricting protests in public spaces and near decision makers, this bylaw targets the very places where democratic accountability is most meaningful and shields institutions and politicians from criticism rather than addressing genuine safety concerns. The City already has ample tools to deal with violence, obstruction, or harassment, and creating a protest specific enforcement regime sends a clear message that political expression, particularly when it challenges dominant narratives, is the problem being managed. This is especially alarming given Winnipeg's racial history and present realities, where laws that rely on discretion and vague concepts like nuisance are rarely enforced equally and have historically been used to police Indigenous peoples, racialized communities, and solidarity movements far more harshly than state aligned or socially accepted gatherings. The threat of severe fines will not deter harmful conduct. It will deter participation by students, low income residents, and racialized people who already face disproportionate surveillance and punishment. Protecting institutions from public discomfort is not a neutral policy choice. It reflects whose voices are valued and whose are treated as expendable. If City Council adopts this bylaw, it will signal that the City is more concerned with preserving political comfort and quiet streets than with upholding democratic engagement, racial justice, and the right of communities to speak out against oppression in the public spaces that belong to all of us.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Khalil

Last name
Qasem

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Jessica Pike

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jessica

Last name
Pike

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
agenda Item #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Register as a delegation_checkbox
Register as a delegation

Register as a delegation
In person

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed, Jessica Plouffe

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jessica

Last name
Plouffe

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
In the city that gave you the 1919 general strike you want to take away the people's right to protest?!
No room for Trump level fascism here.
We are free and we will continue to use our voices!
I am disgusted that this is even on the table - whoever proposed this should be ashamed of themselves.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jessica

Last name
Sawers

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item 7: Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my shock, alarm, and deep concern at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the truly alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Jessica Seburn
Wolseley Resident

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jessica

Last name
Seburn

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
A concerned school teacher who wants to protect her students' rights to protest

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jessie

Last name
Taylor

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, as well as completely violate Treaties and Indian Status Rights for Indigenous People's. Winnipeg cannot claim to stand for reconciliation whilst agreeing to consider this by-law. It is for these reasons that I am in opposition.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment, all in which we are still lacking.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach and potential police violence for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jessika

Last name
Wilson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:38

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
J. Emilio Enriquez

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jesus Emilio

Last name
Enriquez

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Standing Policy Committee on Community Services

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Jewel Pierre

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jewel

Last name
Pierre

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am alarmed at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our freedom of expression and peaceful assembly (protected by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms!).

Winnipeggers have long used public demonstrations to advocate for social and policy changes that have bettered our community and our nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on our constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and lead to inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

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are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

Jez Torres

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jez

Last name
Torres

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jihad

Last name
Alshouli

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Jill Ritchot

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jill

Last name
Ritchot

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Jillian Garofalo

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jillian

Last name
Garofalo

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Jing Chang

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jing

Last name
Chang

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaws

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Peaceful protest is a protected right, not a nuisance. This bylaw puts that right at risk and should be opposed.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jinju

Last name
Choi

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
In the current political climate of erosion of citizen rights , political bodies who truly want to represent the people they serve should do everything to protect the rights of their constituents to voice their opinions. This by-law does the opposite. Restricting non-violent protest only serves to widen the gap between government and the people.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Joan

Last name
Barkman

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure byLaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Joanne Ritchie

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Joanne

Last name
Ritchie

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today as a student to express my shock and distress at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. This law feels like a spit in the face especially with the state of the world right now. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Jocelyn Roney

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jocelyn

Last name
Roney

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 01:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Jody Martens

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jody

Last name
Martens

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw.

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This bylaw attempts to remove the right to peaceful protest and is unconstitutional. The underlying issue is people are protesting political activities being held at synagogues such as real estate sales of occupied Palestinian land (illegal war crime), hosting of Israeli military (suspected war criminals), or fundraising for the IDF (definitely not a moral army). These activities are using the synagogues as cover to avoid scrutiny and the justified protest. The protesters are not against prayer or religious activities but the political ones being conducted in secret. The proposed bylaw would suppress the much needed and well justified peaceful protest to the horrible actions occurring in Israel and the West Bank. There are likely other issues that this bylaw would encumber but this is the main one I know about and likely the Zionist lobby is the initiator of the bylaw proposal. It should not pass as it goes against the open and engaging character of our city. Thank you, Joe Ackerman

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Joe

Last name

Ackerman

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Joe

Last name
McDonald

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

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Signed,
joel mierau

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Joel

Last name
Mierau

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Joel Rempel

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Joel

Last name
Rempel

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Joel Ritchot
R2H 0C2

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Joël

Last name
Ritchot

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,

Joel Siemens

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Joel

Last name
Siemens

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7B

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Controlling the right to protest peacefully is against very basic human right to do so. This is a very slippery slope. Terrible idea - makes Winnipeg look terrible , everyone who cares about anything is upset.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Joey

Last name
Visser

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 00:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Johanna

Last name
Armstrong

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 06:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7-Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,
Johanna Riley

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Johanna

Last name
Riley

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This motion to repeal Agenda Item #7 is unconstitutional and unsoundly. How can you be defending the vulnerable members of our community and our access to public discourse and spaces if our city's right to public assembly is compromised? By threatening to limit our collective voice, you risk alienating your neighbours, friends, family, and delegates.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
John Ergon

Last name
Golpe

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
John

Last name
Obtial

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7 “safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law”

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am very frightened and concerned about the proposed by-law. It will infringe on my right to protest enshrined in the charter. Please do not pass this by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
John

Last name
Samson Fellows

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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Thank you,
John Seymour

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
John

Last name
Seymour

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
john

Last name
whiteway

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
John-Paul

Last name
Harris

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Jolene

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jolene

Last name
Osztian

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item #7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Good afternoon

I will not put this lightly, the suggestion of this law is a digusting insult to the rights of Winnipegers. As canadians, we have the right to organize in protest, and to limit where we do such, in turn, limits what we can protest, or how meaningful that protest to be.
To pass this By-law is to prove that the council is against giving power to the citizens of winnipeg if it inconveniences them, to prove that the council cares not about justice and only for the status quo. At a time like this, when protestors in the US are shot in the streets, to limit our protesting freedoms here in Winnipeg is a turn in the wrong direction, a turn that goes against the people of this city.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jolyne

Last name
Toderian

RE: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw and explore options for managing blockages for access to critical and vulnerable public infrastructure that are not in opposition to the Charter and our civil liberties.

Signed,

Jonathan Rosset

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to tell you that I'm disgusted and horrified by the suggestion of taking away the right to protest and the right to free speech in Winnipeg.
Restricting our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly is one of the first steps of fascism, and Winnipeg communities will not stand for this.
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Signed, Jonathan Van Dyck

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jonathan

Last name
Van Dyck

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:09

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to the recommendation because it severely limits freedom of speech and protest in public spaces and points of proximity to decision makers, including City Hall, university campuses, Wab Kinew's office, etc.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
joni

Last name
Sawatzky

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:40

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jonna

Last name
Peters

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:25

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Good day. I am opposed to this by-law as currently written. It is entirely too broad in the language used and infrastructure selected. The term "nuisance" should not be considered. Defined designated areas / paths to the infrastructure should be made clear to prohibit physical blocking during a protest. Areas like emergency lanes and fire exits. Not broad distances as this by-law currently is. This is a slippery slope by-law that can lead to suppressing our rights.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jordan

Last name
Boulding

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Jordan Courchene

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jordan

Last name
Courchene

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item #7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bi law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Once you take away the means of peaceful protest, you leave only the option for violent protest. I don't always agree that people should be blocking streets to protest. But it is their right to do so.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jordan

Last name
Maschio

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:35

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jordan

Last name
Moreau

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:43

Delegation information

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The right to protest especially on campus' and near legislature and government buildings is important for everyone, no matter their political leanings. Taking away a communities right to protest is a slippery slope to very American behaviour. I do believe hate speech should be a crime, but marking off huge swaths of the city is not the answer.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jordan

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:59

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Jordan

Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
-Jordan Wood

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jordan

Last name
Wood

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Nuisance Protest

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Jorden Brooks

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jorden

Last name
Brooks

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:13

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Jordynne Desrosiers

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jordynne

Last name
Desrosiers

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:55

Delegation information

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Signed,

Joseph (Joey) Moore

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Joseph

Last name
Moore

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
This is a complete disregard for our rights as a Canadian, living in a democracy, and can be easily abused.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

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Joseph

Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:50

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Long form:

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Joseph Scheirer

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Joseph

Last name
Scheirer

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,

Joshua M. Steppan

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Josh

Last name
Steppan

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 02:25

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This proposal is so vague that it calls into question about who may utilize these powers justly. I support the freedom to protest, to speak, print, share and march for actions, people and causes as I see fit. Be it my by myself or in a mass of like-minded individuals.

My issue is the openness of what is considered a nuisance. I find that a province built on history of public discourse cannot look itself in the face with said proposal when we as a province have faught for the right to display our grievance.

The mere notion that it's again a"nuisance" protest speaks to how little a violence we DO produce when we choose to express our dimsay.

Whether be a trolly tipping during the general strike or a statue toppled for the victims in residential schools back in 2021, I see no mass violence taken when protests occur. I see the CHOICE of words are open for interpretation in this proposal, and could easily be used to silence those who feel the need to stand up for their rights.

Regardless of views, partisan or not, I believe it's our right to express ourselves if a collective finds the need to address issues we disagree upon. Be it a government, a corporation or a group.

I am against this proposal. Let it stand as it is, so that we as Manitobans can continue the freedom to publicly express our disapproval as a community without fine or threat.

"We may be a small community and a half-breed community at that – but we are men, free and spirited men, and we will not allow even the Dominion of Canada to trample on our rights".

-L.R

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Joshua

Last name
Cabezas-chua

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:21

Delegation information

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

First off, I would like to note the irony in the titling of this proposed by-law. Safe access to infrastructure is a constant battle in this city where transportation is a constant barrier to access both in physical form and service levels. The City is currently failing to provide safe access to roadways, sidewalks, and building access particularly during winter months. Furthermore, the City chronically underfunds its own infrastructure leading to closures (Happyland pool) and outright negligence (Arlington Street Bridge). It is incredulous to believe infringing on the rights of its own citizens is somehow a priority when we as a city can't even keep up with basic maintenance. It is interesting how certain legislation gathers motion and support in this council over other legislation that is dogged at every turn and liable to perennial delay.

I find myself very much alarmed at the broad and sweeping restrictions that this bylaw proposes. The ability for people in Canada to assemble and protest is not only a federally-enshrined right but also a key and necessary capacity for people to organize for change. Stratified society hears most loudly from the best-connected which creates outcomes in decision-making that favour very specific interests first. Quelling the ability for people to protest without penalty will have a chilling effect on groups of people who do not have the ability to wield the levers of power for themselves, or by proxy through a lobby organization, social club or personal connection.

Furthermore, preventing organized or ad-hoc protest only turns up the pressure. As people struggle to find community and positive connection amidst the historical, alarming, and violent local and world events around us, protest and demonstration are critical ways for

peaceful change to be rallied for. In a similar manner that labour peace was achieved through legislated rights to strike (notably carved-out in this proposed by-law), free organization to protest in the "town square" avoids pressure building up that is released in more harmful ways. The effective limitation on the gathering and motion of marches, protests and rallies in the downtown effectively prevents such events from happening where they are felt and heard, and would instead remove them to where they can be ignored. Such a change would create significantly more tension among people who are hoping to have their voices heard.

This bylaw appears to exist to implement a roadblock to social connection, the progress of human rights and the ability of people disconnected from the direct exertion of power to create change for themselves. It is an alarming step towards fascist attitudes from our own city council, when we can see clearly in a sister city to us merely hours away the desire to suppress people's ability to gather, organize, connect, feel, rally, and chart their own future being exerted upon good and innocent folk.

We must see this step for what it is - a measure to control, quell, quiet and conquer people who feel like they must speak up when their needs are not met and when their current social reality does not measure up to an ideal of the Winnipeg in which they could be living in. The job of a city councillor is often seen as one of an elected manager; however free speech does not need management.

Rather than limit the speech of your own constituents should this not be a moment to listen, to empathize, and to understand the very real and pressing concerns of your neighbours. This is a first step in a very steep and rocky descent into the obstruction of the right to free speech, a right that people have fought for and a right we should be supporting now more than ever.

I ask of you - please vote in opposition of this bylaw.

Sincerely,
Joshua Schmidt

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Joshua

Last name
Schmidt

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
The Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
To members of the Executive Policy Committee, regarding the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law:

It is my understanding that regulations prohibiting disruptive protest at reproductive health clinics, vaccination sites, and religious buildings already exists at the provincial level. I am concerned that this newly-proposed legislation is not only unnecessary, but has a serious potential to be abused. Restricting our Charter rights to public action is fundamentally antidemocratic, and as a citizen I oppose and reject this proposed by-law unconditionally.

—Joshua Stanton

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Joshua

Last name
Stanton

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Josie Lawrence

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Josie

Last name
Lawrence

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 00:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This by-law is overreaching and clearly violates the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The bizarrely long list of institutions and the vague language as to what constitutes a "nuisance demonstration" gives the city far too much power over its citizen's rights as Canadians. Thus I strongly oppose this by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Josie

Last name
Thiessen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jovana

Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:16

Delegation information

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Signed,

Jozef kiska

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jozef

Last name
Kiska

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Jubilee Dueck Thiessen

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Jubilee

Last name
Dueck Thiessen

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 06:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 about protests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The proposed changes are too sweeping, this feels very wrong to include banning protests from places like university campuses and from city hall. Historically these are important places to protest, and deserve to be kept. Places like abortion clinics or k-12 schools are different, and this should be reviewed accordingly.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Juel

Last name
Woitowicz

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:46

Delegation information

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This Council is absolutely out of order in even considering this overstepping of our charter protected rights. It is delusional thinking that a democratic institution would attempt to silence its citizens and would constitute a violent escalation by the city to peaceful assembly. I guess any reason to justify the uninterrupted, unjustifieable, yearly increases in police funding, eh?

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jule

Last name
Dubé-Smith

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
How dare you pull our right to peaceful protest into jeopardy? This is a protected right under the Canadian Charter of Human Rights under sections 2(b) and 2(c).
The suggestions to ban and fine peaceful protesters are absolutely appalling, at any period in history, but especially while protests are allowing the people to be heard and sparking change globally. How dare you feign interest in the protection of our most vulnerable while your plan is to actively silence / punish those brave enough to speak up. You make me sick. Do better. Listen to the people you represent - the forcing of silence only leads to revolt.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jules

Last name
Siddall

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:05

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed, Jules Wyskwar-Sumonja.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Jules

Last name
Wyskwar-Sumonja

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to the recommendations. This ban directly imposes on freedom of speech.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Julia

Last name
Blais

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:11

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Julia Campbell

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Julia

Last name
Campbell

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Julia Drybrough Serafin

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Julia

Last name
Drybrough

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
As long as protests are peaceful, Winnipeg citizens should have the right to protest anywhere without fear of being fined.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Julia

Last name
Friesen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:32

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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First name
Julia

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:03

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Executive Policy Committee

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Nuisance Protest bylaw

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Signed,
Julia Yabut

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7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I oppose the agenda item because it is a blunt cudgel used to restrict people's rights under the Charter. Something should be not legal only when people are doing something that isn't legal, not when it's viewed as a nuisance. Given everything going on in the world right now, we should be looking to strengthen and enshrine our democratic rights, not restrict them and give them away.

Public engagement (optional)

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Julian

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Signed,
Juliana Roe

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First name
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Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing both as a Winnipeg resident and as a postsecondary researcher and educator to express my strong disagreement with the recommendations you are currently considering for the proposed 'Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.'

As a professor of Urban and Inner-City Studies at the University of Winnipeg, I teach my Urban and Community Planning students about the many times that policymakers and planners have used 'nuisance by-laws' to attempt to control dissent in Canadian cities. Nuisance by-laws have been introduced in the name of 'safety' many times in the past, and have often in effect limited the ability of marginalized communities to be heard and seen and to thrive in a diverse and vibrant public realm. Nuisance by-laws have targeted Indigenous communities in Ontario and Chinese community members in British Columbia, as just two examples.

I teach my students this history as an important cautionary tale, so that they understand how common it is for an apparently technical, spatial approach to undermine the well-being of people with less power in our cities. The proposal that is currently under discussion is unfortunately a very effective opportunity to show my students how the same patterns continue today.

The proposed by-law is inappropriately broad, inconsistent with the values of a free and democratic public environment, and is fundamentally unnecessary, considering that we have existing protections against hate, violence, threats and intimidation.

I urge you to chart a different course and to drop further consideration of this proposed by-law.

A healthy city doesn't have to hide protest by pushing it out of public space. A healthy city needs *more* space for dissent and hard conversations about current events and issues. The proposed by-law would be a step backwards and would have a chilling effect on what should be a vibrant culture of debate and disagreement in public.

Sincerely,

Julie Chamberlain

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:38

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Juniper Giesbrecht

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Justin Ceron

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First name
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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This by-law is fundamentally anti-democratic, and it is embarrassing that anyone has even considered adopting this by-law. It screams either intentionally anti democratic thinking or willful ignorance about how this by-law will be enforced in the real world.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to express shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. I was stunned to see this under consideration, particularly given the quick erosion of rights to freedom of expression in our neighboring country. This bylaw would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposal.

This bylaw would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment. "Vulnerable" infrastructure is not more important than our vulnerable populations having the opportunity to make their voices heard.

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Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 02:18

Public hearing participation

Identify the item and your position

Public hearing item
February 17, 2026 Executive Policy Committee #7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Position on the proposed development
Opposition

How would you like to participate?

Participation options
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear members of the EPC
Re: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law
This bylaw is using a nuclear bomb to tackle a problem that doesn't even exist in the first place.
Is anyone truly lacking safe access?
Can infrastructure is be inherently "vulnerable" (other than to fire or poor construction or earthquakes, etc.)?
The qualifier "nuisance" added to "protest" is meaningless because any protest that achieves its goal of attracting attention to its cause generally does so by being a little bit of a "nuisance."
Life does not give anyone a pass on being annoyed or inconvenienced at times. Sometimes it's incidental: protestors are blocking the sidewalk where you want to pass and you have to go around or push your way through the crowd with a 100 "excuse me"s. Sometimes it's instrumental: a protestor's sign or chant rankles because at some level you know their critique has hit home.
There is no justifiable reason to legislate an escape from an experience of slight discomfort.
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purposes or political events, it sheds its religious protection.
Perhaps the most alarming part of this bylaw is the argument Councillor Duncan advanced for why he wants it enacted now: “we want to avoid the chaos happening in Minneapolis right now.”
Sir, that chaos is being caused by a gang of deputized thugs, anonymously harassing and abducting ordinary people for no good reason.
If you want to avoid being subject to protests, listen well to your constituents and support policies on the basis of how they lead to flourishing for all Winnipeggers, not how they serve aims of political opportunity.
I implore you all to oppose this bylaw which tramples on the very basis of democracy, the rights to expression and participation in political systems.
Sincerely
K Braun
PS While I have your attention, might I mention the Chief Peguis Trail Extension West is part of an utter boondoogle that will lock future generations into inevitable bankruptcy while depriving the present of good things like libraries and properly compensated firefighters and maintenance in city parks and expanded safe bicycle paths and ploughed sidewalks so seniors and folks with wheeled mobility aids aren’t trapped inside all winter, and grants for community organizations that provide youth with inspiration and opportunity, and so on.

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Full name
K Braun

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:49

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Kacey Bolton
Winnipeg, MB

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Kai

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Hache

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:39

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Signed,
Kai Lysack

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:49

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Signed,
Kai Schwartz

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:38

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
At a time like this, facing a climate collapse, multiple genocides and rampant unchecked police violence and corruption, the thought of suppressing the peoples' ability to gather and protest is abhorrent. It is a disgusting overreach which challenges some of our most basic democratic rights. It will do nothing but make people more angry and disenfranchised than they already are. Please, do not pass this motion.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submission for a committee of council
letter to the Winnipeg Executive Policy Committee_ SAVI bylaw.pdf

Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access To vulnerable infrastructure

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
Kailey

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:58

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Kailey Brown

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Kaitlin Hall

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Comments
I am opposed to the above-noted proposal as it is an undemocratic and unnecessary restriction on Winnipeg citizens'
constitutional right to freedom of peaceful assembly and protest.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Signed,
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Warner

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:10

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Signed,
Kaitlin whyte

Public engagement (optional)

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First name
Kaitlin

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Whyte

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:50

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Kaitlyn

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Meyers

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:17

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Kaitlyn Trojan

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kaitlyn

Last name
Trojan

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,

Kaleb

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kaleb

Last name
Johanson-Emslie

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Kaleigh

Last name
Henderson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:55

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

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Kaleigh Karlenzig

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kaleigh

Last name
Karlenzig

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Removing our right in a democracy to protest

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
We as Canadians have the right especially when large important issues come into play to speak on and about these issues and raise our concerns an actively try to make other people aware of what's going on so they have the opportunity and ability to make the right decisions for them and you trying to take that away is a major breach in our rights and freedoms and the democracy we have I oppose this with every fiber of my being and will not stop speaking on why I believe in whatever it may be animals humans or any other matter so I demand if you want to respect our rights and democracy you will retract this or deny this immediately

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kali

Last name
Kolomyja

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7 "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law"

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am vehemently opposed to banning protests, especially at a time when it is necessary to stand together in non-violent ways to ensure our safety. The current laws concerning violence and protection of property in the context of protests are ample. The message being sent by this ban is concerning and generating fear among people who are marginalized and is not demonstrative of trust in the process of civil discourse.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kalyn

Last name
Falk

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This bylaw will annihilate our right to protest within a 100 meters of "nuisance protest zones" which happen to cover most of downtown including city hall. This is an attack on our charter rights, undermining one of the pillars of a functioning democracy: freedom of speech and assembly. I strongly disagree with and oppose this proposal.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kameron

Last name
Jones-Glenat

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
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Via zoom

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Signed,
Kamillah

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Kamillah

Last name
El-Giadaa

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Signed,
Kapanaise Thiebaut

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kapanaise

Last name
Thiebaut

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Ban on Protests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Kara Penny Smith
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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Kara

Last name
Smith

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Rather than a blanket approach, greater specificity is needed in order to have my public support for this policy.

Sincerely,

Winnipeg Resident

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kara

Last name
Von Riesen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7: Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

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Karen

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Karen

Last name
Burr

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Karen

Last name
Falkingham

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:18

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item 7 appendix B

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Signed
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Karen

Last name
Taylor

Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2026 3:18:53 PM
Full name: Karen Zoppa

City: Winnipeg
Province or territory: Manitoba
Postal code: R2W 3W9
File(s):
Referring URL: https://www.winnipeg.ca/
Subject: Winnipeg.ca : Other - Reject Protest By-Law
Message:
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Signed,
Karen Zoppa, PhD

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Kana Lawe

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Karina

Last name
Lawe

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Karina Lebedeva

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Karina

Last name
Lebedeva

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:48

Delegation information

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Signed,
Karleigh Sciangula

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Karleigh

Last name
Sciangula

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Karly

Last name
Epp

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:04

Delegation information

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Signed,
Carver Marion

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Carver

Last name
Marion
Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:05

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Signed,
Karlynne Thiesssen

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Karlynne

Last name
Thiessen

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Signed,
Karlynne Thiesssen

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Karlynne

Last name
Thiessen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:34

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Signed,
Karolina Reddig

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Karolina

Last name
Reddig

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am very concerned this a massive overstep and violates our right to protest. This is a very slippery slope to head down the road America is currently on.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Karyn

Last name
Balser

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Kasey

Last name
Skinner

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kassandra

Last name
B

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Kat Roberts

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Kat

Last name
Roberts

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Peaceful protests are important to allow, no matter what the content or the location. I understand that certain protests can be harmful to others, but I believe those should be dealt with on a case-by-case basis so that we can keep our rights to protest. By restricting where people can protest, it opens the door to restrictions on what we can protest, or if we're allowed to protest at all, which is a very scary thought. Always, but especially right now, we need to be amplifying our voices, NOT silencing them.

Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

First name
Kate

Last name
Broadfoot

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Signed,

Kat Derbecker

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:59

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This would be an egregious violation of our charter of rights and freedoms. I strongly oppose this bylaw and the uneven way it is likely to be enforced.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Kate

Last name
Garinger

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:32

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Kate Heide

Public engagement (optional)

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First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Ban on Protests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Protesting is a human right and the government banning protests will make the people more angry. It violates freedom of speech.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kate

Last name
Higginson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Katelyn

Last name
Mulchan

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Sheppard

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:01

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my utter dismay that the City of Winnipeg would consider a violation of our Charter-protected rights in the form of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

The right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly is fundamental to Canadian culture and a functioning society in general. For this reason, I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw and implore you to reject it.

This by-law would limit the ability of Winnipeggers to advocate and stand up for human rights, oppose unjust violations of the same, and make known our values and convictions.

Public protests and demonstrations have long been used to help win and defend human rights for workers and tenants, women, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, this by-law would infringe on constitutional rights and silence the voices of marginalized communities. It could lead to police overreach, and even result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place. These acts are already criminal and we have sufficient means of addressing them. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited and our rights would be violated.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of our democracy.

Considering the alarming suppression of human rights we are right now witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy. There is no room in Canada for this type of toxic, anti-rights rhetoric.

I strongly implore you to reject further consideration of the proposed bylaw.

Signed in good faith,
Katelynd Brosowsky

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Katelynd

Last name
Brosowsky

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am concerned that broad rules such as the proposed ones may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change. We as a society need to protect freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. The proposed by-law puts the above at risk! Let's change the proposed by-law so it upholds the Charter of Rights, and protects our democracy.

Submission for a committee of council
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
KATHARINA

Last name

STIEFFENHOFER



Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I am writing to you today over concerns that the "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law" would infringe on our Canadian Charter rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, therefore I'm in opposition to the bylaw.

I've been a witness to seeing how protests in schools are necessary to allow students to fight back any nonsense schools may try to throw at them, to ensure improvements in student's school life, and ensure all students are welcome.
I've been a witness to seeing how doctors and nurses will protest around hospitals to ensure their unions are heard, their safety and patients safety are assured, and that they're paid fairly for their life saving work.
I've been a witness to seeing how protests are essential to bring accountability, safety, equitability, among many things forward to ensure that everyone is heard, to ensure things improve.
I've both been a witness and part of communities that take effort in improving things for people with disabilities, 2SLGBTQIA+, Vulnerable road users, etc. That in itself is often seen as a form of protest on it's own, heck, people just simply being themselves and existing, is also often seen as a form of protest.

Protests are by design supposed to be at least somewhat disruptive, but they are not a nuisance, they are essential and part of our culture.

Protests have been essential to help ensure that people with disabilities, the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, vulnerable road users, students, elders, aboriginals, other minority groups, and other vulnerable groups in ensuring access to the following: Safety, Access, Respect, Fairness, Justice, Equitability, Diversity, Inclusion, Education, Employment, Income,

Health, Food, Water, Self Expression, Beliefs, and more.

If protests are restricted, the most vulnerable in our society are at risk of losing their self expression, safety, visibility, and anything else that protests have helped them access in the first place... and will not help our community in getting any better as a result.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kathia

Last name
Fillion

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7, safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
your name

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kathleen

Last name
Borgfjord

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Kathleen Maddocks

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kathleen

Last name
Maddocks

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Kathryn Ginter

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kathryn

Last name
Ginter

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to this by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kathryn

Last name
Kawka

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Barring protest in places like city hall is an attack on free speech and freedom of assembly. The ability to protest without facing consequence is ESSENTIAL to our democracy. We deserve to have our voices heard.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kathryn

Last name
Lischynski

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable infastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments

Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.
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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the

Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed, Kathryn Anne

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kathryn-Anne

Last name
Tanasiciuk

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Katia

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Katia

Last name
Lamoureux

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Manitoba is a by-product of protest and resilience.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Katie

Last name
Anderson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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If passed, I am concerned that this bylaw could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" bylaw would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Katie

Last name
Daman

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Katie Derksen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Katie

Last name
Derksen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.
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democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations by-law.

Signed,
Katie Dornn

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
katie

Last name
dornn

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my concern and opposition for the City of Winnipeg's proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that - due to its broad language - could potentially restrict Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

This by-law has the potential to limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment. If the proposed by-law is passed, I am concerned that it could infringe on constitutional rights, silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to unjustified enforcement by police as a result of opportunities for broad interpretation of the by-law, and limit options for responding to hate. The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has also expressed concerns that the broad rules under the by-law may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and echo that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

In light of recent international events and the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S. and in other parts of the world, it is essential that we continue to protect freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy, here in Winnipeg.

I urge you to uphold the Charter, protect our democracy, and reconsider passing the

proposed bylaw.

Thank you,

Katie Fowler

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Katie

Last name
Fowler

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Katie Lariviere

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
katie

Last name
Lariviere

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today as a resident of Fort Rouge - East Fort Garry to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Katie Leitch

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Katie

Last name
Leitch

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Katina

Last name
Mikos

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:49

Delegation information

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Katrina Craig
Winnipeg, MB,

Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

First name
Katrina

Last name
Craig

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Signed,
Katrina Scaramuzzi

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Katrina

Last name
Scaramuzzi

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:32

Delegation information

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Comments
This is an absolutely ridiculous, retrograde and anti-democratic proposition — let people protest where they want/need to protest.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Katrine

Last name
Deniset

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:11

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Signed,
Katsitsanoron Dumoulin-Bush

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Dumoulin-Bush

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Comments
This by-law would limit our constitutional right to protest... genuinely shocked that a Winnipeg councillor is even proposing this.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Katy

Last name
Ens

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Signed,
Kay Nadjiwon

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kay

Last name
Nadjiwon

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:29

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Signed,
Yours Truly.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kaya

Last name
Bellemare Scott

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:47

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Signed,
Kaydon N. Laurin

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Signed,
Kayla Mauricio

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Kayla

Last name
Mauricio

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:14

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Signed,
Kayla Nelson

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kayla

Last name
Nelson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:48

Delegation information

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kayla

Last name
Walker

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:03

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Signed,
Kaylee Padua

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kaylee

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:49

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Signed,
Kayleigh H.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kayleigh

Last name
H

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Delegation information

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Council

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kayleigh

Last name
Russell

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:39

Delegation information

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Signed,
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kaylie

Last name
MacRae

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:06

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Comments
The right to protest is the right of everyone. No matter the circumstances/subject matter.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Keele

Last name
Thompson

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 00:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Keely

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Keely

Last name
McPeek

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:39

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Signed,

Keely Richmond

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
keely

Last name
richmond

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:36

Delegation information

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Signed, Keely Zacharias

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Keely

Last name
Zacharias

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:25

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Keelyn

Last name
L’Heureux

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This is an absolutely vile proposition. If anybody has seen what is going on in the US right now, it's plain to see that this is a step in that very direction. I for one, don't want to live under a fascist leader, and I hope that others don't either. Pardon my language, but it is absolutely fucked up that the right to protest is even something that is being voted on.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Keenan

Last name
Burke

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Keira Lavallee

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Keira

Last name
Lavallee

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
To: Executive Policy Committee
I'm writing to register my concern with the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. While I understand the intent of the bylaw is to protect vulnerable people, the scope of the law is very broad. This would make the by-law very open to interpretation and subject to the city interpretation how it is enforced. The Special Characteristics, Social disadvantage and designated facility definitions are meant to be a catch all, however nearly any gathering and location could be interpreted to fit those definitions. The jurisdictional scan the policy analysts did note a limit to the scope that it looks like the city too each of those limits, then combined them to be more inclusive.
The provincial government's "The Safe Access to abortion Services act" is a GOOD example of this sort of legislation – the scope is well defined and limited to only what it's trying to protect. This should have been used in the jurisdictional scan.
This ability to interpret such a broad scope of definitions would lead to enforcement overreach, and would violate the rights of Winnipeg to gather, and make their voices heard.

Part D of the Bylaw "hat nuisance demonstrations include, but are not limited to harassing or intimidating another person(s), obstructing the passage of pedestrians or motor vehicles thereby rendering passage impassable or difficult, using amplifiers or microphones" does not include an AND, but a comma – so any gathering obstructing pedestrians and vehicles could be included in this bylaw. The "but are not limited to" can mean any protest. The scope of the bylaw absolutely needs to be clearer to prevent overreach.
One of the things that makes Winnipeg so unique is the variety of gatherings, and protests. IT makes for a livable city where Winnipeggers can celebrate, protest, and gather. This legislation would mute that uniqueness and a chill on civil liberties at a time when it's absolutely needed.
I strongly suggest removing the considerations of this bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Keith

Last name
Hartley

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Kelly

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kelly

Last name
Feniuk

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 00:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I believe the proposed by-law violates Winnipegers' charter rights to freely express themselves while leaving the door open to quash any protest the city doesn't like via its opaque wording.

What has been proposed by the city goes against the both the spirit of freedom fundamental to Canada as well as the culture of Winnipeg itself. It is frankly shameful to think that the city which is host to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and the site of the historic 1919 general strike would even consider such a misguided bylaw. Further, the vague perimeters of the proposed rule in themselves give enough reason for its dismissal as the last thing the citizens of our great city need is a ruling whose application is unclear, unfair, and whose vagueness gives the city a blank cheque to decide as it pleases what constitutes as "acceptable" protest.

I ask the Councillors of the Executive Policy Committee to think of the people of Winnipeg, people who are as diverse in their backgrounds as they are in their opinions and beliefs, and remember that every one of them by the nature of the freedoms granted to them by this country and its charter are entitled to be able to peacefully demonstrate in support of those opinions and beliefs - regardless of how the city or its councillors may feel about them. We live in times wherein democracy, and expression are increasingly under threat where people flee their countries and immigrate to ours to escape regimes that restrict their citizen's speech unfairly. In this moment we find ourselves in, Winnipeg should not seek to adopt draconian policies but rather act in the preservation of the rights of its citizenry. I strongly oppose this proposed by-law, and sincerely hope the committee decides to go in a different direction.

Thank you very much for your time.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kelsen

Last name
Hadder

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Kelsey M

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kelsey

Last name
Martin

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
The attempt to limit freedom of speech and freedom of expressions for the people of Winnipeg is wholly undemocratic and an overstep for a city government. This is a clear attempt to undermine the purpose of protest and infringe on charter rights. You may not agree with every protests cause but they have a right to occur nonetheless. Suggestions otherwise are disgraceful and trumpian.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kelsey

Last name

Trumbla

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:48

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Signed,
Kelsy Rawsthorne
Daniel McIntyre

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kelsy

Last name
Rawsthorne

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

K. Young

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Keltie

Last name
Young

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Ken Friesen

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Ken

Last name
Friesen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:20

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Kendall Monney

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kendall

Last name
Monney

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Kendra Williams

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kendra

Last name
Williams

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kenneth

Last name
Prue

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I understand the City of Winnipeg and Even Duncan's intent to protect vulnerable communities, but the legislation as it stands has more potential to harm vulnerable communities and all Winnipeg residents who wish to express their rights and protest. 100-metre buffer zones in most public places, including University campuses, will severely impede our charter rights. Saving money from a police budget is not an adequate enough excuse to diminish rights in the face of ongoing political strife here and elsewhere.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kent

Last name
Davies

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Keri

Last name
D'Avignon-Nault

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kerianne

Last name
Chant

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Number 7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

This message is to express my absolute opposition and disgust regarding the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

This By Law does not help you or anyone in this city. We are all recipients of community members who used their voices, energy, and bodies to fight in hopes that we can afford the social changes and quality of life we enjoy today. You and I owe our lives to the people that love us enough, way before they met us, who speak, gather, and advocate for our well-being. This By Law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for social and policy changes that we currently benefit from as a nation. This ByLaw will criminalize peaceful protests and gatherings that are not only essential for change but also integral to living such as celebrations, grieving practices, and bicycle group rides.

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This ByLaw will not only further increase the harm that is inflicted upon marginalized folks who rely on these freedoms for social and policy change, but also uphold the power of the few who benefit from silencing the voices of equity and justice.
This is control and subjugation disguised as safety for all.

I urge you to stop further consideration or reconsideration of any By Law that prevents us from coming together as a community.

With Sincerity and a heavy heart,

Kevin C

Lover, Brother, Cousin

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kevin

Last name
C

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Proposal to ban protests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is a ludicrous idea and violates the basics of democracy. What the heck are you thinking.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kevin

Last name
Hartle

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Kevin Kosta

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kevin

Last name
Kosta

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Kevin McLean

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kevin

Last name
McLean

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Kevin Turner

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kevin

Last name
Turner

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7: safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
This proposed bylaw is deeply concerning because it reframes peaceful protest, one of the few tools available to marginalized communities, as a nuisance simply for being visible, disruptive, or uncomfortable to those in power. Public protest is not meant to be convenient. It is meant to draw attention to injustice, especially when traditional political channels have failed or excluded certain voices. By restricting protests in public spaces and near decision makers, this bylaw targets the very places where democratic accountability is most meaningful and shields institutions and politicians from criticism rather than addressing genuine safety concerns. The City already has ample tools to deal with violence, obstruction, or harassment, and creating a protest specific enforcement regime sends a clear message that political expression, particularly when it challenges dominant narratives, is the problem being managed. This is especially alarming given Winnipeg's racial history and present realities, where laws that rely on discretion and vague concepts like nuisance are rarely enforced equally and have historically been used to police Indigenous peoples, racialized communities, and solidarity movements far more harshly than state aligned or socially accepted gatherings. The threat of severe fines will not deter harmful conduct. It will deter participation by students, low income residents, and racialized people who already face disproportionate surveillance and punishment. Protecting institutions from public discomfort is not a neutral policy choice. It reflects whose voices are valued and whose are treated as expendable. If City Council adopts this bylaw, it will signal that the City is more concerned with preserving political comfort and quiet streets than with upholding democratic engagement, racial justice, and the right of communities to speak out against oppression in the public spaces that belong to all of us.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Khalil

Last name
Qasem

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This impeaches on everyone's freedom of speech and decreases the likelihood of individuality. How will we bring injustice to light if we are not given the space to protest? It is absolutely ridiculous to ban protests.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Khin

Last name
Bouakhob

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Kianna Bovell
St. Vital

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kianna

Last name
Bovell

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Kiera

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kiera

Last name
Toews

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) (https://www.google.com/url?q=https://ccla.org/&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1771004858480964&usg=AOvVaw0i-gajb7cJkWk3-Db3EmVf) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and

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Signed,
Kiernan Eckert

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kiernan

Last name
Eckert

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
The bylaw to fine protesters

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I find this not only racially charged given the fact that a majority of Indigenous and POC who are PEACEFULLY trying to promote change would be negatively affected. But also to try and prevent people from disagreeing with something is disgusting. Human beings have a God given right to like or not like something.
We as a city, Province and country need to do better. Instead of fostering a society of inclusion and coexistence you are attempting to put a bylaw in place that would silence those who just got a voice.
It truly makes me ashamed to be a part of a city that would do such a thing

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kiesha-Marie

Last name
Adams

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This bylaw proposal impedes the right of the citizens of Canada to peacefully protest.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kim

Last name
Driedger

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 the safe access to vulnerable infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kim

Last name
Melnychuk

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7-Safe access to infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The decision by the executive committee to ban protests is deeply concerning. Peaceful protest is a fundamental civil liberty and a cornerstone of a democratic society. When citizens are prevented from speaking out—especially on urgent issues like the protection of abused animals—it weakens transparency and accountability. Advocacy for animal welfare is not extremism; it is compassion in action. Silencing peaceful voices does not solve problems—it only pushes them further from public view. We should be protecting both civil liberties and vulnerable animals, not restricting the very freedoms that allow people to stand up for them.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kim

Last name
Miller

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I strongly apposed this proposed bylaw as it is a slippery slope to infringing our human Charter of rights to free expression. This is not a move to protect families from intimidation or the use of resources but for control. The use of "intimidation" is concerning as well. We are allowed to peacefully protest to showcase our concerns and unity.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
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Last name
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Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

Comments
As far as I understand the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law is too general and has the potential to be used against those who want to organize demonstrations or protests in an orderly fashion. Orderly protest is critical to democracy whether I agree with the demonstrators or not. If there is a demonstration or protest that current laws deem to be a threat to vulnerable infrastructure then I would think there are already current laws to keep the vulnerable public safe.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kirk

Last name
Cook

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my disgust, utter heartbreak and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.
This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, a province and as a nation.

From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate and injustice.

The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests are being targeted and would be severely limited. This type of authoritarian and undemocratic restrictions of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules

such as these restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws will harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.
This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Witnessing the extreme and violent suppression of rights and freedoms in the U.S. over the last few months, it is sickening to think that a by-law like this would be passed in our city to stifle our voices as people to stand peacefully for what we believe is right. I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to absolutely drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Kirsten Kay

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kirsten

Last name
Komonko

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - SAFE ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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In a time of uncertainty, fear, and further divide, it is critical that now more than ever our city stands with the voice of the people and does NOT follow the decisions happening in the South to silence the voices of communities.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy. Please make me proud to be a Winnipeger, and not be fearful for my rights as a citizen to peacefully assemble in these spaces.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw. Be the positive change we want to see in the world, protect our freedoms, do not fall into the slippery slope that many other countries and cities are doing. Protect the voices of your community.

Signed,

Kirsten Kruse

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kirstie

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Kirstin Caguioa

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7- safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Kisa MacIsaac
Educator and mother in Winnipeg

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:19

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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Signed,
Kiana

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kiyanna

Last name
Pawulski

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
KJ

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Konner

Last name
Sellner-Armogan

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments

I urge the Council to reject this by-law based on the following grounds:

Infringement of Charter Rights.
This by-law directly conflicts with Section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, specifically the freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. By creating "buffer zones" where certain types of speech are prohibited, the city is acting as a censor. The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has repeatedly warned that such measures often fail the "minimal impairment" test required by law.

Vague and Subjective Language.
The definitions of "nuisance" and "acts of discouragement" are dangerously broad. These terms grant enforcement officers excessive discretion to decide which protests are "acceptable" and which are not. This creates a chilling effect where citizens may avoid legitimate peaceful protest for fear of arbitrary fines or harassment.

Redundancy of Existing Enforcement.
Public safety and access are already protected under the Criminal Code of Canada, which contains provisions against intimidation (Section 423), causing a disturbance (Section 175), and mischief. This by-law is a redundant use of city resources that seeks to solve with "zoning" what should be handled through existing criminal and provincial statutes.

Impairment of Democratic Dissent.
By-laws that mandate large exclusion zones—often up to 100 metres—effectively push dissent out of sight and out of mind. Protests are meant to be heard by those in power; relegating them to distant street corners undermines the very purpose of public

demonstration in a healthy democracy.

In conclusion, the city should not be in the business of restricting where and how citizens can peacefully express their views. I call on Council to vote against this by-law and instead rely on existing legal frameworks to manage public safety.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

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Konrad

Last name
Kacperkiewicz

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
A member of the Winnipeg community

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Kgl

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:17

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Every meaningful protest action is a "nuisance demonstration" to those being protested. While I can support Provincial legislation that came into effect last year creating a protest buffer zone of at least 50 metres around facilities whose main purpose is to provide abortions, in order to protect women's rights and physical safety, expanding such "buffer zones" to any protests near schools, libraries, cultural centres, cemeteries or other locations crosses the line to infringement of Charter rights and freedom of expression.

Winnipeg has a long, vibrant and proud history of civil disobedience movements that called attention to critical threats against, and abuses of, human rights. From the Winnipeg General Strike to the Battle at Old Market Square; from Idle No More to Every Child Matters; protesting against oppression and genocide is part of what it means to be a Winnipegger, and is a basic human right deserving of the utmost protection and respect.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Clemens

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7 - safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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To Executive Policy Committee,
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Our charter rights must be protected to demand accountability and to maintain a healthy democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kris

Last name

Smith

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Protesting is a right protected by the charter of rights and freedoms. The idea that a rich white man is looking to limit our rights to protest leads me to wonder what stake he has in this game. I am vehemently opposed to this bylaw

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Krista

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:21

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Krista Krueger
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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Krista

Last name
Krueger

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:56

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
A concerned citizen

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kristen

Last name
Berrington

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:47

Delegation information

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Please note that I am writing on behalf of myself alone, as a private citizen and a resident of the City of Winnipeg.

I am extremely concerned about the impacts of this proposed bylaw and its impacts on the ability of Winnipeggers to peacefully protest for important causes and to protect our rights.

There is existing provincial legislation that protects people from harassment and from being impeded in accessing essential services. I see no significant gaps in this legislation that would require additional involvement by municipal lawmakers.

This type of regulation also falls outside of the scope of typical municipal governance. It is not the responsibility of the city to determine where protests can and cannot be held.

Many of the sites covered by this proposed legislation are the very sites where protests, rallies, and other mobilizations would logically occur. For example, students protesting unfair policies at their schools, healthcare workers speaking out against dangerous or unjust workplace actions, or residents resisting hate-promoting actions by religious leaders or groups.

I ask the EPC to please stand united in opposition to this proposed bylaw, that infringes on the democratic rights of all of us within a free society.

Sincerely,
Kristen Hardy

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kristen

Last name
Hardy

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:02

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Dear Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

I am alarmed by the City's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. This measure would severely limit the ability of Winnipeggers to gather peacefully and advocate for a better community—rights that are protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Our city has a proud history of using public demonstration to win essential rights for Indigenous peoples, environmental protections, the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, and many others. This by-law threatens to stifle that progress. Rather than making us safer, it risks marginalized voices being silenced and grants too much discretion for police overreach.

The CCLA has already warned that such broad rules often harm those who rely on protest most. At a time when democratic freedoms feel increasingly fragile, I ask you to stand up for our rights and reject this by-law.

Yes, physical safety is a right for everyone, but the police already possess the necessary powers to protect the public from genuine threats or violence. They do not require a new by-law to fulfill this mandate. The sweeping nature of this proposal reveals that it isn't truly about safety or property access—it is about prohibiting peaceful assembly because it is inconvenient. Suppressing speech simply because it is deemed a "nuisance" is a

dangerous overreach that undermines the core values of our democracy.

Sincerely,
Kristen Masters

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kristen

Last name
Masters

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:31

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Agenda item: #7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Kristen

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kristen

Last name
McGregor

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:32

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kristen

Last name
Wiltshire

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Kristin Vincent

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kristin

Last name
Vincent

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:45

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am a resident and property owner in Winnipeg. I am your fellow citizen and your neighbour. I am not a "nuisance", as the proposed 'Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure' bylaw would paint me.

In a time of growing authoritarianism, the proposed bylaw eats at our constitutionally protected protest rights, and our right to speak out against injustice. Our neighbours in the USA are being shot by government agents at protests; yet in the name of peace, in the name of preventing such tragedies from being repeated in our city, you propose to institute a draconian law which does nothing to prevent the crimes it claims to address. Hate speech is already illegal. Vandalism is already illegal. What new safety does this proposed bylaw supposedly grant Winnipeg?

All voices belong in the public space, but this by-law silences voices that are deemed 'inappropriate'. Sixteen percent (16%) of the city will be restricted from peaceful protest, including City Hall. This by-law allows for racist application and targeting of unpopular/controversial groups or issues when it is deemed expedient. It is said that laws who's only punishment is a fine is really only a law for poor people. The fines in the proposed bylaw are not tied to income; therefore, the wealthy may simply choose to pay them, while the marginalised are silenced.

You are our elected representatives who are already supposed to listen to us, and discuss, and consult. Are you so afraid of disagreement that you must use the power of the state to silence Winnipeg's citizens? How far down the road to authoritarianism will Winnipeg walk today?

Signed,

Kristofer Isaak

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kristofer

Last name
Isaak

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I believe it is our right as a people to be able to peacefully protest anywhere and however we feel just. This is not just my own opinion but a right given to us under the Canadian Charter of Human Rights under section 2.C “the right to peaceful assembly”. And therefor furthering this By-law is restricting one of our foundational right as Canadian citizens.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kristopher

Last name
Ginther

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Krittika Krittika

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:06

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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In suggesting set fines that are not tied to income you embolden demagogues and the wealthy, while at the same time disproportionately silencing the marginalized.

We say NO! to this By-law, because we must otherwise our rights are infringed and our voices are silenced.

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Krystan

Last name
Pawlikowski

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:14

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Ksenia McKie

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ksenia

Last name
McKie

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:13

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Kwene Appah

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kwene

Last name
Appah

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:40

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Kya Mason

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kya

Last name
Mason

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:34

Delegation information

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Signed,
Kyla

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kyla

Last name
Fidler

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Delegation information

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kyla

Last name
Neufeld

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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Signed,
Kyla Scott

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kyla

Last name
Scott

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:39

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Kyla Willms

Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

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Signed,
Kyle Courchene

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Kyle

Last name
Courchene

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:35

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to this recommendation as it appears to me a violation of our fundamental right to protest.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kyle

Last name
Mazzocca

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:37

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Kyle

Last name
Myskiw

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:41

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Signed,
Kylee Linteau

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kylee R

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:35

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The right to protest is fundamental to Canada. And punishing people for exercising that right in public is inexcusable. 'Nuisance' is also too vaguely worded, and could be used to mean whatever is wanted in the moment. Depending on the enforcers whims and personal biases.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kylie

Last name
Mcleod

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:19

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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Signed,

Laine Cosby

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 01:34

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Signed,
Lainie Nichols

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Lainie

Last name
Nichols

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
By law of THE CITY OF WINNIPEG to prohibit nuisance demonstrations and intimidation of persons at or in respect of vulnerable social infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Sincerely,
Lakshmisree

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:04

Delegation information

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Lalain Bashir

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Lalain

Last name
Bashir

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:49

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Signed,
Lalaney Sullivan

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Lalaney

Last name
Sullivan

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:45

Delegation information

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Protest By-Law Opposition Letter

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Lana

Last name
Hastings

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:06

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure By-law

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I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Executive policy committee,

I writing to you today in regards of my opposition to the proposed bill as proud Winnipegger.

I believe this bill infringes on my rights as a Canadian and it is a slippery slope if it gets passed.

Sincerely,

Lando

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Landon

Last name
Savoie

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:52

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed, Larissa Zacharias

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Larissa

Last name
Zacharias

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Please vote against this proposed bylaw.

Sincerely,

Climate Action Team Manitoba (CAT)

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Laura Doell

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Laura

Last name
Doell

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Bylaw for fining protestors

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I oppose this bylaw as protesting is an option for people's voices to be heard when they are not being listened to. Protesting is community activism. This will impact the most vulnerable.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Laura

Last name
Durling

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 08:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Laura Fedoruk
River Heights

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Laura

Last name
Fedoruk

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Laura Goalen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Laura

Last name
Goalen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Laura Groening

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Laura

Last name
Groening

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Thank you for your time,
Laura Lee Harasym
Winnipeg Manitoba

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Laura Lee

Last name
Harasym

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Laura Pelser

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Laura

Last name
Pelser

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7- protection of vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Sincerely,
Laura Pringle

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Laura

Last name
Pringle

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Ban of peaceful protest

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Laura Smith

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Laura

Last name
Smith

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Lauren Lambert

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Lauren

Last name
Lambert

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Lauren

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Lauren

Last name
Parsons

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Laurence

Last name
Ammann-Lanthier

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Lawrence

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Lawrence

Last name
Lopena

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Leanne Cadieux

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Leanne

Last name
Cadieux

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Leanne Dalke

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
Leanne

Last name
Dalke

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Leanne Dunne

Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:22

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#7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

In Canada, the right to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression are protected under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The ability to publicly and peacefully demonstrate is not a privilege — it is a fundamental democratic right. Throughout our history, social progress has depended on people being able to gather, speak out, and advocate for change.

Policies that broadly restrict public demonstrations risk disproportionately silencing minorities and vulnerable communities — the very groups who have historically had to fight the hardest to have their rights recognized and protected. Many of the freedoms we value today were secured because people were allowed to protest injustice. Limiting where and how people can demonstrate may unintentionally strip away the voice and power of those who need it most.

While safety and access to essential infrastructure are important goals, any by-law must be carefully balanced to ensure it does not undermine constitutional freedoms. Vague or overly broad restrictions create a dangerous precedent and risk chilling lawful, peaceful expression.

I love Canada because we are a democracy grounded in rights, dialogue, and civic participation. Protecting infrastructure should not come at the cost of eroding fundamental freedoms. We are not a country that suppresses peaceful dissent — and we must be cautious not to move in that direction.

I urge City Council to reconsider this by-law, ensure meaningful public consultation, and prioritize solutions that protect both public safety and constitutional rights.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Leanne

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Marchildon

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:02

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Lee

Last name
Ceron

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 01:32

Delegation information

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Signed,

Lee Kolarz

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Lee

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:47

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Signed,
Lee Ladell

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Lee

Last name
Ladell

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:52

Delegation information

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Lee Ramuscak

Public engagement (optional)

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First name
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am against this bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:05

Delegation information

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Signed,

Leigh Bridges

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Leigh

Last name
Bridges

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:34

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This is slippery slope type changes that limit your right to protest. It could allow law enforcement to give fines to protesters.

Banning university campus and school protests is a huge violation of free speech. Student protests have a long and important history in fighting back - successfully - against authoritarian governments. This is a fundamental basic of democracy, and we shouldn't be pretending it's anything but creeping fascism.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This bylaw would essentially take away our right to protest in Winnipeg, which is an essential pillar of democracy - if you really don't want us to end up like the states, then stop pushing laws and bylaws that restrict our rights so heavily that we have no choice but to fight, tooth and nail, for our freedoms! This proposed bylaw would be oppressive and unjust and would attempt to silence the people of this city, who deserve the right to speak their mind. This CANNOT pass.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Leith

Last name
Ross

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I'm extremely concerned by the wording of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that is being proposed by the city. While a generous interpretation of the by-law suggests it would restrict harmful and disruptive protests at hosspitals and schools for children, the contents of the bylaw will severely limit the ability of all people in Winnipeg to peacefully protest.

This by-law will give an extreme amount of leeway in declaring any protest as a "nuisance demonstration" - if one person at the protest simply uses a recording microphone, it would be up to the discretion of enforcement to fine all persons at the protest $500 to $5000. If the protest is large, police could claim that they are "obstructing pedestrians" by the mere fact of people being there. And if the protest is against the actions of a government or nation, then it opposes "actions of a group related to a nationality." Aggressive enforcement of this by-law can find any pretense to declare almost any protest as a "nuisance protest." In particular, I fear that this by-law will be used as a pretense to crush any pro-Palestine protests by claiming they are "anti-Israel" and therefore against the actions of a group related to their nationality.

Furthermore, I find the definition of "designated facilities" to be overly broad. Including universities in this definition is a huge overreach - many students have actively participated in making their voices heard through protests and demonstrations, and this would allow large fines to all students who participate in protests on campus. Furthermore, the city has not published a definite list of "designated facilities" - protests which are not about or related to any aspect of healthcare may find themselves unwittingly too close to a 'designated facility' that is a local pharmacy, or a mental health councillor's office that happens to be in the area and not outwardly marked as such.

The actions presented in this by-law as harmful are already covered by existing criminal law - hate crimes, violence, and threats are already criminal offences. Thus, the by-law only serves to limit what is currently legal protesting, and does so with a heavy hand.

Please do not pass this by-law. Even if it is not used as an authoritarian tool to crush peaceful protests today, it will be in the future.

Regards,
Leo

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Leo

Last name
Cortens

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:19

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I rarely write in on matters of politics, but I am so incredibly concerned about this infringement on freedom of speech and freedom to protest. This limits fundamental freedoms that the generations before us worked so hard to earn and protect. This is a massive backslide to a society where the marginalized are silenced. I can only imagine (with horror) in 5, 10 years when some horrific injustice happens that should bring people to the streets, telling my children "Well, we used to be able to protests these types of injustices freely, but that was taken away by the City of Winnipeg in 2026."

It is unbelievable to me that this by-law is receiving consideration. What happens when something tragic happens now? And the community wants to come together in vigil? We can't do so freely. What happens when human rights are violated and people wan to voice their concern and support vulnerable people? You can only do it in this small box, according to the rules of those with all the power? This doesn't make sense. It is undemocratic and an infringement on the most basic of freedoms. Same on any Councilor who votes in favor of this motion. There are other policy levers to address unsafe protests. This is a terrible overreach of power.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Leslie

Last name
McNabb

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:10

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Ingrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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This by-law does not appear to define nuisance. Who decides which protests are a nuusance? By their nature, protests may intrude on the physical and cognitive space of those in the area. Non-violent protests, which are the only kind I have witnessed in Winnipeg, are protected by the Charter of Human Rights. As it stands the By-law is open to interpretation, manipulation, and weaponization against voices who oppose power structures and the status quo.

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Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:33

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Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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Wilbourne

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Levi Drawson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Levi

Last name
drawson

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 02:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I'm writing to you today to implore you to vote down the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. I am shocked that the City of Winnipeg's elected officials, watching the fascist suppression of protest and assembly rights occurring in our sister city of Minneapolis, would consider contributing to this repressive political trend and entrenching this in law in our city. As a member of many of the communities this bylaw claims to protect, I stand firmly against the restriction of free expression and assembly in public spaces and believe strongly that safety for marginalized groups comes form robust democracy and public participation. For this reason I am against the proposed bylaw and ask you to vote against it today.

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Signed,
Lex van Dyck

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Lex

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:09

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Lexi Danis-Pries

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Lexi

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Danis-Pries

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am told that passing this agenda item will make it more difficult to peacefully protest, moreover as most things, it affects the indigenous populations the most as it puts more red tape around certain fires, and ceremonies. I Do not dig this.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
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Lexi

Last name
Deighton

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This by-law is on its face wrong and anti-democratic. for one thing "nuisance protests" is incredibly broad, and this would infringe on the rights of Canadians to make their voices heard. Protesting is an essential way to communicate in a democracy. The areas restricted by this by-law are too broad. People need to be able to protest where it matters, not in some supposedly 'safe' place where they won't cause a 'nuisance'. These types of by-laws have a history, not just in Winnipeg but around the laws, of being unfairly applied to minorities who do not have power or whose positions may not be popular. It doesn't matter how popular the issue is, people have the right to make their voices heard. I do not approve of this by-law and I will be taking note of any council member who votes on it.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Liam

Last name
Duncan

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Liam

Last name
Phillips

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Councillors,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law". While it may be well-intentioned, I fear that this by-law will bar protest from places where such expressions are most appropriate, expose residents to onerous fines and conflicts with law enforcement, and infringe upon our rights under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

As a faculty member at the University of Winnipeg, I am particularly concerned about the inclusion of "post-secondary institution[s]" among the "designated facilities" where this by-law would prohibit "nuisance demonstrations". Universities are traditionally places of protest, where students and faculty express and debate views of a political or social nature. As a matter of course, these expressions may be "nuisances", even causing clashes of views and discomforting those in power. But these are some of the purposes of a university. We hold up the student-led civil rights and anti-war protests of the 1960s as exemplars of political action, and yet this by-law would outlaw such expressions from our campuses.

Likewise, the dense and interconnected geography of a city like Winnipeg means that many of these "designated facilities" are within 100m of political offices and other sites where protest may be most warranted. As a concrete example, part of RRC Polytech's campus is immediately across the street from City Hall, rendering the entirety of the council chambers within the 100m buffer zone. Does this mean that no protests will be permitted at City Hall? For another example, Wab Kinew's constituency office is across the street from a medical facility and near a community centre, while Obby Kahn's is across the street from a mosque. Does that make the offices of the leaders of the two major political

parties in this province off-limits to protests? At a bare minimum, the proposed list of "designated facilities" is far too broad and the 100m buffer zone far too large.

Having lived in the United States between 2011 and 2022, I once lauded that country's deep commitment to free speech and expression. But now, one need only look south to our neighbours in Minnesota to see how far those freedoms have been eroded, and in such a short time, sinking even to the use of deadly state violence on protesters. While this by-law does not go so far, it proposes substantial fines, the very threat of which will have a chilling effect on speech, and empowers members of the Winnipeg Police Service to intervene in protests, opening the door to clashes between armed officers and the public.

In Canada, Section 2 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms ensures our fundamental freedoms of expression and assembly. These freedoms are crucial to our democracy, where ideas can be debated in public, and political representatives confronted by their constituents. These expressions may be uncomfortable, they may obstruct traffic, and they may even be a "nuisance", but that is price we pay to live in a democracy. When words or actions rise to the level of threats or hate speech, there are already existing legal mechanisms to intervene which balance public safety with Charter rights.

For all of these reasons, I urge council to reject this proposed by-law.

Respectfully,

Iian Smythe, PhD
Assistant Professor of Mathematics
University of Winnipeg
Member of the University of Winnipeg Faculty Association

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,
Libby Graham

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Libby

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Graham

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed “Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law”. Rather than promoting safety, what this bylaw actually does is restrict freedom of expression and discourage dissent. Dissent is important to a functioning democracy. As authoritarianism rises south of the border, it is deeply alarming to see my city considering new repressive measures here as well. Sweeping anti-protest bylaws are not a strong strategy for helping people get the medical care, education, or community services that they need.

The proposed fines and tricky appeals process outlined in this draft bylaw will discourage most people from participating in demonstrations, but will be especially punishing to people who have less money. The impacts of this bylaw would fall along lines of race, class, gender, Indigeneity, etc., and make ongoing struggles for rights even more difficult. This contradicts the City’s commitment to social equity as stated in OurWinnipeg2045.

The proposal itself has also come forward in a way that restricts public input due to the lack of consultation and very short timeframe between the announcement of the agenda with the proposal and the first vote. It’s almost like proponents of the bylaw are trying to sneak it past during the winter months when there’s a long weekend and they think people won’t be paying attention…

Other people have definitely explained the problems with this proposed bylaw far more eloquently than I have here. Just please don’t pass this, it is a big step in the wrong direction and we are all so tired already.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Lila

Last name
Asher

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Lili Dupas

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Lili

Last name
Dupas

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Lilja

Last name
Best

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by laws

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Protesting should be everyone’s right. Canada has never had a large number of violent protests. We always carry respect for the community and the environment when protesting

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Lily

Last name
Charlette

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 03:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access To Vulnerable Infrastructure. I could not find a number for this Bill.

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Are you kidding me!? Banning peaceful protest from all cultural centers, municipal buildings, schools, ...!!? These are what the society is made of. These are the places that protests would need to happen if things go wrong. What do we have left? Dog poop in the park? Squirrels chewing telephone lines? No, this Bill is aiming to ban my basic rights as a citizen of Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Linda

Last name
Olson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 b

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I can’t believe this is actually an agenda item. By limiting protests in this way you are undermining democracy. Give your heads a shake. This is an absolutely stupid idea.
I am a law abiding senior citizen and am not in the habit of rocking the boat but I believe in the right to protest. If this were in place in Minneapolis right now, all the good work people have been doing in defending their neighbours against ICE would be criminal.
Drop this. Don’t do it. It is wrong and flies in the face of democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Linda

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Linda van de Laar
Burnell Street

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Linda

Last name
van de Laar

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:38

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Lindsay Craig

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Lindsay

Last name
Craig

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Agenda Item: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am very concerned about the proposed by-law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Lindsay

Last name
Joy

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Lindsay Mckay

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Lindsay

Last name
Mckay

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my disappointment at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but lead to police overreach.

The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Lindsay

Last name
Shute

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Public protest is a protected right. I live in the heart of downtown Winnipeg (unlike the vast majority of EPC members) and protests happen here frequently and I think it's GREAT. When people can gather to protest and/or support causes, it strengthens our democracy. Democracy is under attack the world over, even just a few hours away in the US, we have seen their leadership engage in violent attacks on peaceful protesters. We cannot go down that road. We must protect our right to protest and EPC should do what it's supposed to do and work for us.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Lindsey

Last name
Anderson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Lindsey Brown

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Lindsey

Last name
Brown

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
While I understand that we want people to still be able to access areas under protest, these proposed changes basically quash protests as a whole as a 100 meter buffer zone on public places is too large. Also, this bill is too vague, allowing for misinterpretation and abuse by law enforcement. Also, this may be a "read the room" kind of moment. ICE protests are happening just south of us. People's civil liberties are being violated constantly and Council is choosing now to try to undermine protesting in Winnipeg? Not a good look. The bill needs work and should not be passed.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Lindsey

Last name
Childs

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw. I am a first year law student currently studying the Charter in my constitutional law class, this by-law directly contradicts what we know to be Charter protected rights and freedoms.
This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.
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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to

advocate for social change.
This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy. I want to say I am proud to live in Winnipeg, should this by-law be passed I would no longer confidently say this.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed, Lindsy DeGagne

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Lindsy

Last name
DeGagne

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is a Charter violation. The wording is way too vague and the 100m zone essentially bans protests in the downtown area.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Lindy

Last name
Fontaine

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.
This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Linnaya Boyer

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Linnaya

Last name
Boyer

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my concern regarding the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.
This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.
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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.
This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the

Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Lisa Friedrich

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Lisa

Last name
Friedrich

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am submitting comments today to express my deep frustration and concern at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. This proposed change would restrict citizen's Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in strong opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes since the early beginnings of our city. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am concerned this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place. Instead, peaceful protests with concerned and engaged citizens would be severely limited. This type of suppressing freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to

advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the United States of America, I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely,
Lisa Hunt

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Lisa

Last name
Hunt

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access To Vulnerbale Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed
Lisa

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Lisa

Last name
Stratton

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infravture By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I oppose Winnipeg's proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law, which restricts Charter rights to free expression and peaceful assembly.
Peaceful protests drive social change for diverse communities. This by-law threatens constitutional rights and may silence marginalized groups, enabling police overreach.
Existing laws already address property damage and violence.
The Canadian Civil Liberties Association notes these restrictions disproportionately impact marginalized people. This contradicts Winnipeg's status as a "Human Rights City."
Winnipeg should defend Charter freedoms essential to democracy. Please withdraw this by-law.
Thank you
Lisa Tarko

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Lisa

Last name
Tarko

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) (https://www.google.com/url?q=https://ccla.org/&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1770930758020210&usg=AOvVaw1FJuKa0dW32709GIxP42QN) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and

free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Lisa Vivier

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Lisa

Last name
Vivier

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7, Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Via zoom

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Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Mayor Gillingham and Councillors

I'm writing to you today to express my opposition to the proposed bylaw regarding Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law, as it would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From sit-ins, vigils and rallies to round dances and blockades, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely,

Liz Carlyle
Winnipeg Resident

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Liz

Last name
Carlyle

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7, Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Via zoom

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Comments
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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely,

Liz Carlyle
Winnipeg Resident

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Liz

Last name
Carlyle

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I believe in our right to protest. Ridiculous.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Liz

Last name
Picton

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:18

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Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
As a winnipeg resident, i want to register my opposition to banning peaceful protests in public places.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Liz

Last name
Plett

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:16

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastracure By-law

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
“Nuisance Protest” is non-specific, meaning any and all actions could be subject.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Llewellyn

Last name
Bernardin

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:36

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 - Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Signed,
Lora M. Roberts

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Lora

Last name
Roberts

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:24

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Lorelei

Last name
Brown

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:21

Delegation information

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Signed,
Loren Davy

Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

First name
Loren

Last name
Davy

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 04:08

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Signed,
Loren Proven

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Loren

Last name
Proven

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:09

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Item 7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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Signed,
Lori Bekolay

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Lori

Last name
Bekolay

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,

L. JOHNSON

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Lorien

Last name
Johnson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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In person

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Louis Stevens

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Louis

Last name
Stevens

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Louise Dela Cruz

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Louise

Last name
Dela Cruz

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Legal rights to protest

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Louise Menow
Active community outreach person
Activist and supporter of MMIWG2S+

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Louise

Last name
Menow

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:49

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

Lowell V. Acorda

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Lowell

Last name
Acorda

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Luc

Last name
Desjardins

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:40

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Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am vehemently opposed to this proposed by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Lucas

Last name
Pingitore

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:38

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Lucas

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:41

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Luciana

Last name
Pedro

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I understand the desire to protect our communities - as a parent and an educator, I feel strongly about the need to prevent harm. This by-law, however, will perpetuate harm, not prevent it. By designating a huge percentage of our city as protest-free zones, council would be violating the Charter rights of the citizens of our city, and preventing everyone from being able to voice their concerns and speak to their beliefs freely. Schools and post-secondary institutions are meant to be places that students can learn and fight for what they believe in, not ones where they must tow the line.

The by-law is too open for interpretation and abuse for it to be passed in our city. I hope council can see that this by-law will do more to hurt this city than help it. Please vote against this overwhelmingly restrictive recommendation.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Lucy

Last name

Delgado

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:10

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Signed,
Lukas Sawatsky

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Lukas

Last name
Sawatsky

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:30

Delegation information

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Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Our right to protest is an important corner stone of our society.
This is so disappointing that we would not be able to protest on the same streets that the Winnipeg General Strikers walked for their rights over 100 years ago. Their protest was opposed by the same type of people who are proposing this ban now. Their protest made international differences.
Be on the right side of this.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Lydia

Last name
Peloquin-Epp

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:37

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
The Charte of Rights and Freedoms affirms firstly the fundamental right to meet with anyone and participate in peaceful demonstrations. This includes the right to protest against a government or institution and was created for that reason being that Canada is a democracy.
Other rights include:
the right to protest against unreasonable laws that could lead to imprisonment or harm and;
The right to protect Equality Rights regardless of personal characteristics such as race, nationality, ethnicity, colour, religion, sex, age, or mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, residency, marital status, or citizenship. Most rallies and protest marches are in support of anyone of the above with the direct purpose of pressuring the government or institution to provide the Equality Right. Existing laws protect against assaults, threats, property damage, after 11 pm noise and overweight and industrial vehicles driving or parking on some primary roadways. The police are already charged with enforcing those laws. Inconvenience is not given as an excuse to bypass the provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as was reinforced by the Supreme Court in response to the Federal Government's actions concerning the Convoy Protest in Ottawa.
Evidently the Honourable Councillor Evan Duncan does not feel he is subject to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and apparently he also feels tha Manitoba's Premier Wab Kinew 's office should be exempt from the scope of the Charter as well.
I am opposed to this councillor's motion to restrict the Canadian Charter held Rights and Freedoms of Winnipeg's and Manitoban's Remember many of the public buildings and places included are exactly that publicly owned by the public for the public.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Lydia

Last name
Schroeder-Hart

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:06

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Lyle Ford

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Lyle

Last name
Ford

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Lyle Kokesch

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Lyle

Last name
Kokesch

Dear Mayor Gillingham and members of EPC,

I'm writing to you today to oppose the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that is being considered.This by-laws infringes on our right to freedom of expression. I fear for the health of our democracy if we can no longer gather to protest unfair laws and practices.

This by-law will silence the voices of marginalized communities, encourage police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg.

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Please drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely,

Rev. Lynda Trono

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I would like to express my objections to the proposed by-law which will limit fundamental freedoms as laid out in Section 2 of our Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It is understandable to want to regulate assembly around the stated vulnerable institutions, however, it is a slippery slope and very concerning to be using this as justification to erode Charter Rights. What limitations would be placed on the limitations of rights? There would be no guarantee that other section 2 freedoms would not somehow become included into the bylaw when someone deemed it necessary, or the bylaw is vague enough to be easily expanded, again, when someone thinks it should be. Also municipalities really don't have the authority under the charter to override the charter using the notwithstanding clause, which is why those that have done so are now facing legal challenges for violating charter rights. And rightfully so. There is no reasonable justification for enacting the bylaws. Our right to peaceful assembly is fundamental to a functioning democracy, and protected. Government can not decide for the citizenry when and where the expression of opinion or dissent can occur and still have a healthy democracy. It is the right of Canadian citizens to not be silenced, to express disagreement with government or business or industry, within the reasonable limits of laws of a free and democratic society. Police are already available to cover protests that are not peaceful. The attempt to install a bylaw that is redundant, I repeat, is concerning. I hope my objections are clear, thank you for your time.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Lynn

Last name
Hordy

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 06:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw.

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
F

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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In person

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Signed,
Maasje Steur

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Maasje

Last name
Steur

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:46

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Mabel Thomas

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mabel

Last name
Thomas

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Signed,
MacCoy Betcher

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
MacCoy

Last name
Betcher

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Mack Enns

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Mack

Last name
Enns

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:16

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Mackayla Essery (Fort Rouge - East Fort Garry)

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mackayla

Last name
Essery

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Mackenzie

Last name
Glover

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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Mackenzie Mckay

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mackenzie

Last name
Mckay

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

MacKenzie Zacharias
Transcona Ward

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Zacharias

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#7: Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
It’s our right, under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, to protest

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Macy

Last name
Neufeld

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Signed,
Maddi R

Public engagement (optional)

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Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I oppose the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. The term "nuisance protest" is poorly defined, granting enforcement far too much discretion and creating uncertainty for anyone exercising their rights to protest.

The by-law would restrict protest in public spaces that are essential for democratic engagement, including large areas of the city such as university campuses and City Hall. Its broad scope and lack of clarity risk repercussions for individuals engaging in legitimate expression.

I urge the Committee not to proceed with this by-law in its current form.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

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Maddy

Last name
Nowosad

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:50

Delegation information

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Madeleine

Last name
Barnett

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:12

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Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Madeleine Pries-Mallett

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Pries-Mallett

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:26

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Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

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Signed,
Madeleine Roger

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Last name
Roger

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item #7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Madeleine Wiebe

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Madeleine

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:49

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Madeline

Last name
Hutchinson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed, MS

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Madeline

Last name
Schon

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:53

Delegation information

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This goes against the right to protest

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Madison

Last name
Gore

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Signed,
Madison Kehler

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Madison

Last name
Kehler

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:53

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Madison Loewen

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Madison

Last name
Loewen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:16

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Madison

Last name
Meakin

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
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agenda Item #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
To the Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to you today to make known my opposition to the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. This by-law would restrict fundamental and protected rights, including freedom of expression and the right to peaceful assembly.

From peaceful protests to vigils to rallies to round dances, the right to peaceful assembly is an essential part of Canada's history and a driving force behind our society's progress. Public demonstrations are an intrinsic part of marginalized groups, like Indigenous peoples and 2S/LGBTQIA+, getting recognition and support from the government.

Furthermore, peaceful protest is an essential part of Winnipeg's history, with the 1919 general strike being a coveted part of our identity as Winnipeggers. A remainder of that strike is just across the street from City Hall, with the overturned streetcar sculpture.

My concern is also rooted in the concern for the safety of groups that are victims of systemic and systematic inequities and are often the targets of police violence and governmental violence. These groups are often the ones involved in activism.

I recognize that this by-law was probably drafted with good intentions, aiming to protect vulnerable populations, such as children and frontline workers. However, the nature of this type of legislature leads the city of Winnipeg on a slippery slope of restricting those who disagree with the government. The United States government and what is happening in Minnesota right now should serve as a stark reminder to Winnipeg's city councils of the dangers of government and executive overreach and the resulting abuses of citizens.

I implore you to drop any consideration for this By-Law and uphold Winnipeggers' Charter rights.

Thank you,
Madison, a concerned Winnipegger
(she/her)

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Madison

Last name
Peeler

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:23

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Madisyn Smith

Public engagement (optional)

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Last name
Smith

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Maria Kehler

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Maeve

Last name
Kehler

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:30

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Protest By-Law Opposition Letter_MC.docx

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Maggie

Last name
Careless

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Public engagement (optional)

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Maguire

Last name
Steingart

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Delegation information

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Citizens should have the right to peacefully assemble to protest and/or raise awareness to any and all injustices occurring and committed against us and the climate. To take this away is to take away a fundamental human function of dignity and standing up to oppression of all forms and would be a grave violation of citizens' ability to exercise this.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Mahelet

Last name
Getachew

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Signed,
Mahri White

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Mahri

Last name
White

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Maiya

Last name
Westwood

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:30

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Malcolm

Last name
Watchman

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Signed,
Mallory D

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mallory

Last name
Duffy

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:18

Delegation information

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Signed,
Mallory Shore

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Mallory

Last name
Shore

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am opposed to the recommendations wholesale because I value my Charter right to free speech. This by-law is a transparent attempt to curtail protest wrapped in the more marketable veneer of protecting "vulnerable infrastructure". It's no coincidence that the 100 metre zone around schools, community centres, places of worship, hospitals, healthcare facilities, and more would conveniently include the public offices of elected officials and City Hall itself, making it punishable by a fine of up to $5000 per person if one were to even attend a protest where another used a microphone or blocked a road. You enjoy the freedoms won for you by protestors of the past. Our City proudly honours the 1919 Strike with murals and a statue across from your place of work. And yet you are attempting to increasingly surveil, criminalize, punish, and fine anyone participating in similar actions today. The Prairie Green and Brady Landfills were only searched for the remains of the murdered Indigenous women Morgan Harris, Marcedes Myran, and Ashlee Shingoose because of community-led blockades. Were those families fighting for the dignity of their lost loved ones a “nuisance” to you? The language of this by-law is dangerously vague and will undoubtedly be applied not in the service of protecting but rather punishing the vulnerable whose cries you would rather ignore, whose lives you considered unworthy of value. In November, you came for the unhoused, using another by-law based on the same false premise as this one, to callously destroy over a dozen encampments, the only available shelter for people living on the street, because you would simply rather bulldoze them out of existence than employ any of the evidence-based solutions to reducing homelessness because those rely on the demonstrably effective but far too compassionate approaches of housing-first and poverty reduction. Now you're coming for the community organizers, protectors, and people of conscience whose voices you would rather silence than listen to despite listening to the people of this city being the purported purpose of your positions. This by-law is a horrific overreach and abuse of power. It will be challenged and ultimately defeated. I suggest you save yourselves the

time, the struggle, and the bad press by scrapping it now.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Last name
Unger

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:51

Delegation information

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This sets a dangerous precedent for future bad actors. Individuals should be able to protest where they deem necessary. Make rules about what is acceptable during protest. But to not allow us our right to protest, silences our right to free speech and protest. A similar law was passed in the states and has since been used Don Lemon.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Tsitrin

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:27

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Marc Lagace

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Marc

Last name
Lagace

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- Marco

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Marco

Last name
Freynet

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Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I think this by law would have a negative impact on the community punishing those who would like to peacefully protest no matter the reason.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Marco

Last name
Romero

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Overreach of council power.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Marcus

Last name
Michienzi

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Marcus Stouffer

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Marcus

Last name
Stouffer

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

First name
mareike

Last name
brunelli

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) (https://www.google.com/url?q=https://ccla.org/&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1770839175506396&usg=AOvVaw2EDI6DiW8rYGn-nN-31w1f) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change. I am specifically concerned by the broad and ill-defined language used to describe the types of "vulnerable infrastructure" that are considered needing protection by this bylaw, and ask if passed exactly where would Winnipeggers would be able to exercise our freedom for peaceful assembly?

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Maren

Last name
Tyc

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This motion is excessively broad, infringing on the right to lawful protest. It sounds more like a motion to discourage all protests rather than to ensure that protests remain safe or that vulnerable/minority populations remain protected. Individuals and groups with power don't need protection or the right to protest in the same way. Sometimes, spontaneous protests are held exactly to ensure protections for vulnerable populations and this motion would disallow that. It rather sounds like the City wants to intimidate protestors. Protests and the related freedom of speech are a critical component of our democracy, even if we don't always like what we hear. It is essential that we safe-guard the right of citizens to lawfully protest when new (often minority) perspectives and ideas need to be heard. Discomfort does not mean danger. There are sufficient laws in place to address the concerns without being so heavy-handed.

1) The language of "nuisance demonstration" is offensive. The "nuisance" may be someone else's fight for rights. A "nuisance" is not a danger.

2) "Obstructing the passage of pedestrians or a motor vehicle" can be misconstrued. Sometimes, stopping a vehicle may be protecting the vulnerable people.

3) Feeling "intimidated" can be exaggerated by someone with ill intent.

4) The 100 m restriction is too large (covering too much of the city when aggregated). Two cities in the jurisdictional scan recommend 50 metres.

5) The phrasing around microphones and amplification without permits effectively extends the space limit to far more than 100 metres, meaning that amplified meetings can be interpreted as being a "nuisance".

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This motion, if it is to be considered at all, requires further work. Vulnerable populations (including children, of course) should be protected. And people in positions of powerful should listen better so that protests aren't needed as much.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Margerit

Last name
Roger

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable infrastructure act

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I disagree with this erosion of our freedom to protest. This will have devastating effects, especially to those who need to be heard the most.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Margo

Last name
Lane

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Maria

Last name
Johns

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Maria Reina

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Maria

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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Signed,
Maria Vergara

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

Maria Volkova

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Maria

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 01:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Mariah Santos

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mariah

Last name
Santos

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 06:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Taking away the right to protest is a disgrace. Look at America right now? Are you guys trying to destroy democracy this is sick. Be on the right side of history for once in your life.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Mariah

Last name
Tarbox

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
My comment is that assembly and peaceful demonstration are essential to democracy and restrictions would undermine this. I believe that it is important to acknowledge that a protestor should not impede, intimidate, harass or incite hate in any way. However I do believe existing laws would ensure this, and the further restrictions would prevent free expression.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Marianne

Last name
Clipsham

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Winnipeg Resident

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Maribeth

Last name
Tabanera

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
In brief, I have concerns regarding the prohibitionist nature of the by-law as it currently is being proposed. There are already policies in place to protect individuals entitled to access healthcare and other institutions safely. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited.

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Rather than a blanket approach, greater specificity is needed in order to have my public support for this policy.

Sincerely,

Winnipeg Resident

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kara

Last name
Von Riesen
Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Best regards,

Marie-Josee Nadeau

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Marie-Josée

Last name
Nadeau

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Marika

Last name
Olynyk

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I moved to Winnipeg as a young adult to go to school, the month that Donald Trump was inaugurated into power as the President of the United States of America, just a short drive south of us. This destabilization of power, a global phenomenon with local implications, pushed me from fear into a deep desire to effect change in our good world - to push for more justice, more trust, more mutual care. I attended my first protest that month, at merely 18 years old - and it changed me.

Protests are an essential way for my neighbours and me here in our home city of Winnipeg to make our voices heard as we stand together for a better and more just world. Protests are a way of being community together - not only are statements made in public, but relationships are formed on the ground, in the real world. Protests are essential to what makes this city vibrant, alive, loud, and community-oriented. I wouldn't want it any other way.

I am shocked and dismayed by the proposed by-law to limit the ability of my neighbours and me to protest in MOST of downtown - including near sites of powerful decision-making such as Wab Kinew's office and city hall. The proposed ban radius made sense to me at first glance (I don't want to harm people), but at the end of the day this radius makes up most essential spaces for us to advocate for a better world. This in itself is unjust, and infringes on our rights to peaceful protest.

I am asking you, dear Executive Policy Committee, to rescind this proposal entirely. Do not let this kind of fear-based legislation go through in a city as warm and vibrant as Winnipeg! We are better than that. You are better than that. Together we must make this city the

community-oriented, better-world-striving place I have known it to be since I moved here in 2017. I love this city - I love its loud voice for justice. Do not silence my city. Our city. This city, our neighbours, deserve to be heard. Whether or not you or I agree with their statements. Let us make our voices heard.

With deep sincerity,

Marina Klassen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Marina

Last name
Klassen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda 7: Safe Access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Protesting is a right and this bylaw is a dangerous precedent to start restricting it

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mario

Last name
Gigliotti

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,

Marion Hodge

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Marion

Last name
Hodge

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:00

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Signed,
Marissa Berard

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Marissa

Last name
Berard

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:06

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Katia

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Katia

Last name
Lamoureux
Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:10

Delegation information

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Marissa Moar

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Marissa

Last name
Moar

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:23

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I believe it is our human right as a society to be able to protest. I oppose the decision to penalize people's right to protest.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Marjan

Last name
Hakimi

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:27

Public hearing participation

Identify the item and your position

Public hearing item
Agenda Item #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Position on the proposed development
Opposition

How would you like to participate?

Participation options
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am in full and utter Opposition of this By-Law.

Submission for hearing body
protest-by-law-opposition-letter-for-epc-or-city-council.doc

Personal information

Personal information

Full name
Mark Head

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Bylaw 2026

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Signed,
Mark Libin

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Mark

Last name
Libin

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mark

Last name
Reimer

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 08:31

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure By-law

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Marley

Last name
St.Cyr

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:44

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Marlo

Last name
Pereira-Edwards

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:13

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Marnermoo

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Marnermoo

Last name
Galloway-White

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:33

Delegation information

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Marshal Keep

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Marshal

Last name
Keep

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This by-law infringes on Canadians right to freedom of expression and to protest. We are allowed to publicly protest peacefully to show our support and criticism of any cause. This by-law already admits that we are allowed to protest in these areas. It specifically exempts picketing lines for union workers. Why is it that this group is exempt while the rest of Winnipeg has to face these demonstrable fines? Why is it that you restrict the greater public but save a select few. This by-law is messy and does not seek to maintain our charter rights. It's filled with biases and contradictions. All Winnipeggers have the right to freedom of expression and this law restricts that. Please don't mimic the face it government we see just below us. Protests are an integral part of our democracy and they need to be secured. If Canada were to have our own ICE, students on university campus's and high schools alike would not be able to protest the government stealing our neighbours. Don't attack your citizens' rights and implement this by-law. Stop what your doing for the sake of your constituents and our democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Marty

Last name
Fleischaker

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,

Mary Bergen

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Mary

Last name
Bergen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to the above proposal at it is undemocratic and unnecessary restriction on Winnipeg citizens' constitutional rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and protest

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Mary Grace

Last name
Dela Cruz

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:18

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am strongly opposed to this bylaw. As the Canadian Civil Liberties Association has pointed out: "the police already have broad powers to protect access to property and to intervene in the event of a threat to human physical safety, including during protests. Therefore, a new bylaw is simply unnecessary". I believe this bylaw is trying to prevent peaceful protest. In a democratic society, citizens should not be fined for protesting! A recent letter to the editor of the Winnipeg Free Press (Jan 15 2026) applauded the newspaper's coverage of the protests across Canada in support of the protesters in Tehran. Can you imagine if the Islamic Republic cracked down on protestors? Oh wait, they did. And now your by-law is the thin edge of the wedge looking to crackdown on protest here too. This by-law, and the proposed fines, is simply appalling. How can we have the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in our city and this kind of oppressive by-law? Have any of you been to the CMHR? It is filled with exhibits about citizens who protested to try to make the world a better place. I implore you to drop further consideration of this bylaw that endangers democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Mary

Last name
Horodyski

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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Signed,
Mary MacPherson
Winnipeg, MB

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mary

Last name
MacPherson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Regards,
Maryam Bagheri

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Maryam

Last name
Bagheri

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:17

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Maryse

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Maryse

Last name
Gagné

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:41

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Maslen Johnston

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Maslen

Last name
Johnston

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by laws

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Hey! This seems fascist? Let's try a little harder folks! Protest is the back bone of democracy and if there's anyone on city council that isn't aware of that probably shouldn't be working there. Disgusting, abhorrent, etc, etc.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Mat

Last name
Klachefsky

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Ban on Protests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Those responsible for even proposing this should be ashamed. Human Rights are in danger all over the world, and with all the chaos in the states right now with fascism on the rise, it is utterly disgusting this city is even thinking about revoking our right to protest. Shame on all of you

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Mathew

Last name
Looker

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vital Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am concerned that this item was ever tabled for consideration in the first place and sincerely hope the proposals therein are promptly dismissed as unconstitutional, inherently anti-democratic in nature and wholly antithetical to the rights and interests of each and every citizen. I trust you will see through the thin and flimsy veil of disguising this act of coercion as a matter of public safety - proposing the adoption of this bylaw is a violence in itself, against us all, not excluding those who have brought it forth. Coercion such as this is the true threat to our public safety.

At a time such as we are seeing in the world we should be looking here at home to strengthen our democracy and our mutual care for the importance of each and every voice at the table. The right to peaceful assembly, to free and open association, to vocalising dissent, to the free use of our common spaces - these are essential , fundamental bedrocks of basic dignity.

Thank you for your time and consideration - I trust you'll do the right thing and treat this matter with care. It is no small thing.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Matt

Last name
Foster

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This By-law is overly broad and will harm the people's ability to exercise their right to free political expression.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Matt

Last name
Gilbert

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 04:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed bylaw. This proposal would effectively ban otherwise-lawful protest across an absurdly large swathe of our city, and uses an overly-broad definition of a "nuisance demonstration" that can be abused to supress almost any rally or demonstration. Provincial and federal law already provides the basis for law enforcement to intervene in cases of risks to public safety, harassment, and hate speech, so the proposed bylaw offers little in terms of public benefit, just a means to stifle activism that does not fall into these categories.

Furthermore, this bylaw can easily be manipulated by bad actors to insulate themselves from any expression of community opposition, and runs a risk of further marginalizing vulnerable groups. As written, this bylaw would enable some truly Orwellian scenarios; for instance, if a church decides they would like to host a presentation by avowed white supremacists, protests against said church would fall within the definition of a nuisance demonstration. Indeed, given that white supremacy is an idea related to the specified characteristic of race, any protest against it runs the risk of falling afoul of this bylaw because of its overly broad definitions. The amplification definition also results in absurdities; for instance, because of its proximity to the RRC campus, any protest at City Hall for any reason that happens that uses a megaphone or other amplification would also fall within the definition.

The proposed bylaw is ill-conceived and disastrous for civil liberties. It stifles free expression and the right to protest, puts vulnerable communities at further risk, protects purveyors of hate, and offers no meaningful benefit. I urge council to reject the recommendation and vote against this terrible bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Matt

Last name
Gillies

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am concerned that this bylaw will be racist in it's application, limiting protests and rallies promoting Indigenous rights, among other things. Even for protests that I do not agree with, they still have a right to protest and I feel that this bylaw violates rights protected by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Matt

Last name
Parisian

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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I am opposed to the recommendations

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come on, everybody—
Matt

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Matt

Last name
Williams

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
The Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am a physician in Winnipeg and I am strongly opposed to this proposed by-law. Any restriction in the right to protest inherently silences marginalized communities.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Matthew

Last name
Buchok

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise.
Prohibiting "nuisance demonstrations" within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.
Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day.
Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Matthew

Last name
Dankewych

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure By-law

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Signed,
Mathew Kucheravy-Logan

Public engagement (optional)

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Logan

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:43

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
To the Executive Policy Committee

I am writing to state my firm opposition to the draft legislation regarding public assembly restrictions. The proposed measures represent a significant overreach that threatens essential liberties.

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects the right to gather and express dissent. These protections are the foundation of a democratic state. The government should only interfere with these rights in the most limited and specific cases. The current proposal uses vague definitions that allow for arbitrary enforcement. When the state has the power to decide what qualifies as a public disturbance, it can silence any group that it finds inconvenient. This creates a dangerous precedent where the definition of an acceptable protest changes based on the political climate.

Public assembly is often meant to be disruptive. This disruption is the method by which citizens bring attention to serious issues. If the state removes the ability to disrupt public life, it effectively removes the right to be heard.

Any limits on assembly must be narrow. These limits should only apply to critical infrastructure where safety is paramount. Medical facilities and primary education centers for minors are appropriate examples. Transitional housing for those in precarious positions also warrants protection. These rules should not apply to universities, colleges, or other centers for adult learners. Adults must be expected to encounter and process diverse viewpoints in public.

The law must also be applied without bias. There is no logical reason to grant special

treatment to trade unions or worker organizations. If a picket line blocks access to a medical facility, the harm to the public is the same regardless of who is holding the signs. Exempting specific groups from these safety requirements is unfair and contradicts the justification for the law.

The committee should abandon this draft. The city should rely on existing criminal laws to handle actual safety threats. Creating broad new powers to suppress assembly will result in costly legal battles and a loss of freedom.

Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
This proposed by-law is a significant overreach of government. It will criminalize free speech by providing penalties that disproportionately affect those who are not well off - in other words, those who have the most to protest. This does nothing to assist with any reduction in hatred or ill will among communities; instead, it creates an environment where those who uphold the status quo can be insulated from differing points of view. Including schools and post-secondary institutions in this is particularly galling as they are supposed to be bastions of free speech, individual expression, and places where ideas can be debated and aired. Community centres could easily refuse space to groups who are willing to speak out against injustice. The expansive list of locations and range proposed would mean whole swaths of the city, the areas where people are most likely to gather, would be off-limits, so protests could be shunted into easy to ignore areas (which is no doubt what our mayor and his lapdogs prefer - out of sight, out of mind).

Shame on the EPC for wanting to chill public debate. Shame on them for wanting to ignore the problems that face this city.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Matthew

Last name
Molnar

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Matthew Pritchard

Public engagement (optional)

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Signed,

Matthew Sawatzky

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Matt Schellenberg

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Matthew

Last name
Schellenberg

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The proposed act is disgusting. It is aiming to strip away the civil liberties and rights of Canadian citizens. Council should be ashamed of themselves. Protesting is an important part of any democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Matthew

Last name
Shoup

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Matthew Yuen, West End Resident

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Matthew

Last name
Yuen

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The proposed bylaw violates 2(b) and 2(c) of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Peaceful protest is an important part of our culture and is necessary to inact change. Thid by law would prevent protest at many important gathering places and add additional red tape and fear of fines to community organizers. We already have legislation to prevent hate speech and violent protest, additional laws are not required

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Maura

Last name
Macaulay

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Agenda item #7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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Signed,
Mavis Pederson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mavis

Last name
Pederson

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:53

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Max Mehta

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Max

Last name
Mehta

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Mazy Deibert

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mazy

Last name
Deibert

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
A by-law opposing the right to protest is a blatant disregard of democracy and freedom of speech. I cannot express how much this needs to be junked.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
McKinley

Last name
Macchia

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Seems a bit fascist, no?

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Meaghan

Last name
Rex

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:56

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Medha Harish

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Medha

Last name
Harish

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Ban on protests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Limiting protests and banning them in places where protesting has historically succeeded in creating widespread, positive change is an front to my charter rights as a Canadian citizen. Schools and universities have always been a place for dialog, discourse, and in many cases places of protest against fascism, racism, corporate greed, and the suppression of worked rights. Enacting such a bill is slowly opening the door for racists with enough money to silence opinions, limit discourse, and most importantly limit my freedom my expression and freedom of movement. If I cannot be who I am in a publicly funded space and support those with limited voices through means of protesting, than Canada can no longer claim to be True and Free. This bill needs to be struck down immediately in order to protect what Canadians have fought so hard to earn.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Meena

Last name
Rofaeil

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This by-law would take away our (public) voices and concerns about human rights and safety of vulnerable communities. Down with this proposal!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Meg

Last name
Hut

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Megan Gair

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Megan

Last name
Gair

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed, Megan H.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Megan

Last name
Highmoor

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to the bylaw as presented. The right to peacefully, if inconveniently, protest is a protected Charter right and must be maintained as such.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Megan

Last name
MacDonald

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am strongly against this by-law.
Firstly, as the police already have the ability to monitor and step in, in case of a breach of law or someone's rights, which would include any threat of harm made towards a person, and this by-law does not change that, it seems like a poor solution to the proposed issue of the police struggling to maintain peace at protests. I would want to know what specifically is causing the issue, especially if the solution is to limit peoples rights.
Secondly, a law based on location alone, does not need to make exceptions for reasonable, peaceful protests. This impedes the people's charter rights to freedom of speech. For example, say someone wants to hold a peaceful vigil at a cemetery, or a school? This is just one reasonable form of peaceful protest that could be limited by this law. The truth is this gives far too much power to the government, which creates a massive conflict of interest when it comes to protesting government backed ideas using our right to freedom of speech. The point of protest is for the people to have a voice and be seen, and this law will sensor the peoples voice undoubtedly, whether it intends to or not.
As more proof of this second point, the wording of this law is so vague as to raise questions about its application. What is meant by 'nuisance' and who will be determining what is and is not a nuisance? How many human rights issues were considered 'nuisances' before people protested and spoke up about it to have it made into law? I firmly believe this law would impede the ability to people to defend their rights and speak out against injustice, and that is simply unacceptable.
Also, this law will deter people from attending legal, peaceful protests. Councillor Evan Duncan is very concerned with detering people from attending public spaces without condemnation. In a quote he says, “Every Winnipegger has the right to safely access places of worship, healthcare providers, and other facilities without fear, intimidation, or obstruction. That right must be respected and protected,”
(https://www.winnipeg.ca/news/2026-02-10-law-drafted-address-nuisance-

demonstrations-keeping-winnipeggers-safe-designated-locations), but why doesn't that feeling extend to protesters? Are they not also a part of the community with a right to access? Isn't it a communities right to speak up in and about those public spaces? It is clear this law does not respect everyone and is not fair to the citizens of this city.
In summation, this law is a violation of the rights of the citizens of Winnipeg. A protest is meant to be reasonably disruptive and visible, and the police have authority to address issues of violence/harm if it occurs, so there's no reason to add more limits to our rights. To limit this right, prior to an actual breach in law, is to limit our Charter right to freedom of speech, is to add adendums to our freedoms. That is a violation of how law works in Canada, as the charter of rights comes first in consideration legally. Creating a by-law to police our rights is not only morally wrong, it is a reversal of our rights, which is a decision that cannot be made municipally, and frankly should not be made at all.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Megan

Last name
McGonigal

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Demonstrations are democratic and the people of Winnipeg have a right to expression and freedom of assembly.
The proposed limitations are concerning, and an overstep by the city. Limiting non-violent protests and placing decision makers out of reach of protestors violates a core aspect of a functioning democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Megan

Last name
Ronald

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:52

Delegation information

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Signed,
Megan Vosters

Public engagement (optional)

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First name
Megan

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I strongly oppose agenda item #7. People deserve the right to protest. Effectively. To ban protesting is a far overstep of the government. There are a lot of protests I did not agree with (freedom rally being a big one) but even then it is important that people have the ability to express their outrage when they feel there is injustice. that loss of freedom would be detrimental to our society. There needs to be a line somewhere between safe protests for those attending and those working. While I understand protests cannot be the Wild West out there it's still important that the people are allowed to protest. Given our current political climate we witness first hand how important protesting is. Our neighbors are having their rights completely stripped from them. That calls for protesting. And manitobans deserve the ability to protest if injustices are committed against them.
Thank you.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Megan

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Megan Kiyoko Wray
Fort Rouge - East Fort Garry

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Megan

Last name
Wray

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7- safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
As a lawyer and a person who believes in democracy and constitutional protections, I am strongly opposed to this by-law. It will restrict protests in a huge area about 78km2 including some of the most meaningful locations - city hall, university campuses. This by-law as written does not minimally infringe on constitutional rights but instead will have the opposite effect. Institutional democracy requires free and open discourse including protests in public spaces. With the rise of facism in other countries including our closest neighbour, it concerns me that the city would consider such a sweeping ban on people's rights to public dissent. I urge the EPC to consider that minorities across all categories have relied on the very acts that this by-law intends to prohibit to gain basic rights such as the right for people of colour and women to vote, the right of women to hold their own bank accounts, the right to marry whoever one chooses. I urge the city to consider the collective impact that limiting protests will have on any future advances of human rights. If this by-law proceeds, it will be apparent that limiting such future advances was the city's goal all along. There are ways to create regulations around safe protests and access to critical spaces like hospitals without putting a sweeping 78km off limits.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Meghan

Last name
Bjorklund

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
M. Burns

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Meghan

Last name
Burns

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:20

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
To the members of the Executive Policy Committee,

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Signed,

Meghan Kynoch

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
Meghan

Last name
Kynoch

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:49

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Meg

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Meghan

Last name
Moeller

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting. I am deeply concerned by Councillor Duncan's comments on CJOB on February 10th saying this legislation is to prepare for the chaos down south coming our way. Even if we did, which is incredibly backwards, this legislation wouldn't be the right way to do it. We would want to ensure our government doesn't do something like this.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City's objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mel

Last name
Burkhart

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my unequivocal opposition to the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law, which would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Respectfully, Melanie Brannagan

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Melanie

Last name
Brannagan

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Melanie Dennis Unrau

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Melanie

Last name
Dennis Unrau

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Melanie Hamilton

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Melanie

Last name
Hamilton

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Melanie Racette-Campbell

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Melanie

Last name
Racette-Campbell

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Protest By-Law Opposition

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Protest By-Law Opposition

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Melanie Skye
Winnipeg

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Melanie

Last name
Skye

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:38

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Melanie Stewart

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Melanie

Last name
Stewart

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Melina

Last name
Pacheco

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Melissa

Last name
Archer

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Melissa Beakley

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Melissa

Last name
Beakley

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Melissa Curatolo

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Melissa

Last name
Curatolo

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:14

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Signed,

Melissa Smigelski

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Melissa

Last name
Smigelski

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:24

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

Melodie Sitar

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Melodie

Last name
Sitar

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:38

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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7. Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

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Signed,
Melody McKiver

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Melody

Last name
McKiver

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:56

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Menal Kashalo

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Menal

Last name
Kashalo

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:37

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Mercedes Henrikson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mercedes

Last name
Henrikson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Mercedes Schmidt

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mercedes

Last name
Schmidt

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is a violation of our civil liberties to protest. You should be ashamed to call yourselves representatives of the people.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Mesgana

Last name
GONETE

MIA SCHORPION

WINNIPEG, MB

R2M 5N4

February 12, 2026

Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely.

Mia Schorpion

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:09

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Micaela Crighton
R3L 0J2

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Micaela

Last name
Crighton

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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Signed,
Michael Brown

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Michael

Last name
Brown

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I strongly believe issues around right to public protest should not be within the jurisdiction of Municipal government.

The city should make a formal request to the Manitoba Government to work with the city to address the need for such a law. Any such law should be specific and as limited as possible. (Similar to the Provincial Abortion Protest Law) It should be carefully written to avoid subjective interpretation.

This proposed law as drafted is too broad and could be interpreted subjectively and potentially abusively.

As someone who requires regular access to healthcare service, I do believe the safe access to healthcare services is a critical issue. I don't believe this drafted by-law is the correct and balanced solution.

Please work with the province to solve this issue before pursuing such a law at the municipal level.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Michael

Last name
Fehr

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Anti-protest bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This obvious infringement of Charter section 2 rights is so ripe for abuse. The intentionally vague wording and definitions leave interpretation entirely up to police and city officials in order to suppress legally protected expression. In a world where we see MAGA suppressing free speech on the other side of the border, movements like this edge to are that very very dark line. While it is entirely noble to want safe and peaceful protests, there are already laws that allow enforcement of protest restrictions established by the Supreme Court.

This proposed by-law sets a very dangerous precedent.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Michael

Last name
Jensen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Stripping the right to protest from everyday people leads only to authoritarianism and, ultimately, fascistic control.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Michael

Last name
Koop

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:12

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Michael Lesperance

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Michael

Last name
Lesperance

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Michael Lunn

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Michael

Last name
Lunn

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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In person

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to the recommendations of Winnipeg Public Service to approve the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law because it is poorly conceived and a disgraceful affront to human freedoms and rights to belief, expression, and assembly.

Page 3 of the draft by-law includes what masquerades as a definition of "nuisance demonstration." Item a) is redundant, vague, and disingenuous. The "specified characteristics" it references are already protected by the many declarations and charters with jurisdiction in our City, as well as by law in The Human Rights Code of Manitoba (C.C.S.M. c. H175), where people of great privilege, such as employers and landlords, are forbidden to discriminate based on protected characteristics. Every protest I've gone to, and an overwhelming majority of any protest I'm aware of in our precious city, have been specifically to advocate for the dignity of all persons and an end to all forms of discrimination against these so-called specified characteristics. It seems that this by-law could easily be employed disingenuously by those who wish to conceal social and systemic injustices that must be loudly and publicly denounced. Item (b) of the same

definition is incompetently formatted and the syntax is nonsensical. As it currently reads, there is a conflation of amplification with both the definition of "place of worship" and obstruction of pedestrians or motor vehicles. This by-law seems so ill-conceived that its author's cannot be bothered to make sense in their drafting of it. I fear that it will be used in the same reckless fashion if the recommendations are accepted.

I am deeply concerned that the disingenuous reference to specified characteristics is telling of the true intentions of this recommendation and the by-laws other municipalities have so cynically adopted. These true intentions seem to be the curtailing of our human rights to belief, expression, and assembly. Too often, the most privileged among us count their minor inconvenience as a violation of their rights. It is no wonder that wealthy individuals and organizations would prefer not to hear how their monopolization of resources comes at the cost of human dignity and lives. And so they lobby for laws such as this, that can be used to characterize lawful expression and assembly as "nuissance," so that they do not need to feel the appropriate shame for the way their privilege has come at the highest of costs to the oppressed.

Finally, I cannot understate my outrage that this proposed by-law characterizes so many of our cherished venues for assembly and democratic discourse as "vulnerable infrastructure." How poignant that this by-law claims that the very bones of our body politic-- our healthcare facilities, cultural landmarks, places of education and worship-- are vulnerable. If the city of Winnipeg has become a place that is too cowardly to face public discourse in public spaces because of the uncomfortable truths this discourse reveals, I and all defenders of freedom in this city must learn to hold great pride for taking part in what this shameful recommendation calls "nuisance demonstrations." And we will not stop until our voices are heard, amplification or no.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Michael

Last name
Minor

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Obviously not a good idea in the long-run, even if there is some argument for its implementation in the short-term. Way too much potential for future abuse if this by-law is passed. These rights were too hard-won to diminish them in this way.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Michael

Last name
Thys

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am utterly disappointed and disgusted by the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law because it would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

Any hand waving or excuses that the committee makes to say that "oh it doesn't infringe on your freedoms," should look at the incredibly vague reasoning and wording that is used. This wording will allow for incredible overreach to occur and for peaceful protests to be shut down.

This By-law is undemocratic and incredibly Draconian.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Michael Veith

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Michael

Last name
Veith

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:16

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure frastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
your name
Michael

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Michael

Last name
York

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Michaela Bohunicky

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Bohunicky

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item 7 Appendix B

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
This bylaw is creating a problem where there is none. Ask yourself how often you have been inconvenienced or harmed by a peaceful protest?

This bylaw goes way too far in what it is attempting to inhibit. Will bike memorials for people who have been killed by people driving cars now be deemed as a protest?

This bylaw has the potential to make criminal the simple act of speaking out together against government overreach. It would make criminal protests similar to what is happening in Minneapolis.

If you want to make Winnipeg safer for all, limit vehicular speeds, improve accessibility for active transit, do something about crumbling rental houses like the one that resulted in the death of two women, and invest in property reduction.

We need to get to the root of what actually may make Winnipeg unsafe for residents and not pretend that protests are a daily issue affecting Winnipeggers.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:17

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Michelle Anderson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Michelle

Last name

Anderson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:17

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed by-law on 'nuisance' demonstrations.

I am also dismayed to see citizens exercising their Charter rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly being framed as 'nuisances' by our elected officials.

The description of what would count as a 'nuisance' demonstration is so broadly and vaguely defined, it would appear to encompass any form of protest or demonstration that is not related to a labour dispute.

Police already have the power to address unlawful actions if protesters commit them, e.g., threats and harassment. This renders the proposed by-law unnecessary, which makes this by-law - with steep proposed penalties - seem like a clear attempt to suppress peaceful protest.

I strongly urge you to drop this proposed bylaw, which would create significant harms to the fundamental rights of Winnipeggers.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Michelle

Last name
Bertrand

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
In light of the social upheaval happening to our neighbours to the south, I feel this by-law is ill advised. Recent history with regard to the missing indigenous women demonstrates to me that some aspects of our system of government can be affected by racism.
I would like to preserve my right to buy an inflatable frog suit and take to the streets if any such shenanigans make their way north.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
MICHELLE

Last name
DAVIDSON

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed bylaw, "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure," that would restrict the Charter-protected rights of all to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. I'm asking the committee to oppose it as well—clearly and resoundingly.
As a Winnipegger, I am proud of the City of Winnipeg's efforts to be recognized as a "Human Rights City." This by-law poses a threat to those very rights.
This by-law is not about preventing property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—those acts are already criminal.
However, this by-law is about putting in place broad rules that will unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, laws that often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change, and will jeopardize the safety of those who gather. Please read the concerns expressed by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA).
This by-law has no place here. This is an issue of protecting human rights and the freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy.
I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy and to clearly oppose any further consideration of the proposed demonstrations by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Michelle

Last name
Honeyford

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Michelle Panting

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Michelle

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:17

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Michelle P

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Michelle

Last name
Pereira

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This by-law will do more harm than good, restricting our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. To quote the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, "disruptive, non-violent protest is part and parcel of a vibrant functioning democracy."
This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment. The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Schellekens

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Miguel Carlos

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Miguel

Last name
Carlos

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Miguel

Last name
San Pedro

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mikaela

Last name
Rosentreter

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Mikayla Carter
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Mikayla

Last name
Carter

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Mikayla Knysh

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mikayla

Last name
Knysh

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Most of the city is 100 meters from proposed banned locations. This will limit the people ability to protest almost everywhere, encouraging more destructive and violent demonstrations, since laws are being broken anyways. Let the people speak peacefully where ever they please.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mike

Last name
Branconnier

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Mike de Jong

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mike

Last name
de Jong

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The whole world should be open to all for debate. When laws are violated during public display please address those. Do NOT criminalize public display.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Mike

Last name
Legg

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Through this January in Minneapolis, we have all seen the erosion of assembly rights - police and federal agents cracking down heavily on protesters decrying abduction, deportation, and execution of immigrants and American citizens. An escalation like this cannot be allowed to happen in Winnipeg. The criminalization of protests, no matter the subject or on what side of a political or ideological spectrum, is a slippery slope towards what seems to be imminent in the States, a road heading to increased police power and authoritarianism and a surveillance state, if unchecked. Councillor Duncan's proposed definitions of both "nuisance" and "intimidation" are just vague enough that those who wish to squash protests of any sort can apply them to nearly any event with ease. It is also a backwards move to ban protesting on post-secondary campuses - students have always been at the forefront of social movements, and attempting to shift university-aged people from forward thinkers to complacent pawns is both bad optics and simply unlikely to happen.

Pragmatically, this proposition is also simply unlikely to prevent anyone from protesting. What a complete waste of city resources it would be to send more cops and by-law enforcement to protests en masse, trying to charge everyone at any given event $500, following up, enforcing, only for people to develop bad faith in the city and have even more to protest about.

Protests need to be seen, need to be disruptive in some way, in order to affect any sort of change. People need to be able to demonstrate publicly. The logic of buffer zones makes sense in a vacuum but in reality is an overstep on the city's part. A healthy democratic society needs to be able to protest that which it thinks is worth protesting, and these recommendations are in opposition to what a healthy democratic society needs and

mostly only in favour of those who currently hold some type of power. Protests are for the people.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Mike

Last name
Thiessen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This By-Law goes against the protected charter rights as well as impeded on the ability for communities to organize and come together. This By-Law is extremely harmful to minority populations.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
mikhayla

Last name
levasseur

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm am absolutely shocked to learn the City of Winnipeg is considering the so-called Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law -- it's a draconian approach that directly attacks our Charter-protected right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. This is a highly disturbing and and genuinely misguided approach to governance. What on earth are you doing?

I am a disabled person who has attended numerous protests in support of Indigenous people and other vulnerable communities (including and beyond my own) since I moved to Winnipeg almost 20 years ago. I read the news about this horrific proposed legislation this morning, and I am grateful to my fellow community members for drawing attention to a means for me to demonstrate my opposition to what the Executive Policy Committee is considering today. I am thus co-signing the points they've prepared because I agree with them completely. The points below were written by members of my community and I am submitting them as my own and ask that you take them with equal consideration as anything I may have written independently.

I am opposed to the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law because:

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for

many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Regards,
Milena Lye

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Milena

Last name
Lye

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Milena Armogan

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Milena

Last name
Sellner-Armogan

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing in regards to the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. I am shocked that this would even be considered, as it would infringe on Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. I am strongly opposed to the proposed bylaw.

This bylaw would impede the fundamental freedoms of Winnipeggers to advocate for social and political change, and make this city a better place for all of us. This would disproportionately harm marginalized groups, who are those most in need of protection.

The by-law itself seems unlikely to reduce property damage, hate crimes, or violence, which are already criminal acts.

I urge you to drop consideration of this proposed bylaw, especially in a time in which we are witnessing alarming and draconian suppression of rights and freedoms to the South in the U.S.

To protect our democracy, this by-law mustn't be passed.

Sincerely,
Milo Klassen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Milo

Last name
Klassen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable InfastructureBy-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations by law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mira

Last name
Koop

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Miranda Choy-Pohl

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Miranda

Last name
Choy-Pohl

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Miranda McGregor

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Miranda

Last name
McGregor

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:17

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Ahnaf Zaime

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Mohammad Ahnaf

Last name
Zaime

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Mohammad Jafari Jozani

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mohammad

Last name
Jafari Jozani

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I'm writing out of concern about the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

While I understand the intention of this by-law may be to prevent intimidation, it would also limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but further marginalize underrepresented communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. Who determines what is a "nuisance?" This type of undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change. Discomfort is part of the change process.

Given the nightmarish suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Monika

Last name
Rosney

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Thank you.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Morgan

Last name
Kostiew

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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I implore you to drop all consideration,
Morgan Speers

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Morgan

Last name
Speers

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:58

Delegation information

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Signed,

Moss Queen

Public engagement (optional)

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First name
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Queen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:23

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Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:57

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Signed,
Myles Tiessen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Myles

Last name
Tiessen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:52

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Protesting

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Signed,

M. A. Donald

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Myrna

Last name
Donald

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:42

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I disagree with this by-law I think its outcome is anti-democratic.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:04

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Last name
Isaac

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Nadia Rose

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Nadia

Last name
Rose

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:26

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda # 7- Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I am writing to express my opposition to the City of Winnipeg's proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. I am concerned that this proposal would place significant restrictions on the Charter-protected rights of freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

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The proposed by-law raises serious concerns about potential infringement on constitutional rights. I am particularly worried it could silence marginalized communities and create conditions that enable police overreach. Additionally, the by-law does not appear to provide new measures to prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence, as these acts are already addressed through existing criminal laws. Instead, the most likely result would be increased restrictions on lawful and peaceful protest. Such measures appear inconsistent with Winnipeg's efforts to work toward designation as a United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has also raised concerns that broadly written restrictions of this nature can unintentionally limit Charter-protected demonstrations and free expression. Historically, policies like these have disproportionately affected

marginalized groups who rely on public protest to advocate for social change. Freedom of expression and association are essential pillars of a strong and fair democracy. Given the concerning suppression of rights and freedoms currently being witnessed in the United States, it is especially important that Winnipeg continues to uphold its legal obligations under the Charter and actively protect these fundamental freedoms.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to discontinue further consideration of the proposed demonstrations by-law.

Sincerely,
Nadine Huberdeau

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Nadine

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Huberdeau

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:13

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Signed,
Nancy Nguyen

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Nancy

Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:34

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Signed,
Naomi Pritchett, a proud resident of Winnipeg and Canadian citizen.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Naomi

Last name
Pritchett

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:58

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EPC's #7 Agenda Item: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Last name
Lee

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,
Natalie Kilimnik

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Kilimnik

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:31

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,

Natalie MacLeod Schroeder, PhD

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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MacLeod Schroeder

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Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Signed,
Natalie Smith

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Smith

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:24

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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Signed,

Natalie Wiebe

Public engagement (optional)

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I pity the country
I pity the state
And the mind of the man
Who thrives off hate
Small are the lives
Of cheats and of liars
Of bigoted news press
Fascist town crier
Deception annoys me
Deception destroys me
The Bill of Rights froze me
Jails they all know me
Frustrated are church men
The saving of soul men
The tinker, the tailor
The colonial governor
They pull and they paw me
They're seeking to draw me
Away from the roundness of life
Silly civil servants
They thrive off my body

Their trip is with power
Back bacon and welfare
Police they arrest me
Materialists detest me
Pollution it chokes me
Movies they joke me
Politicians exploit me
City life it jades me
Hudson Bay fleece me
Hunting laws freak me
Government is bumbling
Revolution's rumbling
To be ruled in impunity
Is tradition continuity
I pity the country
I pity the state
And the mind of the man
Who thrives off hate
-Willie Dunn

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Natascha West-Massey

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Delegation information

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:20

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Nathan Bewski

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
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Signed,
Nathan Kehler, P. Eng.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Nathan

Last name
Kehler

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law (Section 7, Appendix B)

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I do not agree with the phrasing used in safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law. Section 7 appendix b for it is far too vague yet at the same time, Limiting on what protest can be on. Don't get me wrong, I don't disagree on every point given just that some seem too vague of a concept such as Page 4 specific characteristics section k. Source of income for that could go for many things. Does a protest against Fossil fuel companies or proposed mining access such as the case in the silica mines being proposed in southern Manitoba, count as going against someone's personal income? For those directly limit the income and stop the people who want to start construction of those from making income and possibly even losing income because they cannot begin or start the processes. Then I also want to bring up the limitations of some buildings, for they don't make much sense such as post-secondary institution and libraries, a prime example could be the free Palestine protests that happened at the University of Winnipeg they didn't do any harmful acts besides setting up tents and a barrier that didn't even block main pathways at the University, but they would count as a nuisance protest under these legislative acts, which then leads to my final issue that I can see with this on Page 3, section "intimidation" A and B I agree that there should not be discrimination against a group in a protest, but people who disagree with a protest that is not discriminatory, such as a solidary protest with the American protesters against ice could count under these parameters listed here as a nuisance protest even though it is trying to spread awareness and show support against an immoral group and or showed general disagreement with foreign policy, which under the formatting of this proposal they would count as a nuisance for they, A target a specific group, B a source of income and finally could even make some people feel "unsafe". A possible change to still help deal with " nuisance protests" a work around could be that a specific number of people have to sign a petition to boycott specific type of protest, if they feel unsafe or otherwise instead of it just being outright banned/ fined. For protests have been a part of Manitoba for a long time. From the Manitoba general strike to the more

modern lemay forest protest, they may seem like a nuisance but to me I see them as way of people voicing their opinions in a constructive manner. I do agree that we need some kind of rules around protests, but these are much too vague lead to many voices going unheard in public spaces.
Thank you for your time.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Nathan

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Martyn

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Democracy requires the right to protest.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Nayla Barnstead

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Nayla

Last name
Barnstead

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:07

Delegation information

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I oppose the proposed “Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.” Its vague terms like “nuisance” and “intimidating” give excessive discretion to shut down peaceful protests, despite existing laws already addressing violence and hate. This risks infringing on Charter-protected freedoms of expression and assembly.

The broad exclusion zones and fines of up to $5,000 would deter lawful civic participation and may be applied selectively. I urge Council to reject this bylaw and protect democratic rights in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This is in violation of the principles of democratic engagement in society. This will silence virtually all areas of the city with these limitations. All demonstrations can be considered "nuisances" by someone and all gatherings can be considered "demonstrations", so this can and will be weaponized against people trying to make the City of Winnipeg a more engaged and thriving place.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely,
Neil Bailey

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Neil

Last name
Bailey

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:30

Delegation information

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I disagree with this proposal. Obstruction/nuisance is a valid method of drawing attention to causes and a rite

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I oppose the proposed by-law and am deeply concerned that this will infringe on Fundamental Freedoms outlined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, specifically freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly. The proposed by-law clearly states that there are already protections in the Labour Relations Act, the Human Rights Code and provincial statutes that restrict violent and hateful demonstrations, and I firmly believe that the City of Winnipeg already has the tool that it needs to mitigate and punish hate speech and harassment on its streets.

Whatever political or symbolic goals are perceived to be "won" through this by-law will not outweigh the limitations it places on our collective freedom of expression and right to assembly.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
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Signed,
Niamh Griffin

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:57

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Signed,
Nicholas Catalano

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:17

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Public Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Canadians have freedom of peaceful assembly. As long as protestors are not violating the 'peaceful' aspect of this, there should be no issue. I do not believe it is the place of the city to infringe upon Charter Rights.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Disruptive, non-violent protest is part and parcel of a vibrant functioning democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to you as a Winnipeg resident and an engineering professional to express my alarm regarding the proposed "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure" By-Law. I am strongly opposed to this proposal.

As someone who works in a technical field, I understand the need for safety and security protocols. However, this by-law appears to use the guise of "protecting infrastructure" as a backdoor to restrict Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Broadly defining public spaces as "vulnerable infrastructure" to shut down dissent is a dangerous overreach. Real safety is achieved through proper design and existing criminal laws that already address property damage and violence. We do not need new bylaws that effectively criminalize standing on a sidewalk.

This proposal would severely limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to win rights for workers, Indigenous communities, and 2SLGBTQIA+ neighbours. It solves nothing that isn't already covered by the Criminal Code, but it does risk silencing marginalized voices and inviting police overreach.

Winnipeg has been striving to be a "Human Rights City" since 2018. Passing a by-law that the Canadian Civil Liberties Association has flagged as a threat to democracy is a step in the exact opposite direction.

We are seeing rights and freedoms eroded globally. I urge you not to import that erosion

here. Please drop this by-law and focus on solutions that actually make our city safer without sacrificing our democracy.

Regards,
Nick

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:54

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Despite the comments to media about what this proposed bylaw is intended to accomplish, the actual plain language of the bylaw as it currently stands goes much further in its definitions and is overly broad and vulnerable to partisan interpretations. It's current carve-outs - and in all likelihood, attempts to make further carve-outs in response to opposition to the bylaw like mine and others - is and will be paltry and does not address the core problem of making governments the arbitrator of what is or isn't acceptable types/causes/locations to protest.

This is extremely dangerous overreach and the mere fact that it is to be considered and discussed is already problematic. Freedom to protest is extremely important, and yes, there can and must be limits - but broad rules such as these may and are often used to unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech of marginalized groups who rely on protests to advocate for social change. Laws are already in place to prevent property damage, hate crimes, and violence from taking place - enforce or reinforce those instead of curtailing and limiting freedom of expression.

For these reasons and more, the EPC must not further consider this bylaw, and start from scratch.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed, Dani Jo Lea

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I oppose this bylaw full heartedly as it infringes on freedom of speech and the right to peacefully protest. It appears to be a bylaw to instill fear in protestors, fear of showing up and standing up for vulnerable communities and voicing a desire for change or opposing policies made they disagree with. This bill should not be allowed to go forward as it is undemocratic and unconstitutional.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:01

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to the City of Winnipeg's proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law, which would restrict Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have long relied on to advocate for social and policy change. I am concerned it could infringe on constitutional rights, silence marginalized voices, and enable police overreach—without doing anything to prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence, which are already illegal. Instead, it would severely restrict peaceful protest.

As Winnipeg works toward recognition as a UCLG "Human Rights City," this type of restriction on democratic freedoms sends the wrong message. The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has also warned that broad measures like this can unjustly limit peaceful demonstrations and disproportionately impact marginalized communities.

Protecting freedom of expression and association is essential to a healthy democracy. I urge you to uphold the Charter and discontinue consideration of this proposed by-law.

Sincerely,

Nick Dixon

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Nick

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 02:27

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Nicky Mehta

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

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Nicky

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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:49

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
This legislation is too broad to stand in a free and democratic country.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:45

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
The proposed by-law represents a significant imposition on the right to free speech and is ripe for abuse. Existing protections are sufficient for addressing any issues that may arise with protests, without the overbroad suppression of peaceful protest - including by users of vulnerable infrastructure, such as students, as well as by members of the broader community.

Public engagement (optional)

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely

Nicole Desautels

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Nicole

Last name
Desautels

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7-Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I believe that every citizen of winnipeg should have the freedom to protest and the freedom of expression, the only exception being when the exercising of these rights infringes upon the rights of others. I don't think the city should be allowed to decide for the people what is or isn't worthy of protesting, and this by-law would allow law makers the power to over-step where their authority should reasonably end within our free country.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Nicole

Last name
Kozun

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Nicole Martin

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Nicole

Last name
Martin

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,

Nicole Palidwor

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Nicole

Last name
Palidwor

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Nicole Pate

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Nicole

Last name
Pate

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change. Is this the intended goal of this legislation? I find this alarming.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Nicole Rosen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Nicole

Last name
Rosen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This by-law would make it unsafe and potentially detrimental to attend any peaceful protest and infringe on our right of expression and peaceful assembly.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Nicole

Last name
Schellekens

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,

Nicole Steinley

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Nicole

Last name
Steinley

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
The elements of this proposition regarding "the expression by any means, including graphic, written or oral, of objection or disapproval towards an idea, action, person or group" in "view of the public" is utterly ridiculous.

This proposition is a clear violation of Canadian charter rights pertaining to freedom of expression. This clear violation would mean that it would almost immediately be brought to court by civil rights and civil liberty organization, costing the city a large amount of money to fight. If the city did choose to fight this until the bitter end, it would almost certainly lose, making the whole endeavor a waste of time and money.

Think, if you make nonviolent protest illegal and violent protest illegal, people WILL just choose to protest violently. The only reason we have disruptive protests to worry about is because murderous riots are a crime.

In summary, this proposition would be cutting off the nose to spite the face.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Nicole

Last name
Taylor

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Nicole

Last name
Trotter

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This agenda is limiting the possibility of people to protest and it is absolutely unacceptable. This agenda violates the freedom of speech and the rights of people to express their opinion. It also provides a huge gap in the law for the police to fine or arrest people with no reason.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Nikita

Last name
Borisov

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:05

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Nina

Last name
Ferrigno

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Nitasha

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Nitasha

Last name
Chaudhry

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to Vulnerable Infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
To the Executive Policy Committee,

As you know, the right to protest is protected under the Canadian Charter of rights and freedoms Section 2(b) Freedom of expression and 2(c) The right to peaceful Assembly.

These rights permit peaceful gatherings rather than breaking-point public outrage, they're places to feel heard and are symbolic of public education.
Fining people for speaking out against the harms in their community is decidedly unCanadian.
I'd like you to consider that we are not creating a safer, wealthier or more educated community promoting by-laws to excuse police harassment of people that are already hurting.

Hoping our politics continue to shift from arguing the parameters of basic rights - to creating meaningful changes outside of policing minor inconveniences.

-N.J Daniels.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
N.J

Last name
Daniels

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Noah Hall

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Noah

Last name
Hall

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

As a Winnipeg resident and a citizen of our great democracy, I write to you to express my consternation that the City is considering the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. I strongly oppose this proposed bylaw, as it infringes upon Winnipeggers' rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

For generations, Winnipeggers have been peacefully assembling to demonstrate not only their Charter-protected rights, but their commitments to liberty, equality, and justice. Public demonstrations are crucial avenues for change. The many rights which our city's people are currently able to enjoy, regardless of colour or creed, attest to such gatherings' necessity—and their effectiveness.

Like you, I am deeply concerned by the hateful acts of property damage which currently plague our city. This by-law, however, will do little to prevent these despicable crimes. Instead, it will limit our ability to come together and express that hatred has no place in our community.

Canada is a free and fair nation, and Winnipeg (at least until now) a free and fair city. I ask you: will Winnipeg lead by example? Or will our city open the doors to the kind of repressive legislation that appears better-suited to our neighbours south of the border?

I beseech you to defend our democracy by safeguarding the rights enshrined in our Charter. Please, cease consideration of this by-law.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Noah Kaldeway

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is blatantly anti-democratic. This is shocking and disappointing. Protesting at schools is an essential part of public discourse. The number of locations covered in this bill are so vast that it nearly covers the whole city. This is excessive. Section 2b of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects "freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression". This directly contravenes these protections.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Noah

Last name
Kelly

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Noah

Last name
Pearen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Drafted Script for EPC

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Nola Le-Ba

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Nola

Last name
Le-Ba

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7: safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to the recommendations as they are anti-democratic.

The proposed by law duplicates existing provincial legislation, the language is overly broad and impinges on charter rights.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:00

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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Signed,

Nozomi Colyer

St. Vital-Winnipeg

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Nozomi

Last name
Colyer

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:26

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructures by law

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Nyamal

Last name
Jack

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:36

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Alex Korotkov

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
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Korotkov

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:21

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.
The wording is very vague and wide reaching. This is not going to protect women getting abortions (which there already is a Provincial law providing a protest buffer zone around abortion clinics, by the way), but it's going to restrict protest of all kinds in a sweeping way. Councillor Duncan, the author of the bylaw, had this to say:

"I think that as things evolve globally we see a lot of change out there. The chaos that is unfolding south of us right now is a clear indicator that it's coming our way and if we don't put these things in place to stop that, it's going to be your neighborhood next, it's going to be your place of worship next. And we don't want that to happen."
This is a massive red flag for what this bylaw really is. Duncan sees people in Minnesota protesting against ICE's authoritarian overreach and thinks "The protests are the problem." If this doesn't make it clear what the intentions behind this are, then I don't know what will.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting "nuisance demonstrations" within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:59

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

Olga Boltushenko

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Olga

Last name
Boltushenko

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:58

Delegation information

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Signed,
A Winnipeg citizen

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Olivia

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

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Thank you,

Olivia Barker

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Olivia

Last name
Barker

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:14

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed, Olivia Brown

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Olivia

Last name
BROWN

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Olivia Cassie

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Olivia

Last name
Cassie

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Olivia Di Girolamo

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Olivia

Last name
Di Girolamo

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:20

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to this proposed By-Law as it directly infringes upon sections 2(b);2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Public assemble is crucial to the democratic operation of Winnipeg, and Canada at large.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Olivia

Last name
Dixon

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Liv Gardiner

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Olivia

Last name
Gardiner

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:03

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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First name
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Last name
Norquay

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:20

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This is so ridiculous. People have a right to their opinions and to safely and respectfully protest where they choose to. Limiting this is psychotic.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Olivia

Last name
Smith

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
The right to protest shouldn't be infringed on. Fining people for causing nuisance while protesting kneecaps our ability to cause change through protesting: protests should be allowed to be inconvenient. Doling out fines is also unjust because it only affects people who can't pay the fines, restricting the right to protest from poor people whose right to protest is the most crucial out of any group.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:19

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Executive Policy Committee

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Olivier Proulx

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
This is an overreach and would prevent protest IN FRONT OF CITY HALL, and where the streetcar was pushed over in 1919. Effective peaceful protests are inconvenient and when you make peaceful revolution impossible violence is inevitable. Provincial legislation that came into effect last year created a buffer zone of at least 50 metres around facilities whose main purpose is to provide abortions. Other facilities that provide surgical or medical abortion services, including hospitals, pharmacies and doctors' offices, have the option to request a buffer zone. This bylaw is unnecessary and prevents reasonable protests.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:46

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
The motion introduced by City Councillor Evan Duncan (Charleswood–Tuxedo–Westwood) to effectively ban protests within 100 metres of “vulnerable social infrastructure” will have serious implications for all public demonstrations in Winnipeg. Virtually every significant gathering space in the city for public rallies would be impacted. Concerned citizens could face severe fines for simply gathering to express their views on issues that impact Winnipeggers, Manitobans, and Canadians at large. This is a grave threat to freedom of assembly and expression in our city. If you value civil liberties, then you must oppose this punitive and regressive proposal.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Schalk

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:49

Delegation information

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Having a by-law that allows police to simply give fines to demonstrators that they do not agree with is a massive over reach. Regardless of the fact that we have a right to peaceful assembly, fines that are issued will still need to be challenged and/or fought in court, wasting everyone's time. Furthermore, fines are only consequences to lower classes and minorities. Fines are irrelevant to people with money.

This quite clearly targets minority groups.

This quite clearly disincentivizes protest of all kinds due to the simple fact that holding a sign anywhere in a public place can earn you a fine that you will need to spend time fighting, regardless of its validity.

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Delegation information

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#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am opposed to this proposed by-law because it infringes on our rights as Canadians to protest freely. This would set a dangerous precedent for infringing on our rights to free speech and to organize in community in protest. This is a clear example of beurocratic overreach and would not benefit the community in any way. We have the right to protest and this would limit this right drastically. This by-law cannot be passed. The community will not allow it. Winnipeg has a rich working class tradition of struggle against the ruling class and this goes against that historical fight and would be a huge slap in the face to all those courageous Manitobans that fought for their rights during the red river rebellion, 1919 general strike and the countless indigenous struggles. I urge the council to reconsider this proposed by-law and not allow it to be passed for the sake of our future generations as well as all those who came before us. With the current political climate and with everything going on in the usa with government repression of mass movements, we must not allow this authoritarian wave to reach our city. Thank you.

Public engagement (optional)

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First name
Pablo

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:26

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Support or oppose recommendations
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To the committee,

This bylaw is regressive and puts at risk the charter rights of Canadians. I can get behind wanting to ensure that people have safe access to spaces but this should be covered by existing laws.
The restrictions in this by-law effectively silence Winnipeggers by forcing them to exercise there right to free speech to locations where no one will here them. The term “nuisance” here is offensive and disrespectful. Protest is supposed to be uncomfortable, it is supposed to get the attention of those who would otherwise not know or choose to ignore the issues at hand, and it is often the last resort for people who have been unable to get support in a society that would rather leave them behind. There’s a reason why these bylaws have started seeing charter challenges.

I would like to believe that this was drafted by people truly trying to offer protection to those wishing to access spaces they have a right to, but between the way the federal government has put their fingers on the scale with respect to protests and strikes and the behaviour of the US government towards its citizens, I have become far too pessimistic to give that belief much weight.

Public engagement (optional)

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Last name
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First name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:51

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No

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First name
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Last name
Borowski

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 11:53

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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PL Leung

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:03

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Signed, p

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No

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First name
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Last name
Shrestha

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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No

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First name
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Last name
Krasniuk

Opposition to Item No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Executive Policy Committee – February 17, 2026

This submission is in opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. As it stands, it would seriously limit Winnipegger's right to protest — rights that have shaped so many positive changes in our city. For that reason, we can't support this by-law.

Protests, vigils, rallies, and round dances are the tools communities rely on when they need to be heard and have played a huge role in advancing environmental action.

This by-law could end up silencing marginalized voices, increasing police involvement where it isn't needed and risks restricting peaceful protest in a way that doesn't reflect Winnipeg's commitment to becoming a UCLG "Human Rights City."

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has also raised red flags, noting that broad rules like this often undermine Charter rights and disproportionately affect groups who depend on public demonstrations to advocate for change.

At its core, this is about protecting freedom of expression and association — the foundation of any healthy democracy. With rights being rolled back in other places, we are asking Council to uphold its Charter obligations and reject this by-law.

Pam Lucenkiw

Co-chair

OURS-Winnipeg

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am opposed to the proposed limit in peaceful demonstrations being required a 100 m buffer zone around identified locations.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Pamela

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Johnson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:44

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
your name
Paolo Riva

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:39

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Executive Policy Committee

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Paolo

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Paolo

Last name
Siapno

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7# Safe Access To Vunerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I'm writing to you today to express my disapproval at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. With more restrictions on public demonstrations, we have no freedom, and we have no Canada.

If this is passed, this would infringe on the constitutional rights of everyone. This isn't about silencing one specific group, but silencing everyone. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

What if there is a bill that is passed that causes farmers to lose crops because they couldn't protest against it, or a new bill that restricts religious freedom because no one could have a peaceful assembly that offered safe suggestions? The safety concern of demonstrations is understandable, but if there was a focus on the city building community and providing people with what they need, maybe there would be less safety concerns on opposing groups.

I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Parker

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Parker

Last name
Koepnick

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

P. Rai

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Parmvir

Last name
Rai

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Ban on protests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Parwa Pshdari

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Parwa

Last name
Pshdari

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 01:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Restricting additional areas where we can protest, is adding further limitations to our freedom of expression and freedom of peaceful assembly. The minor discomfort or inconvenience caused by peacefully protesting, doesn't outweigh the consequences of encroaching on the right to protest. There are plenty of issues in the world where protesting is used to spread awareness and to educate others; such as climate change, systemic violence, and/or political issues. Making peaceful protests accessible and facilitated ensures that these freedoms can be exercised without being suppressed or silenced.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Pascale

Last name
Bouchard

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:17

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am alarmed, but not at all surprised that the City of Winnipeg is considering passing a by-law that would severely impact and restrict Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. I am vehemently in opposition to this proposed bylaw.

As I hope you've considered - though to be perfectly frank, my hopes for this committee and council in general are devastatingly low - this by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am certain that you clowns and your greasy friends would utilize this by-law to infringe on constitutional rights and silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate.

The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited.

Conflating the discomfort of certain groups with safety is a dangerous This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I am demanding drop any consideration of this proposed demonstrations bylaw, and issue a vehement apology to Winnipeggers - allowing Councillor Duncan to propose this nonsense is such a colossal waste of our collective time and energy.

Disrespectfully,
Pascale Nowicki

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Pascale

Last name
Nowicki

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Restrictions on right to protest

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I strongly oppose the proposed restrictions on the right protest. At a time when the gap between the wealthy and those that are poverty stricken is growing; when terrible atrocities are occurring around the world; when humanitarian measures are being denied and the environment is being degraded it is critical that people speak up and protest. To restrict peaceful protest erodes democracy and moves us further and further towards fascism.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Patricia

Last name
Lane

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Patrick Fermin
Point Douglas

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Patrick

Last name
Fermin

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This measure is anti-democratic. There are existing laws to prevent threats and hate speech that exist for good reasons. However, this measure goes beyond that to stifle the voices of the people you represent. The ability to protest, to draw attention to a cause should be fundamental in our country.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Patrick

Last name
McCallum

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 12:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Freedom of Expression

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Register as a delegation_checkbox
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Register as a delegation
In person

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
GoldStar the Screaming Eagle
Aka Patrick John Xenon Neilan

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Patrick

Last name
Neilan

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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In person

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
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Noël

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Paul and Linda Dueck

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Access to Vulnerable Infastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Paul Eccles

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Paul

Last name
Eccles

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
To whom it may concern:
I am writing today to register my deep concern regarding the proposed bylaw to restrict the right to protest in the city of Winnipeg.
I object to this proposal in the strongest possible sense, and urge you to withdraw this legislation immediately. The city claims that this bylaw will not inhibit free speech, or the right to gather and demonstrate peacefully, but it will do exactly that. By creating large zones around areas where peaceful protest can occur, this bylaw gives excessive power to institutions and a few privileged people of influence to dictate what is a "safe" distance for people to gather. We are not talking about hateful, anger-filled confrontations. We are not talking about people committing acts of violence; no, we are talking here about the right for people to gather and express their opinion. So long as a demonstration does not infringe on the constitutional rights of others, then it is guaranteed under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms that such a demonstration is a given right.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Paul

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:20

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Paul Hewak

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Paul

Last name
Hewak

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Paul Hogue
St Vital, Winnipeg

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Paul

Last name
Hogue

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Paul Refvik

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Paul

Last name
Refvik

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access To Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Paul

Last name
Stafford

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:38

Delegation information

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Article #7 the sade access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

your name

Paul Zacharias

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Paul

Last name
Zacharias

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:12

Delegation information

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Comments
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Protecting freedom of expression and association is crucial in any democracy. Given the suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., please remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

Please do not pass the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Pauline

Last name
Ripat

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:48

Delegation information

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Signed,
Pauline Tennent (she/her), PhD

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Pauline

Last name
Tennent

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:45

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Paulson Des Brisay

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Paulson

Last name
Des Brisay

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:55

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Payton Chan

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Payton

Last name
Chan

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:00

Delegation information

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Protest is important for a functioning democracy. The population should be free to raise issue anywhere. I oppose this proposal.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Peitro

Last name
Cab

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:28

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
PW

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Perla

Last name
Wiens

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:25

Delegation information

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Peter Dueck
Fort Rouge – East Fort Garry

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Peter

Last name
Dueck

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am writing as a citizen of Winnipeg to share my complete and total opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure bylaw.

This proposed bylaw is wildly unacceptable and has no place in a free country.

Canadians have a right to protest under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and it is entirely unacceptable to limit this in such a sweeping manner with such a wide-reaching, vaguely-worded, poorly thought-out policy.

If some people who participate in protests are committing other crimes, such as for example harassment, then charge those individuals with the crimes they committed on a case by case basis. If people have actually done something wrong, it will not be difficult to charge them under another existing law. There is no justification for a draconian law that directly outlaws protesting where it is considered inconvenient. As a community we can do so much better than that.

Canada is currently not an authoritarian state. Do you wish it to remain that way? Then we must not pass such misguided legislation, or we will become an authoritarian state.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Peter

Last name
Hayglass

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:45

Delegation information

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
The proposed by-law infringes on charter rights and threatens to limit legitimate protest. The geographic designations in the proposed by-law cover much of the city. As a citizen, academic, and union leader, I am deeply concerned that this by-law stifles protest that is a part of a vibrant and healthy democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Peter

Last name
Miller

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
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7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I will be very honest in my comments and share that I think this proposed By-Law is the most disappointed that I have been with the City of Winnipeg.

Every year our city has been falling farther and farther behind on so many services, closing pools and infrastructure, going deeper into debt exclusively for automobile-users, and instead of trying to solve this crisis, THIS is what the Council has been working on?? Instead of pushing to make Winnipeg a safer and more accessible city for ALL CITIZENS, the City of Winnipeg is trying to REMOVE access to fighting for rights? Hard fought rights always come about by public protest, which yes, can be a nuisance for some privileged people.

It seems to me that the City Council wants to freeze the city in amber while letting our infrastructure crumble, and to cut services to citizens they don't agree with or that they plain dislike. Now with the introduction of this By-Law, it seems that Council no longer wants to even hear from these citizens and instead will potentially FINE people for using their Charter Rights? I think the City knows that this By-Law will not stand up in court, but instead is trying to drive a wedge between different groups in the city.

Lastly, there have been two events that I believe are tightly linked to the introduction of this By-Law. The ongoing anti-genocide protests in support of our Palestinian community and the soured relationship between the cycling community and Councillor Janice Lukes. Both groups are trying to fight for the very lives and safety of their communities. If Councillor Lukes and the Council do not want to hear people speaking passionately and from the heart about deaths of their loved ones and community members, then maybe it's time you re-evaluate your tenure in politics. If Councillors no longer want to hear from their constituents that they disagree with, then it is time to step down.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Phanie

Last name
Koncan

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Philip Coss

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:35

Delegation information

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

As an Indigenous Person to this land (Red River Métis Citizen) I am writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

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In gratitude,
Philip Geller

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Philip

Last name
Geller

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:20

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Signed,
Phoebe Chard

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Phoebe

Last name
Chard

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Phoenix Charamuga

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Phoenix

Last name
Charamuga

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:45

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Agenda item #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Phu Huynh

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Polina Pevtsov

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PR

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Sincerely,
Rachael Alguire

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Signed,
Rachel Heywood

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Comments
I have concerns about the proposed bylaw banning “nuisance protests” within 100m of certain facilities.

Specifically, I’m concerned that this bylaw will effectively ban protest on post-secondary campuses. I’ve been a member of the University of Manitoba and University of Winnipeg communities since 2001. During that time, I’ve seen how post-secondary campuses have provided theatres for debate (including protest) on important issues of social justice. Banning protests on these campuses would weaken the role our post-secondary communities play in hosting these necessary conversations.

I understand limiting some types of protest around public facilities where vulnerable and targeted communities gather, such as hospitals, schools, and religious centres. However, I strongly feel post-secondary campuses are a poor fit for this bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

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Signed,
rachelle braun

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
rachelle

Last name
braun

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:37

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Rachelle Gross

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Rachelle

Last name
Gross

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#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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This policy will affect pride parades, protests for better health care, rally's for Indigenous rights and reconciliation, and more. It's too broad and will be used to justify removing our right to assemble and the right for peaceful protest

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

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Last name
Gunn

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Signed,
Rae Towse

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Towse

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:18

Delegation information

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Signed,
Raeanne Wysocki

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Raeanne

Last name
Wysocki

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:10

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Executive Policy Committee

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Number 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Rafiyya Amari

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Rafiyya

Last name
Amari

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:38

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Raia Bryan

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Raia

Last name
Bryan

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Personal information

First name
Raia

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:29

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Freedom of speech is a basic human right in a democracy. Protests are exercising that freedom of speech. I don't necessarily agree with what people have the impulse to protest about, or the things they personally stand for, but in a democratic country all voices should be heard. Protest is an expression of that freedom of speech. To muzzle the public opinion strays from the tenets of democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:45

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Signed,
Ralf Sawazki

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:47

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Signed,
Ranjit Dhillon

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Ranjit

Last name
Dhillon

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Signed,

Raquel Torres

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Raquel

Last name
Torres

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:08

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Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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Signed,
Rasmin

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Rasmin

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Signed,
Raven Sanborn

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Raven

Last name
Sanborn

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:55

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Signed,

Ray Sidorchuk

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Ray

Last name
Sidorchuk

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:57

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Protesting is a critical part of democracy. Protesting MUST be inconvenient to make change happen. We all disagree with things, and that's OK. This is a slippery slope into removing rights from every day Winnipegers who want to use their voice, even peacefully and without blocking roads/buildings etc. With this current proposal it seems like City hall would be illegal to protest- what would protesting in "convenient" areas look like for freedom of expression? What about our charter rights? We should be hearing our population, just look at how bitterness to protesters are killing folks across the boarder. That female protester were murdered in cold blood, and that man was not even protesting and he was murdered for just being there. Councillor Duncan's comments on this by-law concerned me. Who are we really protecting with this potential change, because it's clear based on his comments he cares more for "easy" than "right". This Winnipeger says no thanks to this intentionally vaguely written legislation.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ray

Last name

Smith

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to immediately drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely,
Rayannah Kroeker

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Rayannah

Last name
Kroeker

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:47

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Rayna Hillman

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Rayna

Last name
Hillman

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:16

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7B - Draft Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Rayna Masterton
Winnipeg,

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Rayna

Last name
Masterton

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:31

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Agenda item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Disruptive, non-violent protest is part of a vibrant, functioning democracy.
In Canada, the right to protest is fundamentally protected under Sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which guarantee freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. These rights allow citizens to gather, demonstrate, and express dissent against government actions or policies.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Rayna

Last name
Premack

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Rea Campbell

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Rea

Last name
Campbell

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Reanne Murdock

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Reanne

Last name
Murdock

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Rebecca

Last name
Froese

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:56

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Rebecca

Last name
Simpson-Litke

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:06

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Rebecca Tellier (Winnipeg)

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Rebecca

Last name
Tellier

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Rebecca T

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Rebecca

Last name
Thibodeau

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:02

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Rebecca Tillman

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Rebecca

Last name
Tillman

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:06

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Rebecca

Last name
Tillman

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:43

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Red Licarte (they/them)

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Red

Last name
Licarte

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Reesa

Last name
Atnikov

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:21

Delegation information

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Reighan Chiponski

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Reighan

Last name
Chiponski

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:50

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Remneek Attwal

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Signed,

Ren Armstrong

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Armstrong

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Evan Duncan's by-law of The City of Winnipeg to nuisance demonstrations and intimidation of persons at or in respect of valuable social infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
This law would take away a part of our freedom of speech that would go into our youth. Taking away our right for this, you can create an unsafe environment for groups or individuals who even group together for something as simple as a walk, or bike ride. You would be inflicting fear when it isn't needed. If this law is passed you also take away many Canadians voices and rights. We would no longer be The Land of The Free. You take away our voice, and you take away rights of the very people who help keep Canada and the city of Winnipeg running.
The protests and rallies haven't ever been super destructive and have always been relatively peaceful. You can't let one bad apple ruin something for thousands of others who are bringing nothing but kindness and attention to things that needed to change.

Signed. Renata Stevinson.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Renata

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Stevinson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:40

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Executive Policy Committee

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First name
Renay

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Van Dale

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:41

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This proposed law as drafted is too broad and could be interpreted subjectively and potentially abusively. Councillor Duncan, the author of the bylaw, said this on CJOB on February 10:

"I think that as things evolve globally we see a lot of change out there. The chaos that is unfolding south of us right now is a clear indicator that it’s coming our way and if we don’t put these things in place to stop that, it’s going to be your neighborhood next, it’s going to be your place of worship next. And we don’t want that to happen."

This is a massive red flag for what this bylaw really is. Duncan sees people in Minnesota protesting against ICE's authoritarian overreach and thinks "The protests are the problem." If this doesn't make it clear what the intentions behind this are, then I don't know what will.

The wording being used to pitch the bylaw has been carefully designed to sell it as reasonable and perhaps progressive - hence why people seem to think this is about protecting women getting abortions. But to me, it's pretty clear this is about controlling protests.

Public engagement (optional)

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First name
Rene

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Joshi Sims

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:19

Delegation information

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It is clear that suppression of the right to demonstrate peacefully would be an attack on our liberties, and much like the federal government's use of the Emergency Act to quell the Ottawa truckers' demonstration - which was deemed by the Courts to be government overreach, Winnipeg council's implementation of this proposal would not likely withstand a court challenge... And it would certainly lend itself to public ridicule and be fodder for prime-time comedic mirth (22 Minutes et al.)

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:17

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

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Signed,
Renée Manahan

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:21

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Protest By-Law Opposition

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Renée

Last name
Quiring

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:55

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Number 7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I have chosen to write instead of attending for safety reasons.
I fully support this recommendation of protecting Jewish institutions from directly protesting in front of them. I urge the powers to be to pass this recommendation as there is no constitutional issue or argument to not pass this by law. It is a matter of safety for those targeted citizens of Winnipeg.
Respectfully submitted,
Resa Ostrove

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Resa

Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Nuisance Demonstration Bylaw

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Public engagement (optional)

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First name
Revanna

Last name
Powell

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:18

Delegation information

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I do not think that this by-law will provide the safety it intends. Protesting and speaking up is a right that people have. If the city really cares about the safety of its people, laws like these are exactly the ones that make communities and people unsafe. Instead of putting money into enforcing laws like these, we could be putting it into resource centres and actually helping people.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Last name
Gutierrez

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:12

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Rhea Monkman

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Monkman

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:56

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Executive Policy Committee

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Rheanna McEwen-McMillan

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Last name
McEwen-McMillan

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:48

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
"Nuisance Protest" is non-specific, meaning any and all actions could be subject, I don't like how broad that is. What constitutes as a nuisance? Holding signs? Occupying public spaces? Wearing certain clothing? Who decides what is 'appropriate' and what is a nuisance? Another thing is I could see someone targeting specific racial profiles, going after protests for indigenous rights, as well as non racial minorities like the lgbtqia+ or disabled communities.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Rhiannon

Last name
Thorsteinsson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:59

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed, Rhonda Martens

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
RHONDA

Last name
MARTENS

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,
Ricci Badayos
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R2W0L4

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ricci

Last name
Badayos

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:30

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This proposal is not in keeping with the Canadian Charter or with any well-functioning democracy for that matter. I am surprised that any political representative would not understand the threat to liberty which this is.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Richard

Last name
Booth

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my opposition to Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

The proposed by-law purports to protect infrastructure and uphold community safety but, instead of focusing on those commendable aims, instead attempts to criminalize a broad range of legitimate forms of dissent and protest. I urge council to consider the following:

- Post-secondary institutions have long been centres of debate, discussion, and protest. Their inclusion under the proposed by-law ignores their historical role and would suggest an attempt to stifle legitimate debate rather than protect community members.
- Many forms of harassment, obstruction, and threats are already illegal and, as such, police have tools at their disposal to address such situations when they arise. The proposed by-law is far broader than is required to address such concerns.
- Citizens who wish to protest often use sidewalks, roadways, and community gathering places to voice their concerns, places that are targeted under the proposed by-law. These locations are often the forms of protest used by those most vulnerbale in our society, who may not have the same access and connection to leaders as more well-off citizens.
- Similarly, locations around City Hall and the Manitoba Legislature - long places in which people gather to voice their concerns - are included. The proposed bylaw will restrict these legitimate places of protest.
- At 100 meters, the proposed buffer zones are excessive. Provincial buffer zones around certain health care facilities were set at half the size, 50 meters. If the Province has found a buffer of 50 meters acceptable, why is the City proposing 100 meters?
- Language that penalizes the impeding of pedestrians or vehicles is too broad and could be used to target pedestrians or cyclists who are protesting and not moving what some may deem to be fast enough.
- Language supporting the proposed by-law claims that it is protecting vulnerable

communities, such as those attending a place of worship, but by including such protections within wider restrictions on civil liberties, it subjects the entire bylaw including those protective elements to potential challenge under the charter. The effect is not just to pits concerned members of the community against one another, but it does a disservice to member of those vulnerable communities.

Upon review, it is clear the proposed bylaw has not been sufficiently thought through. In my opinion, it divides community members and attacks legitimate civil liberties and, as such, is short sighted. A better bylaw could be developed that would enact protections for vulnerable Winnipeggers without broadly curtailing civil liberties. I urge the committee to oppose these recommendations.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Richard

Last name
Lennon

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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RIchard O'Brien-Moran

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
RIchard

Last name
O'Brien-Moran

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to express serious concern regarding the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. In its current form, I believe this bylaw would restrict Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, and for that reason I cannot support it.

Public demonstrations, from vigils and rallies to round dances and marches, have long been part of Winnipeg's civic life. They have helped advance rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous and racialized communities, 2SLGBTQIA+ residents, and environmental protections. These freedoms are not abstract principles; they are tools communities use to participate meaningfully in democracy.

While I understand the desire to ensure safety and prevent harm, the actions this bylaw appears aimed at (property damage, hate crimes, and violence) are already illegal under existing laws. Expanding restrictions on peaceful assembly risks casting too wide a net, limiting lawful expression while doing little to address the criminal behaviour it seeks to prevent.

I am also concerned about unintended consequences. Broad restrictions of this kind can disproportionately impact marginalized communities, whose primary avenue for political participation often includes protest and public demonstration. The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has cautioned that measures of this nature may infringe on Charter-protected rights and undermine peaceful expression.

Winnipeg has been working toward recognition as a United Cities and Local Governments

“Human Rights City.” Protecting the right to peaceful protest is fundamental to that commitment. Any bylaw that narrows those rights should be approached with the utmost care.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reconsider and withdraw this proposal.

Sincerely,
Richard R.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Richard

Last name
Roschuk

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This will prevent people from coming together and fighting for what they believe in. We are not the united states and people should be allowed to protest peacefully!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Richel

Last name
Angelo Creer

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This by-law infringes on the rights of Canadians to protest, no matter the cause, as outlined in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Riel

Last name
Lewer

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:06

Delegation information

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Rielle Landry

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Rielle

Last name
Landry

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:29

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Riley Maier

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Riley

Last name
Maier

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I would like to state that all forms of non-violent protest should ALWAYS be legal, and unpunished by our government. The fact that this is even on the table is insane, especially in our current world political climate. This is just a straight message to anybody that the current mayoral city is aligned with what is happening in the states, and should never work in an office again. It is sick, and is straight anti democracy. It is control, and should NOT BE PASSED EVER.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Riley

Last name
O'Neail

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe Access to Vulnerable infrastructure By- Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
A member of the Winnipeg community

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Riri

Last name
Sat

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Protesting is a basic right and should be allowed to occur. Without protests many laws and rights would not have come about.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
River

Last name
Montgomery

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:40

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Peaceful protests are one of people's only ways to let the government know how we feel. Protests are an expression of how we feel and only happens when we feel desperate and like the government won't listen to us. Silencing the community is not going to do any good, and will only make the divide between the government and the people greater. Please think before you take away peoples ability to go out in the street and build a community fighting for what they believe in. We DO NOT need to become USA 2.0. Let us have our freedom and expression of self. PLEASE.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
River

Last name
Peters

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Riz

Last name
Almario

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Rob Berube

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Rob

Last name
Berube

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is huge overreach for the many reasons that I suspect others have already identified. Please vote no to this proposal.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Rob

Last name
Shaw

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing as a Winnipeg resident, parent, and university researcher to express serious concern regarding the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By Law. As it is currently framed, I cannot support it.

My work as an academic in Manitoba and research advocate is grounded in evidence, careful interpretation of precedent, and respect for institutional safeguards. From that perspective, this proposal raises red flags. The freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly are Charter-protected rights that have shaped Winnipeg's history and Canada's development. Public demonstrations, vigils, round dances, labour actions, environmental rallies, and civil rights movements have all relied on the ability to gather visibly and lawfully in public space. Many of the rights and protections we now consider foundational were secured through precisely these forms of collective expression.

It is also important to recognize that Manitoba has already demonstrated how to craft precise, targeted legislation when a genuine access concern exists. Bill 8, which has received royal assent, clearly and narrowly protects individuals seeking abortion services and the providers who deliver that care. It establishes a defined 50 metre buffer zone to prevent harassment at clinics and at providers' workplaces or homes. That legislation addresses a specific, evidence-based harm while remaining tightly scoped. It protects access to healthcare without broadly restricting peaceful assembly across the city.

By contrast, the proposed Safe Access by law appears far more expansive and less clearly delimited. Property damage, hate crimes, harassment, and violence are already criminal offences. Creating wide restrictions around broadly defined infrastructure does not

meaningfully strengthen existing criminal law. It risks limiting lawful protest while doing little to deter those already prepared to break the law.

There is also a serious concern about proportionality and unintended consequences. Broad discretionary enforcement tools often disproportionately affect marginalized communities that rely on protest to make their voices heard. The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has cautioned that measures of this kind can unduly restrict Charter protected expression. Winnipeg has expressed aspirations to be recognized as a Human Rights City. Adopting legislation that curtails peaceful assembly would sit uneasily with that commitment.

We are living through a moment in North America when democratic norms and civil liberties are under visible strain. That reality should make us more vigilant in defending constitutional protections, not more comfortable narrowing them. Municipal governments are not exempt from Charter obligations, and policy decisions at the local level still shape the democratic culture of a city.

I urge the Committee to reconsider and withdraw this proposed by law. Winnipeg's strength has always rested in its engaged, outspoken, and participatory civic life. That tradition deserves protection.

Sincerely,
Dr. Robert Beattie

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Robert

Last name
Beattie

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by- law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
There are already laws that if used properly will keep us safe . This is leading to limit public's ability to effect change and be heard . This is Canada not the USA

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Robert

Last name
McDonald

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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Signed,
Robert

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Robert

Last name
Regnier

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:31

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

First name
Roberto

Last name
Mazzeo

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

Robin

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Robin

Last name
Akiwenzie-Eaton

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:06

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am a resident and homeowner in Winnipeg.

In a time of growing authoritarianism, this proposed by-law erodes our constitutionally protected protest rights and our right to speak out against injustice. We are watching our brothers and sisters in the USA being shot by government agents at protests, and you would seek to grant greater power to our own police force to bring force to protests.

All voices belong in the public space, this by-law silences voices when they are deemed inappropriate. Sixteen percent (16%) of the city will be restricted from peaceful protest, including City Hall. This by-law allows for racist application and targeting of unpopular/controversial groups or issues when it is deemed expedient.

In suggesting set fines that are not tied to income you embolden demagogues and the wealthy, while at the same time disproportionately silencing the marginalized.

We say NO! to this By-law, because we must otherwise our rights are infringed and our voices are silenced.

We are your fellow citizens and your neighbours, we are not a nuisance. You are our elected representatives who are already supposed to listen to us, and discuss, and consult. Are you so afraid that you must use the power of the state to silence its citizens? How far down the road to authoritarianism will Winnipeg walk today?

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Krystan

Last name
Pawlikowski

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:08

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Robyn

Last name
Bock

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

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Robyn

Last name
Dyck

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Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Robyn

Last name
Hasselstrom

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to Vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
The scope of this bylaw is too broad and the areas affected are the same. Traditionally Indigenous peoples have done peaceful activities in all of these spaces that may have been seen as “disruptive” but in reality it was uncomfortable for the people at the time. This is how Indigenous peoples have contributed to the Winnipeg's / Canada’s democratic process when they were legally shunned out in other ways. This can be attributed as recently as the Idle No More rallies. By imposing such a broad ban you risk limiting the ways oppressed / marginalized peoples can contribute to Canadian democracy moving forward.

There needs to be safety for people accessing certain resources but this bylaws approach risks to take more away from Canadians / Winnipegers than give.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ronald

Last name
Gamblin

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:25

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Rowan Lundy

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Rowan

Last name
Lundy

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Ruben St Laurent

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Ruben

Last name
St Laurent

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:15

Delegation information

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Signed
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Rudy

Last name
Wilder

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,

Rusty Robot
Winnipeg
Wpg south centre

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Rusty

Last name
Robot

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Ruth Plett

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Ruth

Last name
Plett

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This is a complete affront to a citizen's charter rights. We have so few options to peruse change in the current systems, and to remove the one democratizing option, that of protest, especially now in the time of the rapid onset of authoritarianism in neighboring countries, is completely unthinkable and sets us up for a far more dangerous future.

Any amount of "inconvenience" is not worth threatening this right. Please rethink and abandon this idea.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ryan

Last name
Biddulph

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:38

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda #7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
As a student at the university of Manitoba I find this proposal highly offensive. Student protests are historically some of the most significant drivers of change, and this proposal flies in the face of universities as places of intellectual debate, discussion and protest. Additionally it just so happens to include other important spaces of protest such as parts of the legislature and city hall which in a free and democratic society is fundamentally unacceptable.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Ryan

Last name
Braun

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:37

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed, Ryan Carriere

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Ryan

Last name
Carriere

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:44

Delegation information

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Council

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Ryan

Last name
Lampertz

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Sincerely,
RL

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Ryan

Last name
Lucko

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:48

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 The Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is ridiculous, I feel like I'm hearing news about a new US law. Meaning, you can lie to the people you are paid by and for to protect, but we're not going along with it. The wording of this by law is way too generic, thus it can be used to silence people from protesting in majority of places in the city.

The right to protest, is a fundamental right that is very important to a free and healthy society. You claim this by law is to protect people, but is it? Since when have people been forced to not enter a building while there is protesting? Even if that is the case, if you want to protect people and our right to protest, make it a fine to forceably stop someone from entering a building they are allowed to enter. But no, you are using this by law protecting people explanation as a thinly veiled lie, to stop people from protesting at any location that could cause a problem for you, especially at city hall. You're actually trying to punish the citizens for pushing back on things they disagree with, by not allowing them or financially attacking them if they protest in any place of somewhat importance.

Absolutely disgraceful. Why the hell did you even get into politics? Was it not to help the people and protect their rights? You are silencing the people from the ability to hold you accountable and are hiding it behind the lie of protecting women who are getting abortions or LGBTQ+ people who get harassed. Absolutely disgusting, you are disrespecting the actual people who get harassed by using them as a shield for your lie.

Why don't you just go and work for USA's big pharma, you could make SO much more money while hurting SO many more of the people you are paid to help. And, people care even less when you sell them out to help the rich.

Thankfully, water is clear, and its winter time now. So if you were to look at some ICE, you'd

see your own reflection.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ryan

Last name
Mcmahon

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:00

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is a blatantly anti-democratic action meant to suppress the ability of vulnerable populations to draw attention to their plight. All involved in bringing this forward should be deeply ashamed and have no place in public service.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ryan

Last name
McPherson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:42

Delegation information

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Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Ban on Protest

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
After looking at social media this morning, I was frightened to see that a potential ban on protest was to occur. The terminology used was “nuisance,” it is in my understanding that any and all social demonstrations opposing anything, including harmful activity like facism, have the possibility of fine up to 5000$ dollars. As a resident of Winnipeg I fear for the inability to voice my social and political concerns publicly. By silencing protests you are silencing people who lack a majority voice in society. Before implementing this, imagine you face racism and bigotry on a day-to-day basis while idling by fearing economic consequence if you try to spread social awareness. If this is where you begin to draw the line I worry what comes next.

Sincerely,
Proud Winnipeg Resident.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ryder

Last name
Duncan

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:08

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: ##7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Ryder Keeper

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Ryder

Last name
Keeper

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:15

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Disgusting this is even an idea, quite frankly the person who thought of this should be looking for a new job. Absolutely ridiculous, Canadians are sick of our rights being impeded on.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ryder

Last name
Richmond

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item 7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I’m writing because the City of Winnipeg’s consideration of the "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure" By-Law scares me and I'm opposed to it because it would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

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I am particularly disturbed by this encroachment on Indigenous Peoples' ability to grieve the colonial violence that's been imposed, on the land that was stolen from them, by a system that claims to want Truth And Reconciliation. We can do better and I expect that we do as a resident of Winnipeg.

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Sincerely,
Rylee Cizik

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Rylee

Last name
Cizik

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Ryyn A. Riou

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Last name
Riou

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:24

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Sabah

Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:02

Delegation information

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally express my opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law (#7), particularly the provisions that would prohibit protest activity within designated zones and impose fines on individuals engaging in demonstrations.

While I recognize and support the responsibility of government to ensure safe access to essential infrastructure and to protect vulnerable populations, this by-law raises serious concerns regarding the infringement of fundamental civil liberties protected under Canadian law.

Peaceful protest is not only a democratic tradition — it is a constitutionally protected right. Under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, individuals are guaranteed:

Freedom of Expression (Section 2(b))

Freedom of Peaceful Assembly (Section 2(c))

Freedom of Association (Section 2(d))

These protections exist specifically to ensure that citizens can publicly voice dissent, advocate for change, and hold governments and institutions accountable without fear of punishment or financial penalty.

The proposed by-law, as written, risks overreach in several key ways:

Broad Protest Restrictions
Establishing wide exclusion zones around “vulnerable infrastructure” could effectively remove meaningful spaces for lawful protest, limiting visibility and impact — both of which are essential to democratic expression.

Financial Penalties as a Deterrent
Imposing fines on protesters creates a chilling effect on civic participation. The threat of financial punishment disproportionately affects lower-income individuals and marginalized communities, undermining equitable access to democratic engagement.

Precedent for Rights Limitation
Restricting peaceful assembly through municipal by-law sets a concerning precedent for the erosion of Charter-protected freedoms at the local level.

Under Canadian constitutional law, any limitation on Charter rights must meet the Oakes Test — meaning restrictions must be demonstrably justified, minimally impairing, and proportionate to the objective. In its current form, it is unclear whether this by-law meets that threshold.

Public safety and civil liberties are not mutually exclusive. It is entirely possible to ensure safe access to infrastructure while still protecting the lawful right to protest through:

Clearly defined, narrowly tailored buffer zones

Time, place, and manner regulations that do not ban protest outright

Dialogue and de-escalation strategies rather than punitive enforcement

Democracy depends on the ability of citizens to gather, speak, and be seen — especially in spaces connected to the issues they are protesting.

For these reasons, I strongly urge Council to:

Reconsider the scope and enforcement mechanisms of By-Law #7

Ensure alignment with Charter protections

Engage in further public consultation before adoption

Protecting vulnerable populations is vital — but so is protecting the democratic rights that allow communities to advocate for those very populations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission.

Sincerely,
Sabrina Lee
Winnipeg, MB
Feb 13, 2026

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sabrina

Last name
Lee

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:49

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Signed,
Sabrina Sethi

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Sabrina

Last name
Sethi

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Sadie Lavoie

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Sadie

Last name
Lavoie

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Sage Broomfield

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Sage

Last name
Broomfield

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:19

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Sage

Last name
Broomfield

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Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Saige Marchand
Winnipeg,

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Saige

Last name
Marchand

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:45

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Salem

Last name
Eckert

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Signed,
Salem Scythe

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Salem

Last name
Heinrichs

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:07

Delegation information

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Signed,
Salem Roby

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Salem

Last name
Roby

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Signed,

Sam B.O.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sam

Last name
Brass-Oldham

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:18

Delegation information

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Signed,
Sam Froese

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Sam

Last name
Froese

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:53

Delegation information

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Sam Glover

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sam

Last name
Glover

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 05:55

Delegation information

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Samantha

Last name
Sawazki

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:30

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7 – Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing as a Winnipeg resident and Canadian citizen of immigrant background to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

Having come to Canada from a country where protests are often suppressed, I am deeply concerned to see my new home city considering a by-law that would, in practice, restrict Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. This is exactly the kind of legal tool that can gradually normalize limits on dissent and public criticism.

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As an immigrant, I know that communities like mine rely on the right to protest to draw

attention to injustice – whether in Canada or abroad. Broad and vague rules like this almost always fall hardest on racialized and marginalized groups.

This is fundamentally an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, which are crucial cornerstones of a free and democratic society. At a time when we see growing restrictions on protests and civil liberties in other countries, I urge you to remember your obligations to uphold the Charter and to protect democratic space in Winnipeg.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to reject the proposed demonstration by-law.

Signed,
Saman Azizkhani
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Saman

Last name
Azizkhani

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:25

Delegation information

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Signed,
Samantha Barnes

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Samantha

Last name
Barnes

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:31

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Signed,
Samantha B

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Samantha

Last name
Beck

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am a resident of Charleswood, and one of Councillor Duncan's neighbours and constituents. I strongly oppose this propose by-law against lawful protests.

Winnipeggers are not as checked out as you imagine on an issue like this. Many of us are aware that this by-law would geographically restrict protests, a right which is enshrined in our charter of rights and freedoms, far more insidiously than is being spun in the media--per this map: https://chromatin.ca/blog/nuisances/

I can think of an example in every case of a protest at a school, a hospital, or a place of worship in Winnipeg, in RECENT memory, that was necessary to show support and protection for marginalized groups, at baseline--many of which I've attended and were a peaceful demonstration of citizens exercising their right to dissent. But of course this proposed by-law would create zones where protests would essentially be restricted far beyond the locations being highlighted.

I think of the students protesting the atrocities in Palestine at the U of W, or the teachers' union striking at the U of M; I think of the parents, teachers, and community members coming together to support queer students being bullied at schools by lawmakers preventing gender and sexual education studies and banning books; I think of the nurses and supportive care workers striking for better working conditions at hospitals and care homes; I think of the right wing extremists booking churches and synagogues across

Canada as locations to spread their messages of hate. And I think of all the people who came together to oppose these things, through peaceful action, and the example it provided to our children that a better world is possible if we come together with empathy.

Do you truly believe these protests were a danger to society, and not an expression of our fundamental humanity?

I can't help but wonder, as far as political strategy goes, why you'd imagine Winnipeggers wouldn't be galled by this proposition, given what is happening to our neighbours in Minnesota and the broader USA. How lawful observers are being shot and killed for dissenting with no repercussions. Even speaking to many of my neighbours in Charleswood and Tuxedo, the common refrain is 'what would this by-law be good for?' It certainly doesn't seem good for the basic rights we are, daily, being shown in the news can be violated by police and lawmakers on a whim throughout North America.

And I certainly can't imagine it'd be something voters will forget when it comes time for the election in October.

I add my voice to those who oppose this by-law and ask you to reconsider it, as well as the reasons you're putting it forward. I don't feel protected or comforted by legislation like this. When it comes down to it, I'm just an author--but I've certainly seen this story writ large before across history, and to see a by-law like this put forward by this council makes me worried of the stories they'll tell in years to come about how citizens gave up their rights to dissent willingly.

Yours,
Samantha Beiko

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Samantha

Last name
Beiko

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
People should have the right to peacefully protest in important and visible places! Especially with all the horrible things happening in the world right now, you can't kick our voices to the curb a few blocks away.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Samantha

Last name
Campbell-Mymko

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:11

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Signed,
Sam Kenny

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Samantha

Last name
Kenny

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:51

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Signed,

Samantha Klassen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Samantha

Last name
Klassen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed, Samantha Mckeown

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No

Personal information

First name
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Mckeown

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:41

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
We are not the USA, we value different opinions and there hasn't been any issues in the past. Freedom to protest is extremely important in Canada. There should be limits, but these should be very few. It should only be essential services and places predominantly for vulnerable people, like such as hospitals, schools for children (not universities, colleges, and other adult education places), and Halfway houses.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Samantha

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Phrakonkham

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:44

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Samantha Rivait

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:51

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Signed,
Samantha Sullivan

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
samantha

Last name
sullivan

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:40

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I am writing today to express my anxieties around Agenda Item 7. I believe the implementation of this by-law would only aid in the limitation of free speech for the city of Winnipeg. This by-law would limit our ability to effectively protest peacefully and have our voices heard. The vague wording of the by-law could be used to ban many peaceful types of protest, such as vigils, dances, and other public demonstrations from happening on majority of Winnipeg land. This by-law would also have the effect of silencing and harming our marginalized communities that require more protection. This by-law does nothing to institute actual protection from hate speech, vandalization, or property damage. It only serves to silence the strong voice of Winnipeg, in a time where there is so much to speak up about. Winnipeggers right to free speech and protest is protected by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and this by-law seeks to infringe on our Charter rights. As we see south of the border and around the world, free speech rights are being attacked. As a citizen of Winnipeg, I do not want to see our province follow suit. I hope you take our concerns into consideration, and cease further consideration of implementing this by-law
Signed,
Samantha Waldman

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Samantha

Last name
Waldman

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:31

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

Samara MacKay

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
Samara

Last name
MacKay

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:10

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
The right to protest is one of the most basic aspects of democracy and must not be removed. While I might support some limitations, the current proposal is too broad. Given the choice between this proposal and zero limitations on protests, I would have to choose the latter. For instance, while I personally find protesting abortion with the types of graphic imagery typically used by such groups outside hospitals, I would disagree that doing so on a university campus is inappropriate, even though I disagree with the stance and tactics in every possible way. I might support a more minimal distance limitation for young students at schools, but again, not this wide sweeping ban. Leaving variables up to police discretion leaves far too much space to exert political agenda over who gets to protest what topic and who does not, and this cannot be allowed.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sandra

Last name

Bender

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Sincerely,
Sandra Miller

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 01:13

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Signed,
Santiago Coreas

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Santiago

Last name
Coreas

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:17

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Santiago

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Santiago

Last name
gomez

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:40

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First name
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Last name
Moroz

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:15

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More and more, elected officials and certain members of the public use feeling uncomfortable or being inconvenienced to mean unsafe. This is a dangerous trend. Protests and demonstrations are the sign of a healthy democracy. Let's not forget, elected officials work for the public, and that includes the people who may disagree with proposed policy, legislations, or any number of things, and choose to protest about it. This is their right.

The language in this proposed by-law seems purposefully vague; "nuisance protests" is non-specific, and means potentially all public protests, marches, round dances, and other gatherings could be subjected to this by-law. For a government that talks about reconciliation, equity, and being a city for all, the thought that the MMIW march, a Round Dance, or some other form of public protest--one that uses amplified sound or blocks traffic--could cause individuals to be fined up to $5000 seems draconian, colonial, and antithetical. Thinking about who gets to decide who or what is a nuisance furthers this thought, as it is often marginalized groups and their supporters who are protesting things that will have a very real and very negative impact to their lives.

It was reported that this by-law's champion, Evan Duncan, referenced the "out of hand" protests down south. He cannot possibly be talking about Minneapolis's very justified and very inspiring (though thoroughly terrible because they have to) protest against fascist ICE agents kidnapping and murdering people. To think that an elected official would react to such horrific and terrifying actions with this proposed by-law is utterly confusing and disheartening.

In a democratic society, Government does not get to dictate how or when people choose to protest, and thinking that they can is a dangerous step towards authoritarianism.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Sara

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:39

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Signed,
Finn

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Sara

Last name
Barreto

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:45

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Sara Campbell

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Sara

Last name
Campbell

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

Comments
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If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Sara Patterson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sara

Last name
Patterson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 07:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Bv-law of THE CITY OF WINNIPEG to prohibit nuisance demonstrations and intimidation of persons at or in respect of vulnerable socia infrastructure"

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Sara Pelland

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sara

Last name

Pelland

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7-safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
* "Nuisance Protest" is non-specific, meaning any and all actions could be subject.
* Areas restricted by this by-law are public spaces and points of proximity to decision makers. Much of the city would be subject to the geographic restrictions of this bylaw including City Hall and University Campuses.
* Fines of up to $5000 could be issued to every person who shows up to Round Dances, rallies, group bike rides, marches, etc.
* Police will have new tools they will use to silence and punish protesters.
* We are very concerned this bylaw will be racist in its application, limiting protests and rallies promoting Indigenous rights, among others.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sara

Last name
Shire

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Sara Smith

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sara

Last name
Smith

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Campbell

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7.Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
My primary concern with this bylaw is the nebulous definitions of "nuisance demonstration" and "intimidation" in this proposed bylaw. To give a specific example, the lack of clarity regarding "nuisance demonstration" could allow for so-called "pro-life" demonstrators to continue holding up images and signs that trigger and traumatize viewers on a post-secondary campus or outside a hospital-- depending on who is making the decisions this could be deemed as not a "nuisance" and not "intimidating." Whereas, a group of largely Indigenous peoples could be holding a peaceful round dance as protest and be deemed a "nuisance" and "intimidating" because of the systemic racism inherent to our society. In short, white people tend to be intimidated by Indigenous people and may say they fear for their safety because systemic racism, rampant stereotyping, and media portrayals promote the idea that Indigenous people are dangerous and violent. Whereas the young white people promoting hatred towards those who have had abortions are not "intimidating" because they are white. There is both a breadth and a lack of clarity to this proposed bylaw that may restrict Charter rights and freedoms, particularly for racialized individuals. For these reasons, I ask you to remove this bylaw from consideration.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
The right to protest is fundamental! Public spaces are meant for gathering; whether that be informally as a community or in a formal assembly in connection to political activity. How else can the people's voices truly be not just heard but seen?

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Flynn

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Sarah Grieves

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Grieves

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 06:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Sarah H

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Haile

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw. Thank you.

All the best,
Sarah Higgins

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Higgins

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to (1) express my concern regarding the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law" that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly and to (2) oppose the proposed bylaw.

The passing of this by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have and continue to use to advocate for social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community and a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Sarah Hourie

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Hourie

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
this is a democracy and getting rid of protest is the first step of dictatorship. u should be ashamed

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Jacobson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This bylaw is an attack on our democracy. I am opposed to these recommendations.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
sarah

Last name
Lamontagne

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 — Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to you today to express my strong concern and opposition to the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. I am deeply concerned and appalled at such a proposal, as it directly restricts our fundamental rights as outlined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, namely the right to peaceful assembly and protest. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Canadian citizens of Winnipeg have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and as a nation at large. Vigils, rallies, round dances and public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers, tenants, Indigenous, people of colour, and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law would not only infringe on our constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to displays of hatred, or oppression. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead,

peaceful protests would be restricted, by an indescript and undefined term of “nuisance.” This lack of definition, allows for enforcement officers acting seemingly at their own discretion. This type of undemocratic curtailing of our charter-protected freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) “Human Rights City” since 2018.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

Protecting freedom of expression, assembly and peaceful protest is a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the abhorrent suppression of rights and freedoms currently happening south of the boarder and across the United States, I remind the council of their obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I beseech your dismissal, and condemn this proposal by Councillor Evan Duncan of this unconstitutional and undemocratic proposed by-law, in honour of protecting fundamental human rights of Canadians in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Lampertz

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Considering what is happening to our neighbours in the South, I find this recommendation appalling.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Lawton

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 08:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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I confirm my opposition to this by-law and urge you not to pass it.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Leeson-Klym

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Non violent protest is mandatory in a functioning society, especially given Canada's threats from the south. No protest has caused significant issue in Winnipeg (for the people).

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Norman

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am strongly opposed to restricting protests in such a general fashion. It is our right as citizens of a democracy to protest and we should not risk erosion of those rights without extreme caution, care, and justification. Legislation for hospital and clinic buffer zones already exists, and places like schools and universities should absolutely be allowed to host protests without the participants incurring risk of legal or financial impact. It is critical for protests to be allowed to occur in places that are visible to society or they lose impact.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Phillips

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Sarah Schroeder

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Schroeder

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infras. Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you to express opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that will restrict my family's Charter-protected right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. Frankly, I'm alarmed that such a proposal is even up for discussion at council.

This bylaw would limit our fundamental freedoms to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community. Community led vigils, rallies, round dances, and public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter Rights and Freedoms and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Sarah Story
Lord Roberts Neighbourhood

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Story

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,
Sarah Struthers

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Struthers

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Take care,
Sj

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Todd

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
SarahKellie Yanisiw

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
SarahKellie

Last name
Yanisiw

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Im against the banned to protest (freedom of speech)

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

your name

Sarika

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sarika Singh

Last name
Sarika Singh

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 08:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7: safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Saru Chahal

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Saru

Last name
Chahal

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Sasha Dyck

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sasha

Last name
Dyck

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Sasha Schellenberg

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sasha

Last name
Schellenberg

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Sati Allen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sati

Last name
Allen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
A concerned community member

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Savanna

Last name
Derksen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I'm writing to you today to express my extreme concern at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law, specifically as it would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.
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Signed,
Savannah King

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Savannah

Last name
King

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Scarlette Pastorin

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Scarlette

Last name
Pastorin

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 03:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Scott Augusta

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Scott

Last name
Augusta

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Scott

Last name
Cabel

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
scott

Last name
kirk

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Scott

Last name
Murray

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Legislating against protests, while we see how important the right to protest is every day on the news? This is an extremely tone-deaf position to take today. I have been made uncomfortable and inconvenienced by protests that I didn't agree with. However, I fully support that people have the right to protest in public places. You're joining the ranks of Alberta and those who would use the "notwithstanding" clause to get around the charter rights of citizens to benefit yourselves. Shameful. Please strike down this overreach of government and show that you serve the people of Winnipeg and not just your own convenience.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Scott

Last name
Young

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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This bylaw would enable Winnipeg police to behave similarly to ICE in the US. Is that what we want in Canada? If you support this bylaw you are similar to Trump and everyone else who supports ICE's brutality.

Signed,

Sean Booth

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sean

Last name
Booth

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
“Nuisance Protest” by-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
We’re free to think our own thoughts, speak our minds, listen to views of others and express our opinions in creative ways. We’re also free to meet with anyone we wish and participate in peaceful demonstrations. This includes the right to protest against a government action or institution.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sean

Last name
Davids

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Sean Henderson
Fort Rouge - East Fort Garry

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sean

Last name
Henderson

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Sean McMullen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sean

Last name
McMullen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in staunch opposition to the proposal to set limits on our Charter rights to freedom of assembly and free expression in proximity to certain public and private spaces. This proposal is frankly an outrage that it has even come this far. Why do our councillors seek to erase a cornerstone of democracy? This smells of foreign influence, as some lobby groups (working with and for foreign nations) have used their influential and powerful lobby groups to forward similar anti-speech proposals on a federal level. This must stop now. Council must oppose and dispose of this recommendation.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sean

Last name
Piirik

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This new proposal would negatively impact our charter rights, as it would harm people's ability to protest, which is important for our democracy. We already have a buffer zone of 50 meters which is already adequate so there is no reason to extend the buffer zone. I sincerely hope that you do not go forward with this proposal as you would be hurting the people of this city.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sebastian

Last name
Dusa

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Seema Uddin

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 06:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7: Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,
S.H.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Selena

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This by-law is unethical and dangerous. People have a right to protest and protests should be disruptive. Your unhindered commute is not more important than someone's missing daughter, clean water, or people's human rights. If this by-law gets passed I will be ashamed of our city. It is shameful enough this is even being proposed.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Serena

Last name
Dueck

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Serena Werbowesky

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Serena

Last name
Werbowesky

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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Signed,
Shae Kusyk

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Shae

Last name
Kusyk

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Shalynn

Last name
van Solkema

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:07

Public hearing participation

Identify the item and your position

Public hearing item
Number 7 - "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law"

Position on the proposed development
Opposition

How would you like to participate?

Participation options
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is a very scary and insane bylaw, if passed I am concern this by-law could infringe on constitutional rights and silence marginalized communities voices.

I'm all for protecting hospitals and schools but this law is not for that. This law has larger implications that will restrict peoples freedom of expression and the right for peaceful assembly. These are fundamental rights that must be upheld.

Why is this being considered now and not when the trucker protests were going up and down Broadway or when anti-vaxxers were protesting outside of hospitals during covid. The timing of this feels targeted towards the free Palestine and college/university campus protests. Isn't it also very convenient that city hall, the police HQ and other notable buildings are included in the drafted map this would cover.

Personal information

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Full name
shamus osler

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Shane Thevenot (they/he)

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Shane

Last name
Thevenot

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I'm writing to you today to express my absolute disgust at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

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advocate for social change. The irony of taking away human rights in the same city that the human rights museum is located is so dystopian it's almost poetic. This irony would not be lost on potential visitors and surely it would spark a type of protest that business owners in this city should fear more, protesting traveling to or supporting the Winnipeg economy at all.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Shane Wiebe

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Shane

Last name
Wiebe

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda #7 Safe Access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This goes against our rights and freedoms as citizens of this country.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Shannon

Last name
Bircham

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Agenda Item Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Council,

I am writing to you in opposition in regards to #7 Agenda Item Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw. Disruptive, non-violent protest is part and parcel of a vibrant functioning democracy. Councillor Duncan's proposal is in complete opposition of free speech. This council, and everyone on it, committed to serving the people and place of Winnipeg by campaigning for your leadership role. This proposed bylaw directly breaks any ethos and foundational priority to your role. How can you serve a city at the leadership level without listening to the people who live there? How can you make effective, insightful, and inclusive decisions without freedom to express opinions and concerns? This proposal, passed or declined, will be remembered by Winnipeggers for the upcoming election.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sharee

Last name
Hochman

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:56

Delegation information

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Comments
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Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sharlaine

Last name
Glowatsky

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:15

Delegation information

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Via zoom

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments

It seems these days there's a new political play at our doorstep, one that seeks to inhibit our freedoms and market them as wins for the public. While people are fooled by politician's empty statements everyday, do not underestimate us, the public. We see your bias, in obvious ways, such as when you call our right to express ourselves as "nuisance" demonstrations. It is because of corrupt politicians and big corporations who live in luxury that the public must protest, to make sure they are heard. To take away the decision of where to protest is to take away the symbolism of protesting itself.

At the U of M, where Arij a final year nursing student, was intimidated by university administrators, for expressing her solidarity with Palestine; pro Palestine encampments demonstrated solidarity with the students voice. According to your bylaw these demonstrations would not be allowed. I as a student, felt safer having these encampments at university, since to me it signalled the existence of a voice that reflected mine, and exposed what was happening in Gaza.

A person engaged in these discussions online mentioned that they would be unable to protest on their own front yard according to the legislation. This is ridiculous! You are effectively banning protesting! I am also highly suspicious how this new bylaw comes after multiple pro Palestine protest at the university and other spaces. What benefits did Evan

receive for making such a biased bylaw? Your definition of nuisance is entirely generic.

Who decides which demonstrations are nuisance? Where they should be held? You? the biased corrupt politician, who lives in comfort and in dissonance with the voice of the people. You will not make that decision for us.

Society will only grow in inequality and corruption should this bylaw go through, as I'm sure you know, which is why you created this bylaw. We see through your lies. The public not being able to protest near government buildings, sure makes it easy for corrupt officials to act like those who disagree with them, don't exist. Rid yourself of the paternalistic idea that you get to control every aspect of the public voice. You were elected by the people, you don't rule us.

The mental and physical labour that we the public have to do day in and day out, to stop pathetic politicians from essentially turning us all into slaves of the rich and powerful, is exhausting. Everyday it seems there's another stupid idea by another stupid politician, in an attempt to encroach on our freedoms.

Given everything happening in the terrible place called America, we should be wary of bylaws such as this. America is a warning, to Canada, it shows us all the ways we might become like them and how to prevent that.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sharon

Last name
Felix

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear EPC,
I write to express my firm opposition to the so-called "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw" now being considered by you (and not even by the entire elected City Council).
Winnipeggers, like all Canadians, expect to see their rights to peaceful protest, to assembly, and for freedom of expression protected and not attacked by their own law makers. Your attempt to spin public spaces as "vulnerable" is yet another example of the disturbing double-speak we hear all too often south of the border. It is not those with the power to make laws and direct policy who are vulnerable but members of marginalized groups and those who fight for them and it is their right to express their opinions in public spaces and to be heard by you as law-makers.
I ask that you please, come to your senses, protect the fundamental constitutional rights of Winnipeggers and vote "no" to this bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Sharon

Last name
Wall

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:44

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7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLa

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I doubt this would stand up to a Charter challenge, but let's not even go there. This is excessively vague and sweeping to the point of being undemocratic. We should not require your permission to protest as you see fit.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Shaun

Last name
McDonald

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:20

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

With thanks,

Shauna Alcorn

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Shauna

Last name
Alcorn

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:35

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Signed,
Shauna Matthews
Fort Rouge- East Fort Garry

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:46

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
It is entirely inappropriate to ban protests in such a broad way. Any restriction should be only in places where vulnerable populations are located such as hospitals, schools, or halfway houses. The government and religious institutions should never be excused from being protested. It's a slippery slope I don't want to be part of.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Shauna-Lee

Last name
Martin

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:34

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Shawn

Last name
Kettner

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:30

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Signed,
Shay Loewen
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Shay

Last name
Loewen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:03

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-Suzie Smith

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Suzanne

Last name
Smith

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:53

Delegation information

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Signed,
Shayla McMillan

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Shayla

Last name
McMillan

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:41

Delegation information

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Council

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Shaylyn

Last name
Pelikys

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:25

Delegation information

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Efforts to restrict protests near schools, hospitals, or places of worship can unintentionally suppress minority viewpoints and grassroots movements, which often depend on access to public spaces to share their perspectives. Historically, broad protest-exclusion zones have been applied unevenly, with marginalized groups or those expressing dissenting or less popular views—such as demonstrators raising awareness about humanitarian concerns in Gaza—facing closer scrutiny despite peaceful conduct. This raises concerns that the proposed by-law may disproportionately burden certain communities not because they pose a safety risk, but because their message challenges prevailing sentiment.

It is also important to consider past examples of protest activity in Winnipeg. During the 2022 trucker convoy, police warned of major traffic disruptions and impeded access around the Manitoba Legislature, advising the public that exiting or entering the area could become “impossible” due to the scale of the demonstration. The convoy also required significant public resources, with documents showing that it cost Winnipeg police nearly half a million dollars to manage the protest’s operational demands. Additionally, long “slow-roll” demonstrations caused city-wide delays as convoys moved through Winnipeg’s main routes, prompting police to warn motorists to avoid major corridors during hours-long disruptions.

Despite the scale, cost, and impact of these events—some of the most disruptive demonstrations the city has faced—no comparable by-law was proposed at that time. Yet now, protests focused on humanitarian and anti-war concerns are being characterized as a heightened threat requiring new restrictions. Given this contrast, it is reasonable to ask: What specific evidence demonstrates that such a by-law is needed today, when current protests have caused relatively few issues, and why were such measures not deemed

necessary during the far more disruptive 2022 convoy?

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sheena

Last name
Gibbs

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:14

Delegation information

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Signed,
Sheena Rattai

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Sheena

Last name
Rattai

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:01

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed, Sheila Argue

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Sheila

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Argue

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:58

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am urging council to reconsider this by-law that infringes on Winnipeggers' right to free speech. This by-law would put in place a goal-post that is easily shifted by design, to criminalize people who are for the most part so moved by their commitment to a better city that they put themselves in harm's way to ask for change. Council's emphasis on protesting in the "right way" has equated this with protesting in a way that is ineffective, and easily ignored. Rather than considering protests as a nuisance, how might our city be improved if we consider protesting as the charter-protected act of civic engagement that it is. If your constituents are trying desperately to tell you something, rather than being annoyed by this, perhaps you could at least listen.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Shelby

Last name
Bohn

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Shelby

Last name
De Rayos

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:11

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

Shelby Lewis

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Shelby

Last name
Lewis

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:01

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#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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Signed,
Shelby Linden

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Shelby

Last name
Linden

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:48

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Dear Executive Policy Committee,
As we watch democracy disintegrate in the US, we have been so grateful our rights to voice our concerns peacefully are protected in the Canadian Charter. And now this proposed by-law pops up to threaten our own democracy and free speech.
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We are deeply concerned about where this erosion of democracy could lead. Our history of public action in the form of protest has led to many positive changes in our country from rights and protections of a variety of marginalized groups to bringing action to address environmental issues. "Nuisance Protest" is a vague term subject to misinterpretation of the by-law to suit the intentions of those impeding freedom of speech or those using poor judgement in enforcement actions. The citizens of Minneapolis are currently experiencing the horror when their democratic rights are being trampled. We need to diligently guard against any attack on our own democratic rights.
We understand the need to protect vulnerable citizens from hate speech and violence directed at them and fully support protecting citizens subject to this. As a City, we already have ways to address these criminal actions. The proposed Safe Access bylaw is not required for this. Instead, the Safe Access bylaw targets citizens who are bringing important concerns and injustices to public and government awareness.
We urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy and drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Shelley and Michael Malyk

Winnipeg, MB

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Shelley and Mike

Last name
Malyk

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:35

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw. Shelley Bencharski

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Shelley

Last name
Bencharski

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Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
No. 7 77- Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This bylaw is not safe for anybody. It strips us of our fundamental rights and freedoms and is extremely racist and classist. In plain terms: It will hurt us.

As an Indigenous woman, born and raised in Winnipeg, I am both ashamed and scared of this proposal that will only serve to further perpetuate harm to Indigenous and people of colour in Winnipeg. Our mere existence as Indigenous people is political, and as such we are constantly made to, and need to fight— peacefully protest, march in the streets, call out governments, etc. for basic human rights and equality (or, a shred of equality) and fair treatment.

This bylaw will not only infringe on that, but will further position us in a state of inequality and danger. We already face higher rates of violence, poverty, incarceration, murder... if you inact this bylaw you are contributing to this, and taking away our fundamental right to peacefully oppose this.

You will be harming us.

- Shelley A. Cook

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Shelley

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Cook

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
The “Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law” that the Executive Policy Committee is considering has no legitimacy. The reference to “nuisance protest” says it all. Protests should never be considered a nuisance. As you know, assembling to draw attention to legitimate concerns with government or indeed others’ actions is a right in this country that is guaranteed by the Charter. Public demonstrations are a means for marginalized communities and concerned citizens to indicate to government and the public that there are issues to be dealt with. The City of Winnipeg can deal with property and hate crimes or any sort of violence once it presents itself, but do not curtail dissension. The only way we can move forward as a society is to respect every person’s voice and not try to squash dissent through the means of this by-law. Thank you for your consideration. Free and legitimate expression of interest by all citizens through protest is vital to a healthy society.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Shelley

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Sweeney

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:18

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
your name
Shelley Turnbull

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Shelley

Last name
Turnbull

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 01:17

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

S Pelletier

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sherri

Last name
Pelletier

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Sherrill

Last name
Dallmann

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to vulnerable institutions by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I write to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's proposed "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure" bylaw. I oppose it because it would restrict Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Protecting access to hospitals, schools, and places of worship is a legitimate goal. Threats, harassment, and violence are already unlawful. This bylaw goes further by creating broad buffer zones and relying on undefined terms such as "nuisance" and "intimidation," granting wide discretion to enforcement while severely limiting peaceful protest.

Public demonstrations, from vigils and rallies to round dances, have helped secure rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, and environmental protections. Measures like this risk silencing marginalized voices, enabling police overreach, and narrowing democratic space without addressing conduct that is already criminal.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has warned that broad restrictions of this kind may unfairly limit Charter-protected expression and disproportionately harm those who rely on protest to advocate for change. Such a bylaw sits uneasily with Winnipeg's stated commitment to human rights leadership.

This is about safeguarding both access and fundamental freedoms. I urge you to uphold your Charter obligations and abandon further consideration of this overbroad proposal.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sheryl

Last name
Hunnie

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Sheryl Tittlemier

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sheryl

Last name
Tittlemier

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Sheyanne Fletcher

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Sheyanne

Last name
Fletcher

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:12

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Signed,
Shianne Evoy

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Shianne

Last name
Evoy

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:20

Delegation information

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Signed,
your name
Shyanne Sinclair

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Shyanne

Last name
Sinclair

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,

Sidney Phommarath
Point Douglas, Winnipeg, R2W 3K9

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Sidney

Last name

Phommarath

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Last name
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Signed,
Simon Frank

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Simon

Last name
Frank

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:53

Delegation information

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Simon

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Last name
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Signed,
Simran Kaur

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Simran

Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:48

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Sky Dheere

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:28

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Public engagement (optional)

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First name
Snehil

Last name
Dua

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe & Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
You cannot take away people's right to protest

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Solomon

Last name
Schlegel

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Sophia Andrusco

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Sophia

Last name
Andrusco

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

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Last name
Faurschou

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
The protest ban of winnipeg

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
It is absolutely unacceptable to warrant a ban on ‘disruptive’ protesting in the City of Winnipeg as it is a human right to express one’s opinions. The act of banning such disregards every position of containing a democracy, and this is incredibly shameful of the city to even consider.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Sophia

Last name
Hliva

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Sophia

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Sophia Smith

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
sophia

Last name
smith

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Sophie Helmer

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Sophie

Last name
Helmer

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Sophie

Last name
Moulaison

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While safety is important, this by-law raises serious concerns about limiting the public's right to protest and restricting access to public spaces. The right to peaceful protest is fundamental in a democratic society which we are, and any policy that could limit this right must be carefully reconsidered.

I urge the Committee to reject or revise these recommendations to ensure public safety measures do not come at the expense of civil liberties and democratic freedoms.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sophie

Last name
Piché

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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Signed,
your name
Stacey Watson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Stacey

Last name
Watson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:36

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Signed,

Steffen Dyck

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Steffen

Last name
Dyck

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:41

Delegation information

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Signed,

Steph Shaver

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Steph

Last name
Shaver

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:30

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
The proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-law exemplifies another instance of government attempting to suppress inconvenient viewpoints. It threatens to undermine the freedom of expression guaranteed under the Canadian Constitution and sets a concerning precedent for restricting lawful protest.

Given the ongoing erosion of civil liberties globally, including reports of ICE protesters in the United States being detained and even killed, the timing of this legislation feels particularly unsettling. We should question whether it places Winnipeg on a path we might later regret. My elected representatives should utilize existing laws before creating new barriers for those exercising their constitutionally protected rights.

My concerns include:

- “Nuisance Protest” is a vague and flexible term lacking a clear definition. This invites broad interpretation, potentially suppressing lawful but uncomfortable dissent. Consider Rosa Parks and Mahatma Gandhi; both were considered nuisances.

- The scope is extensive. Independent analysis using City of Winnipeg mapping data suggests approximately 17% of the city would fall within restricted zones. This includes City Hall, university campuses, and other historically central venues for democratic expression.

- The $5,000 fine is excessive. For many residents, especially those already marginalized or excluded from mainstream political channels, this represents a significant penalty. Public protest is often the last available avenue for being heard.

Overall, this by-law seems poised to empower the government to sideline inconvenient voices rather than engage with them. This is not the direction a healthy democracy should take.

I urge City Council to carefully reconsider and ultimately vote against this by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Stephen

Last name
Porter

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

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Signed,
Stephanie Patrick

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Stephanie

Last name
Patrick

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 06:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7: Safe Access to Vulnerable infrastructure Bylaw

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Stephanie Bortolot

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Bortolot

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:48

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Stephanie

Last name
Cortis

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:45

Delegation information

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
When I woke up this morning, I thought I lived in Canada. Did we become the 51st state overnight? There are no words to describe the depth of my concern over this proposal. Who decides what protests are a “nuisance”? Our esteemed leaders who want to control the narrative and masses? Come on council, take a deep and introspective look at why you are proposing this in the first place. I have one question. What’s next?

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Stephanie

Last name
Delios

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:20

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed
Stephanie Delorme

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Stephanie

Last name
Delorme-Forsman

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
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Fortier-North

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Freedom to protest

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Stéphanie

Last name
Franco

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Yesterday Winnipeg set a new precedence that saw said to affect Canada for the next 100 years. The sentencing of 2 animals killers with 12 years jail time. We, the people of Winnipeg, choose to be at the courthouse and protest the crimes of these monsters during the most gruelling seasons Winnipeg offers. To rally with strangers, friends and family members that we reject these people from our communities. By stifling our ability to peaceful protest this iconic moment might not have happened.
Without the public this may not have the been the changing moment it's now become.

I oppose this proposal as the public became an important part of this trail and monumental result.
Silence only benefits the abuser.
Our community rejects animals abusers and this bill that silences us and all citizens.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Stephanie

Last name

Jahn

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

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Yes

Personal information

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Stephanie

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:56

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Stephanie Ross, Director of Operations
North End Women's Centre

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Stephanie

Last name
Ross

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:00

Delegation information

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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.
This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone

of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Stephanie Swain

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Stephanie

Last name
Swain

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Stephanie Vallee

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Stephanie

Last name
Vallee

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal

Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Stephen

Last name
Cook

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I believe this proposal is too vague in it's wording and intent and risks undue harm on vulnerable populations excercising a vital right. I urge you to vote against it or risk a slide down a very slippery slope.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Steve

Last name
Basham

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.
This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the

Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Steve

Last name
Kesselman

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Mayor Gillingham and members of Executive Policy Committee,

When I first heard about Councillor Duncan's proposed curtailing of the freedom of expression and assembly guaranteed by Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms, I had to double-check I hadn't woken up in authoritarian America.

Having read the Councillor's explanation sent to community members, I have no reassurance about his goal. I am completely opposed to a by-law whose parameters are vague enough to leave its powers open to interpretation and manipulation by those who would use force and intimidation to quell dissent against City policy-making.

Councillor Duncan's proposed by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

The proposed by-law is completely unnecessary. The City has numerous tools to address the worst-case elements Mr. Duncan fears. His proposal seeks a draconian and undemocratic removal of the freedom of expression and association. This has no place in Winnipeg, a city striving since 2018 toward the United Cities and Local Governments organization's status of "Human Rights City."

According to the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, the right to protest is not simply permitted in a democracy; it is essential. Peaceful protest is a primary way in which

residents can express dissent, hold governments accountable, and influence public policy. Broad 100-metre exclusion zones around an extensive list of facilities, including schools, community centres, and places of worship, would effectively prohibit legitimate, peaceful demonstrations across large portions of the city, creating "fortresses of exclusion."

If you proceed with this disastrous legislative instrument, you will not only infringe on constitutional rights, but you also will silence marginalized communities' voices, enable and embolden police overreach, and limit the adequacy of options for responding to hate. In addition, the fines suggested in the proposal will further marginalize the poor, a group for which this Council already does little to uplift. The by-law proposal's wording of "nuisance demonstrations" itself communicates disdain for those who would dare to speak against the actions of the powerful and privileged.

Should Council adopt this by-law, you can count on me being present to protest it, as is my constitutionally-entrenched liberty under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The people who speak out against questionable policy directions and civic overreach are not "nuisances." They are your employers. It is your sworn duty to dispose of this ill-advised, regressive, heavy-handed and completely unnecessary legislative proposal.

Steve West

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Last name
West

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Low

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am heavily opposed to this by-law. It blatantly violates our right to peaceful assembly in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and could easily be employed to endanger the most vulnerable groups within our community. Annoyance around protests does not trump the right for them to occur or to police where they occur.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Steven

Last name
Anderson

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
The proposed bylaw would fine people up to $5000 for participating in protests deemed a "nuisance" (vaguely and broadly defined in the bylaw). The enforcement of such a bylaw will almost certainly be racist and classist in how it is applied. If passed, this would substantially limit freedom of expression for the citizens in Winnipeg

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Steven

Last name
Bennett-McPhail

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
We have the right to protest injustice wherever it may be happening.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Stevie

Last name
Sulyma

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Stuart Matthews

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Stuart

Last name
Matthews

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I'm OK with the Intent of this By law but the timing is bad with what's going on in Minneapolis, and 100 meters is too long, and the fines are too high, Especially for poor people. I suggest table it for a future meeting so people can Register their concerns and make a better bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Stuart

Last name
Williams

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026 EPC meeting, urging passage of the Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. This measure is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions such as schools, hospitals, places of worship, and government legislative buildings. This important policy ensures that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all, free from radicalization and hatred to marginalized groups that sometimes rears its ugly head during nuisance protests. Some of these protests border on terrorism as defined in the Combatting Hate Act.
I have experienced first-hand being harassed and intimidated by a group of angry protesters as I entered the Asper Community Campus. This by-law protects all Winnipeggers, and I expect good governance from my city council to make the right decision on February 17, 2026.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Annette

Last name

Greene

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 06:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7: Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Belle

Last name
Jarniewski

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7, Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, EPC meeting, urging passage of the Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. This measure is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and ensure Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all.

My support is rooted in personal experience. While attending the Folklorama Festival—specifically the Israel Pavilion—I was confronted by a mob of protesters. Folklorama is intended to be a celebration of our city's diverse mosaic and a safe space for cultural exchange. Instead, the environment was transformed into one of intimidation and political conflict.
I urge the Committee to pass this measure to ensure that Winnipeg remains a city where culture can be celebrated without fear.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Beth

Last name

Usiskin

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, EPC meeting, urging passage of the Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. This measure is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and ensure Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all.

Nobody should face intimidating protests in close proximity to schools, hospitals, religious institutions. Safe, comfortable access to these spaces is something everyone should expect in our city.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Bonnie

Last name
Serfaty

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17th EPC meeting urging the passage of Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects our fundamental democratic rights, including free speech, the right to assemble, and freedom to worship. Inherent with these rights is each Canadian's RESPONSIBILTY to uphold the rights for ourselves and each other. This summer Jews were harassed by "protests" with placards calling for "Hitler to Finish the Job," and "Standing with Hamas," outside their home Folklarama Pavilion, Shalom Square, which is housed in a community center and school. Hate speech is contrary to the Charter, and protests to focus on government and those in power, not people coming to celebrate culture. Further, in October 2024, an educational workshop for teachers, on the topic of modern day antisemitism was cancelled because the threat of protests meant educators and presenters would not be safe. Because there was no protection in place, the threat to harass cancelled the opportunity to connect and educate. This is contrary to the values of education, and the Rights and Freedoms upheld in the Canada Charter. For the last two years, the Jewish community has experienced threats, harassment, and intimidation in spaces like schools, synagogues, and community centers, which are supposed to be safe. Not only does a Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law give the police a course of action to respond to hate speech and threats, it also protects the vulnerable, including children, the Jewish community, and all other marginalized groups targeted by protesters

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Cari

Last name
Satran

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Diandra

Last name
Etkin

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item 7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I believe this agenda item is passed would make Winnipeg safer

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ellery

Last name
Broder

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
There has been protests outside my child's school. There has been signs and shouts calling my family racists. No child should be forced to experience this while trying to engage in their human right to be educated.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jannah

Last name
Rittberg

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
My family belongs to a minority group that has been obstructed, harassed, and insulted regularly by masked protestors at schools, community centres, and places of worship for more than 2 years because of perceived links to actions of a foreign military of a country I've never even visited on the other side of the world. This "bubble bylaw" is needed and is long overdue.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jeffrey

Last name
Marcus

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I wholeheartedly support this much needed bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jessica

Last name
Cogan

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I support the recommendations because my family and community has been harassed on multiple occasions by protesters. We deal with these when we attend our place of worship, the community centre, and on occasion, in our own driveway and neighbourhood as protesters leave the downtown or Legislature. Everyone deserves to be able to attend services and events at their place of worship without being harassed or confronted by someone with an enormous placard that calls for their erasure. This constant harassment of Jewish Canadians (look at the StatsCan statistics, this is the minority being harassed) has not gone away, it has worsened. In our city, Christians and Muslims are not being shouted at, placards raised, as they go to community centres or congregations or schools. The law should protect all of us. Bubble legislation is another legal tool to encourage people to stop harassing minorities in Canada.

Photo attached shows a protester using the Hamas inverted red triangle, targeting Jews and Israelis, outside of Shaarey Zedek synagogue. My Jewish children had to go by this man every day on their way home from school.

Submission for a committee of council
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Joanne

Last name
Seiff



Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Infrastructure By-Law Proposal by Councillor Duncan

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my support for the bylaw bill currently being introduced by Mr. Duncan. While I strongly value our right to publicly protest and rally, when these gatherings cross the line into hate and intimidation, they no longer serve a legitimate cause.

Last summer, at Folklorama, we witnessed this firsthand. Pro-Palestinian protestors not only rallied at the Asper Community Campus, but some began using slurs and hateful language directed at innocent bystanders who were there simply to enjoy the performances. Many of these performers and attendees are Jewish and have no connection to Israeli government policy.

Situations like this demonstrate the need for stronger protections to ensure that public events remain safe and inclusive for everyone. I hope you will support measures that balance the right to protest with the need to prevent harassment and intimidation in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jonathan

Last name
Steinfeld

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, EPC meeting, urging passage of the Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. This measure is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and ensure Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all.

When attending the Israel Pavilion at Folklorama with my 3 year old son, we were bombarded with sounds of rockets and people screaming. This is unacceptable for a community centre, where families are entering to celebrate culture and use the facilities. I'm not sure what protesters are trying to accomplish by harassing community members, who have nothing to do with the Israeli government. Community spaces need to be protected to ensure this does not continue to happen, or worse.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Justin

Last name
Odwak

Dear Chair and Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

This submission is made on behalf of the Blue and White Coalition of Manitoba, a grassroots organization of more than 300 Winnipeg citizens, formed in response to escalating intimidation, threats, and calls to violence directed at those who support Jewish Manitobans and the right of the State of Israel to exist.

We strongly support the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw.

Our support is grounded in lived experience. Since October 7, 2023, our community has endured repeated escalating intimidation outside a synagogue, at the Asper Jewish Community Campus, and at a Jewish day school. These were not abstract policy debates; they were events that left children, seniors, and families feeling surrounded and unsafe at institutions meant to be places of learning, worship, and community. The impact does not fade with time. It goes to the core of whether our community has a secure future in Winnipeg.

If Council fails to pass this bylaw, it will send a message that vulnerable communities are on their own when targeted at their schools, houses of worship, and community centres. It will signal that intimidation at the very doorsteps of such institutions is a tolerable cost of public life, at least when it comes to certain communities.

This bylaw is not about silencing dissent. It is about time, place, and manner. It preserves lawful protest in appropriate public forums such as City Hall, the Legislature, and public squares, while protecting children, worshippers, seniors, and families from being made a captive audience at sites they cannot reasonably avoid.

The constitutional foundation for such measures is well established. In **R. v. Watson; R. v. Spratt**, the British Columbia Court of Appeal upheld “bubble zones” around abortion clinics, recognizing that individuals seeking essential services should not be **“held hostage to the message the protestors wish to send.”** (emphasis added)

The Court confirmed that buffer zones create distance and protection while preserving protest outside the zone. The Supreme Court of Canada declined to hear the appeal, leaving that framework intact. Manitoba itself

enacted similar legislation through The Safe Access to Abortion Services Act.

To be clear, the Charter does not guarantee a right to express anything, anywhere, without limit. Where conduct becomes targeted harassment, intimidation, glorification of violence, or the effective encirclement of a vulnerable minority, it ceases to be the kind of peaceful expression our Constitution was designed to protect.

We have already seen the consequences of inaction. On April 1, 2025, and again during Folklorama, demonstrators outside Jewish community institutions blasted simulated shooting sounds, mocked prayer, and issued calls for violence. Jewish children and families were not merely exposed to opposing views; they were besieged and confronted with conduct calculated to intimidate and unsettle them in their own communal spaces. That is not peaceful assembly. It was attempted coercion.

Nationally, antisemitic incidents have reached historic highs. According to Statistics Canada and B'nai B'rith, Jewish Canadians, approximately 1% of the population, are the victims of a majority of religiously motivated hate crimes (approximately 70% of religious hate crimes, and approximately 60% of all hate crimes). Since October 7, 2023, Canada has seen synagogues firebombed, schools attacked, businesses vandalized, and harassment surge. In that climate, dismissing targeted, intimidating demonstrations at Jewish schools and synagogues as harmless "speech" is not neutrality; it is acquiescence.

Some, including those in positions of power who could have acted, and who now criticize this bylaw have long been aware of escalating intimidation yet did nothing. Their present objections ring hollow. Winston Churchill cautioned against the timid and the bureaucratic who enable drift and inaction in the face of mounting danger. Leadership requires more than delay, and commentary after the fact; it requires timely, measured action when communities are under strain.

Others who have publicly opposed this bylaw have repeatedly spouted dogmatic hate targeting one community, the Jewish community. They invite Council to license their hate and intimidation by refusing to protect vulnerable populations and infrastructure. Council should refuse that invitation to hate.

The bylaw is neutral. It protects synagogues, mosques, churches, gurdwaras, schools, shelters, clinics, and community centres alike. It does not privilege one religion or community. Were it otherwise, we would not support it. It ensures that every vulnerable group can assemble, worship, learn, and receive services without running an intimidating gauntlet at the entrance.

When balancing harms, the conclusion is clear: this bylaw is a modest, carefully tailored limit on the location of protest. It is a proportionate prophylactic response to a real and growing threat. It safeguards not only physical security but also the equal participation of vulnerable communities in civic life.

Winnipeg now faces a choice. Council can allow the most aggressive factions to dictate which communities must endure intimidation at their own institutions. Or it can affirm that in this city, rights are balanced responsibly, and minorities, any minority, will not be held hostage at the threshold of their schools, houses of worship, and community centres.

We respectfully urge the Executive Policy Committee and Council to adopt the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw and to send a clear message: in Winnipeg, all communities are entitled to live, learn, worship, and gather in peace and safety, free from intimidation.

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, EPC meeting, urging passage of the Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. This measure is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and ensure Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Vendrasco

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
In regards to this proposed bylaw it is extremely important that I voice my disgust with this proposed bylaw. While I will be the first to admit I dislike seeing people protesting the things I disagree with but it is a fundamental right of every person. Besides the clear breach of our rights another concern is the enforcement...who is to decide what constitutes a nuisance. Instead of adding a bylaw which infringes on our rights, maybe it would be better to start enforcing our livability bylaws the North end is riddled with garbage or maybe figure out a way to more effectively address slum lords who let their properties sit vacant and deteriorate. The city needs to do better at protecting our rights.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Orrin

Last name
Bennett-McPhail

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7 - Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
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A year ago there was a group of protestors who set up outside of The Rady JCC during school hours. I was there for a class with my 1 year old daughter and we had to witness all of those people screaming and yelling at us about being "genocide supporters." They didn't even know who I was because I was just driving in my car. There were kids there at school during that time. It was about to be pickup time as well. It was a calculated decision for that group to be there. I'm a teacher and I don't believe that anyone, including people who would be on my side of an issue, should be allowed to show up and intimidate anyone, especially children during school hours. I went to Gray Academy. I had bomb threats directed towards the school and had to evacuate at times when I was very young. Those events stay with me. Anyone who is opposed to this bylaw is in favour of intimidation. Protest can be done in safe public spaces without intimidation. It's important to have laws in place to stop people from crossing the line. Protests are important, but need to be kept within guidelines that keep communities safe.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Riley

Last name
Streifler

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Comments
There was a protest in front of my child's school and community centre on a night that she was scheduled to perform in a musical. We were prevented from entering the nearby parking lots. We had to park far away and walk a distance to the building, which made us late and stressed. The protestors were saying horrible things about our community, like: we support genocide, Hamas terrorists are martyrs and heroes, and that we are racist. My family should not have to experience Antizionist Jew-hatred as we enter our community centre and my kids' place of learning. It was a very hostile and scary experience that left us shaken and insecure.
These so-called protests happened multiple times in front of our school and the community centre that we are part of. The protests are threatening and operate as racist harassment rather than actual protest. The protestors are there simply to intimidate and harass the community in an effort to make us feel excluded from the wider Winnipeg community.
The protests support terrorism by showing symbols such as the red triangle and using slogans such as "support the resistance," which is overt support for Hamas terrorism. These protests contradict the values and laws of our Province and Country and infringe on our rights as citizens. This is not a matter of free speech. If the protestors were concerned about making their concerns heard, they would go over to the Legislature and protest there. Protesting the Jewish Zionist existence in Winnipeg and our democratic right to participate in our community is an act of pure racism, hatred and intimidation. Support for terrorism has no place in our community and does not do anything to help Palestinians.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Robyn

Last name
Flisfeder

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item #7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments

There were protests outside my child's school with signs and shouts that our family is racist. No child should be forced to experience this while engaging in their human right to education.

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Robyn

Last name

Rypp

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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I support the recommendations

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There have been many incidents that made me feel unsafe in Winnipeg, including intimidating demonstrations by a school and community center (Asper Campus) and Swastikas drawn on or near schools and public places (Dale public outdoor pool). Regardless or world politics, here in Winnipeg, all Winnipeggers must feel safe and welcomed in their communities, schools and public spaces. Political demonstrations and discussions belong in political spaces such as the Legislative Building, not community centers, schools, public parks, playgrounds and pools.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sofia

Last name

Gotfrid

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I support the bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Walter

Last name
Griner

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item 7 appendix b

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I do not believe this idea serves a purpose other than to allow for fear to take hold where community and love need to come together.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Susan

Last name
Berthiaume

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Executive Policy Committee

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
-Suzie Smith

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Suzanne

Last name
Smith

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed, Sydney Brown.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sydney

Last name
Brown

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Taking away people's right to protest is a human rights violation. Yes a protest can be inconvenient and maybe you don't always agree with what's being protested but that doesn't make it wrong or something that shouldn't take place. It's our rights as people to speak up and take a stand when we want change. non violent protest allow for that and give people a safe place to share their voices and be supported by others.
You might argue it's to stop harmful protest but most people would take 500 Nazi protest if it meant they could still come together to demand respect and justice for a life taken or missing. We can't become the USA and start policing everything and taking our ability to protest away.
You make this happen and someone will die just like Rene Good or Alex Pretti

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sydney

Last name
Caldwell

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:17

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This proposed bylaw is extremely broad and has very serious implications that can and will limit our residents' right to protest.
Essential services such as hospitals, halfway houses, and elementary/high schools should retain their rightful buffer zones to ensure safe access to the services provided. The proposed buffer zones are so extreme - this bylaw will limit constitutionally allowed activities so severely. Another step backwards for the city.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sydney

Last name
Christie

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Sydney

Last name
Houlihan

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:41

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Sydney McCallum

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Sydney

Last name

McCallum

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Sydney M
Charleswood-Tuxedo-Westwood

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Sydney

Last name
Murchison

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is a democracy, protesting is our right. How are we supposed to progress as a city, a country, a human race, if we cannot protest/share our ideas of how we see our future and how can we hold the people in power accountable for any potential abuses of power. Protects are a display of our humanity, we are better when we can work together.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sydney

Last name
Olson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Sylvester McDonald

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sylvester

Last name
McDonald

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Syrah

Last name
Bailey

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I oppose this agenda item.

Public engagement (optional)

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First name
Tabitha

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Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Tala

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:51

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Last name
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Signed,

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Talia

Last name
Hicks

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Mohammed

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
No to by-law on nuisance protesting!

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I do not support criminalizing protests. As it is our right as citizens to use our voice in protest. You
Can not criminalize indigenous people by suggesting that a protest on MMIWG is a nuisance!! In a time when the public are being silenced all around the world, I am deeply disturbed by this proposal.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tamara

Last name
Dicks

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to voice my opposition of the proposed by-law that would restrict protests from taking place in certain areas. It makes absolutely no sense to restrict peaceful protest by limiting where protests take place.

A school, place of worship, or public service office should not be able to hide from justified criticism in the form of protests.

Furthermore it is not the role of Police to determine what is a valid protest and what is a nuisance protest.

This policy would end up being a gag order against anyone the council or police disagreed with and that is a very slippery slope.

I urge everyone voting on this motion to shut it down.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Tamera

Last name
Wilson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tammi

Last name
Carrick

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:38

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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Signed,
Tammy Kimmel

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Kimmel

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:16

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Tana Quinlan

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:54

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Tanith Nelson-Zahirney

Public engagement (optional)

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
If this law were to be in place it should be in the following:

- Hospitals: (and Hospice/other facilities Urgent Care etc.)
Doctors and healthcare workers need not face the onslaught of the internet and all it's misinformation woes.

- Halfway House:
For the so called rehabilitation purposes of the justice system. Gradual, supervised releases are best kept "nuisance free" so as to facilitate a transition to the outside life. Time and the courts have played their course and there is no need interfere any further. In this case, people may speak online freely just fine, since at this point it is a matter of discussion with little need to ever assemble, barring extreme circumstances.

- Schools: K-9
Most may say all the way to K-12, however, at this age they should be allowed to make mistakes. High school is a place of development, and social development can come in the form of "nuisance enjoying." Sure, Greta Thunberg is too young to be taken seriously as the "rational idealist," throughout her childhood, but that doesn't necessarily apply to the High School where more and more late teens absolutely are thinking for themselves.

In any case, or in all reasonable superstitions, it is clear that only Hospitals and other Shared Health facilities make any sense for the overarching paranoia that embodies the proposal. During Covid-19 doctors, nurses were harassed moving in and out of their jobs, because conspirators pre-dominantly, or more accurately: historically inhabited the internet, exclusively.

The right to assemble necessarily means medics have unimpeded traversal to save lives, as time is of the essence, and indeed, a doctor or any medic will always attempt to save a live, even if deemed already political. So, you simply cannot allow "nuisance" (or in other words an inconvenience) actors to form any type of blockade around healthcare, because these workers have little interest in arguing with their patients. The apolitical-political dynamic and the propensity to save all lives exempt them from nuisance interference.

Now, the essence of assembly is so pristine in the proposal that there is no clear stop or start. First of all, the law is so enforceable such that so called "nuisance" tactics will simply go sparse, worse case scenario now you're handling all angles. See the pre-ordained dispersal effect is clearer to people, whom have the accessibility of the internet to organize. The slippery slope certainly must be painted inverted.

Best case scenario is a series of arrests based on none other than 100 metered desire forcefields that rigidly treat adults like children. Assembly, scatter! Running from the police is obstruction, and so is existence. The whims of this anti-social proposal is immaculate, and is primed to exaggerate the quandary this city is already in. Indeed, the so-called sought after landmarks whom sanctity is derived from the very same seemingly arbitrary people trying to convene, means the city has ceded all critical thinking ability, and a lack thereof savvy-ness towards any future scenario or refusal. Is it convenient to be a nuisance? Maybe true. Though assembly could take lots of effort, the sentiment of the law agrees and is terrified of it being so, such that the mirror on the wall is beckoning.

Further, then, it's also true that it's convenient to put these nuisance actors in jail for any reason, as long as they existed in and around a deemed "moral zone," one that pre-existed before any arbitrary or obligatory social assembly was ever pressed on it. The fact of the matter is that just because you believe that you deserve 100m extra space as "private property," or "morality property," as a designated City of Canada, doesn't mean you get to be furious when your drive home is slower than usual. A buffer is just that, it's a buffer to slow down or attempt to sanitize or silence people with no other reason than it's a so called "morality institute."

The rooted "think of the children," morality this framework is based off of only makes true sense is in our hospitals. It was no mistake that adults; anti-maskers, anti-vaxxers, encircled and harassed our healthcare workers, our medics saving lives, all because the congregated made up their minds forever ago to deliver poison of the American media cycle, is the exact poison we see here today in council assembly & desired policy.

This is the paranoia that our institutions are dying & the fear that Winnipeg will lose it's pristine already assembled sanctums, such that they ought to be immune to the same speech that keeps social checks and balances in our society, and if necessary, with force and subsequent normalization of said social immunity. Our institutions need work, but this isn't it.

The cherry on top: why enact policy you can't really enforce (or afford) without being messy, or possibly destructive. That's just vulnerability for 'ya. Is "serving the community," serving up pre-rendered morality for the masses? Roads aren't the end all be all infrastructure, nor is protecting the church from some guests with opinions, nor is casting a spell on Colleges to freeze them in time (they do that themselves).

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is a clear infringement on our right to protest and is a violation of the Charter in the plainest sense.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Tanner

Last name
Lassaline

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am writing to express my utter dismay and objection to the grievous attempt of city council to muzzle democratic expression and association in our city. The proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law to prohibit what is called "nuisance protest" is a serious indication that we are heading in a very dangerous direction. I'm writing to implore you to take a stand against this proposed bylaw and vote instead in the interest of democracy.

The choice of the word "nuisance" not only signals that ambiguity will serve as a tool for clamping down on public expression, but also shows an alarming contempt by elected public officials towards their constituents. Nuisance for whom? If a democratic protest is a "nuisance" – an annoyance, in other words – to those public officials and decision-makers, then we must ask more clearly what kinds of decisions these decision-makers are defending. What is annoying to those in power is a matter of dignity and liberty for the rest of us.

Public space is for the public, and the public has constitutional and democratic rights to express themselves, including in protest. This bylaw is the single most important vote that will reveal city councillors' political and ethical compasses: are our councillors on side with democracy, or on side with unaccountable power? Will our councillors defend the right of the public to free expression? Your constituents expect nothing short of total defeat of this egregious proposal.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tanya

Last name
Andrusieczko

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
The Safe Access to Vunerable Infastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
It is difficult to express how troubled I am by the notion of a Winnipeg bylaw disabling charter rights with regards to peaceful protest and free speech. This proposed "bubble bylaw" would set a horrifying precedent for rights abuses and unconstitutional targeting across the population. The proposed "nuisance" bylaw is so unclear, broad and random it could impact literally anyone in over a quarter of the city! 100 meters from any "health facility" for example would restrict both freedom of speech and peaceful protest on public property near any pharmacy, mental health clinic, dentist, x-ray, blood work centres, to name a few. 100 metres from any school including Universities! People wouldn't even be able to rally outside of City Hall! To state that people would be fined $500-$5000 for "expressing objection or disapproval towards any idea, action, person or group"... this is inherently wrong, undemocratic and against all rights as we know them. This is Fascist-like authoritarianism and I am personally disgusted and ashamed that any councilor would put forth such a motion and that it has gotten to the point of being voted into being is a scar on local politics and politicians. This, in a city seemingly so proud to be home to a Human Rights Museum? You'll find yourselves in there soon! Evan Duncan is the councilor in my area and I find it deplorable that he has instigated this action. Saying that he doesn't want to see protests here, like we've seen south of the border, as if the walking, singing civilian protests were the problem, not the violence from federal agents. Clearly dictatorial! Imagine if this bylaw comes to pass that the Indigenous people of Winnipeg would not be able to stand and state their need for truth and reconciliation. Shame on all who entertain the idea of voting for this.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Tanya

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

Straight up, there is enough of the world dipping its toes in the shallows of fascism.
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

I love the idea of not living in a dystopia city.

Signed,

Tao

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Taomi

Last name
Doupe

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7-safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,
Tara McCallum

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tara

Last name
McCallum

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:49

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Tareq Barhoumeh

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Tareq

Last name
Barhoumeh

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:51

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Taryn Bowen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Taryn

Last name
Bowen

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
If you recognize the history of our city and the importance of protesting, then you'll understand that this is something that's inherently a part of who we are. Many folks gather to peacefully share their vision for a better world and we should be allowed to continue doing so without fear of financial penalization.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Taryn

Last name
Lucas

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tatiana

Last name
Friesen

February 12, 2026

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This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community and as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, peaceful public demonstrations have long been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. While I have no interest in restricting safe access to vulnerable infrastructure, City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place. Indeed, these acts are already criminal and could be addressed through the Criminal Code. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited.

It is worth noting that public assembly is often meant to be disruptive. This disruption is the method by which citizens bring attention to serious issues. If the state removes the ability to disrupt public life, it effectively removes the right to be heard. This undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to post-secondary institutions, libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting "nuisance demonstrations" within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

Furthermore, the overly vague and broad nature of this by-law would permit the by-law to be interpreted and enforced inconsistently and arbitrarily, allowing certain groups and protests to be unfairly targeted. Should certain groups be permitted to protest peacefully while other peaceful protests are labelled "nuisance" protests according to arbitrary interpretation of the broad definitions in this by-law, this unequal treatment would go against the very nature of the proposed by-law itself, by objecting or disapproving an "idea, action, person or group based on or related to any specified characteristics". And when the state has the power to decide what qualifies as a public disturbance, it can silence any

group that it finds inconvenient. This creates a dangerous precedent where the definition of an acceptable protest changes based on the political climate.

Additionally, it makes no sense that labour groups be exempt from this by-law. There is no logical reason to grant special treatment to trade unions or worker organizations. If a picket line blocks access to a medical facility, the harm to the public is the same regardless of who is holding the signs. Exempting specific groups leads me to question the very justification for the law.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Freedom of expression and association should protect all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are currently witnessing in the U.S., I ask you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I strongly urge you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations by-law.

Signed,

Tavia McKinnon

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Not allowed to protest? What a joke. Might as well get rid of people's right to free speech while you're at it- THATS how ridiculous this is. To peaceful protest is the right of every Canadian citizen and to take that away should be criminal. You all should be ashamed for even suggesting it. Maybe instead of outlawing it you should listen to these protestors because I promise you, no one is out doing it for fun and giggles. They do it because it's something important to them and their families that they believe heavily in.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Tayla

Last name
Tomchuk

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 08:50

Delegation information

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Taylor B

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Taylor

Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 03:18

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Signed,
Taylor Falk

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Taylor

Last name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 06:54

Delegation information

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Signed,
Taylor Kell

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Kell

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I oppose the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law and I urge the City Council to reject this recommendation. This by-law violates our Freedoms of Expression and Peaceful Assembly guaranteed under Section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The definition of "nuisance demonstrations" and "intimidation" is subjective, vague, and dangerous. Using terms like "reasonably expected to cause fear" allows law enforcement to act as arbiters of what constitutes "acceptable" speech, targeting specific groups or political causes. This by-law creates a means to suppress speech or dissent that is seen as offensive or disruptive, rather than legitimately hateful or dangerous.

It is not lost on me that this motion was introduced shortly after an event held at the Asper Jewish Community Centre was met with protest. This was not an attack on faith, but a community action to oppose the platforming of IDF war criminals. This sets a dangerous precedent where any protest at a multipurpose facility can be banned if the host organization has a religious affiliation, regardless of whether the protest is actually targeting a faith group or specific political event.

This bylaw is not about public safety, but about silencing dissent.

So, pause for a moment. Breathe. Be honest with yourselves and vote against this. Your children, your grandchildren will thank you.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Taylor

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:34

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Taylor

Last name
Uhrina-Hunter

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastucture By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Taylore O'Neail

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Taylore

Last name
O'Neail

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:38

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Teaghan Peloski Hennessey

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Teaghan

Last name
Peloski Hennessey

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
This proposal seems overly broad, there are already laws on the books regarding protesting, and may infringe on the right of people to publicly protest.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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Signed,
Tellis Buenviaje

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Buenviaje

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 00:36

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Accessto Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to you today to express my utter disbelief, shock and concerns regarding comments released by Councillor Evan Duncan and the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-law. This city has a long history of the excercising the right to protest and to imply that this freedom is something up for debate, and seeing concilor Duncans comments regarding this policy in relation to the ongoing events in Minnesota, it is shocking and alarming to say the least.

The available information regarding how this by-law would be enforced also causes concern as it states that current city resources, such as the Winnipeg Police and current By-Law officers, would be issuing tickets at events deemed disruptive. The city seems to struggle already with allocating resources to the proper channels without this new introduced strain on our current systems- for example, it currently takes upwards of 14 days for by-law officers to respond to by-law offences to commence the first step of investigating the by-law offence. Should this by-law be put in place, I fear how this would impact an already underfunded and slow-working department. Policing being involved in this by-law also begs to ask what the true intentions of this by-law are, as policing does not overlap with by-law cases in most offences, hence the need for a separate department for by-law enforcement. Policing is already a huge sink of funding every year, with nearly 50% of our annual city budgets allocated to police, it begs to ask how much more of public taxpayer dollars would be used to prop up this by-law with regards to police funding.

This policy would infringe on Charter rights, freedom of expression and the right to assembly. For these reasons, I am opposed to this proposed by-law. The by-law would infringe on constitutional rights, silence marginalized communities' voices, police

overreach and potential abuse of brutality and force,and leave little options for communities that need support responding to hate-related crimes.

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Signed,
Teo Groen

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:46

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Signed,
Teresa Andres

Public engagement (optional)

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First name
Teresa

Last name
Andres

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Signed,

Teresa Bowerman

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No

Personal information

First name
Teresa

Last name
Bowerman

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:42

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Signed,
Tess Martin

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Tess

Last name
Martin

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:52

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Tess

Last name
McTavish

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Protest is a vital part of democracy. Putting limitations on protest, especially those with vague definitions such as “nuisance”, limit the voice of individuals in democracy. Additionally, by-laws like these have the potential to disproportionately harm racial and minority groups fighting for their rights. I am deeply concerned that a by-law like this would further disenfranchise those who are already disadvantaged.
I firmly believe that this is not who we are as Canadians. We look out for one another. We respect each other’s differences. We are friendly Manitobans. Peaceful protest is how we look out for one another. Protest is how we ensure every Canadian is free to be themselves.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tessa

Last name
Riley

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7, bylaw on buffer zones for protest

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Signed,

yours,

Tury Aljaqobi

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Thair

Last name
Aljaqobi

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:49

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I have also included the above comment as an attached document. That document includes my full name and Ward.

Submission for a committee of council

Letter of Opposition Thea F.docx

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Sincerely,

Thea Ferraton

Ward: Daniel McIntyre

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:34

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Signed,
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Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:46

Delegation information

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Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Report 7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Section 5 of the proposed bylaw rightly recognizes that labour disputes are an appropriate occasion for disruptive protest. However, limiting disruptive protest to labour disputes is inappropriately narrow. The right to collective bargaining in Canada is derived from the Charter right to free association (Section 2), but that Charter right is not limited to labour organizing. This bylaw should be scrapped as-written due to its unequal treatment of Winnipeggers' Charter right to free association. Any possible rewrite of the by-law should ensure that the appropriately recognized rights of organized labour are shared by other groups, as well as avoiding redundancy with provincial and federal legislation (notably Bill C-9, the "Combatting Hate Act" currently being reviewed by Parliament, which contains similar right-to-access provisions).

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Theodore

Last name
Dyck

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:56

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Theresa

Last name
Mackey

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Theresa

Last name
Stevenson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:21

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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As another note, I truly wished to read this by-law myself in its draft form and, according to online sources, it should be available to the public on the city website. However, I've searched the city website and have been unable to find the full draft text. Greater transparency in sharing potential legislation should be prioritized by this government.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Theresa Thordarson

Daniel McIntyre,

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Theresa

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Thordarson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:02

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Thomas Cram

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Thomas

Last name
Cram

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:55

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
To Members of Winnipeg City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. While its stated intent is to ensure safety and maintain access to community facilities, the by-law—as drafted—poses a significant and unacceptable risk to the Charter-protected rights of freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, and democratic participation.

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees that every individual has the right to express dissent, assemble peacefully, and engage in political discourse. These rights are foundational to a healthy democratic society. The proposed by-law threatens to erode these rights by creating broad restrictions on where and how protests may occur, and by introducing vague and subjective definitions of “nuisance” demonstrations.

Under the draft text, a “nuisance demonstration” includes any form of objection or disapproval related to a wide range of topics—race, religion, gender identity, disability, age, ancestry, and more. While the intention may be to prevent hateful conduct, the language as written does not distinguish between hate-motivated harassment (which is already illegal) and legitimate political expression on issues that intersect with these characteristics. The by-law further expands “nuisance” to include the use of amplifiers, obstructing passage, “offensive statements,” or any expression deemed “harassing or

intimidating".

These definitions lack legal precision and create wide discretionary authority for enforcement officers, making uneven or prejudicial application not only possible but likely. Similar by-laws in Vaughan, Brampton, Calgary, Toronto, and Oakville—cited in the City's own jurisdictional scan—provide cautionary examples. In Vaughan and Brampton, "nuisance demonstrations" have been criticized for enabling municipal staff and police to subjectively determine which messages are acceptable near protected locations, disproportionately affecting marginalized voices and politically unpopular causes. Calgary's content-based restrictions—limiting protests objecting to protected characteristics—have raised concerns among civil liberties groups about unconstitutional viewpoint discrimination. Toronto's model, though somewhat more flexible due to its application-based zones, has been criticized for administrative inconsistency and the potential for politically motivated approvals or rejections.

By adopting a by-law that closely mirrors these problematic examples, Winnipeg risks replicating the same harms: unequal treatment of protests based on message, identity, or political climate, and a chilling effect on peaceful demonstration—especially on Indigenous, environmental, labour, and social justice movements that frequently rely on public protest to bring attention to systemic inequities.

Furthermore, the proposed 100-metre restriction around an extraordinarily broad range of institutions—including community centres, cultural sites, schools, and places of worship—creates bans so expansive that, in practice, they could make lawful protests nearly impossible in many neighbourhoods.

Winnipeg absolutely must ensure safe access to essential services. But this goal can and should be achieved without undermining constitutional freedoms that protect all residents—especially those who rely on protest as a tool for democratic participation and social change.

I urge Council to reject this by-law in its current form and instead pursue targeted, narrowly tailored measures that address harmful conduct directly without restricting the right to peaceful expression.

Respectfully,

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Thomas

Last name
Groening

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:49

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While safeguarding public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly protected under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would extend beyond hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations to include schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural and community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These are precisely the locations where matters of public concern frequently arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters would significantly limit meaningful opportunities for lawful, peaceful protest related to decisions, events, or speakers at these sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also troubling. Phrases such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access are inherently subjective and open to broad interpretation. Any law that restricts Charter-protected activity must be clearly defined, carefully tailored, and minimally impairing. This proposal does not meet that standard and instead relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which cannot substitute for precise legislative drafting.

Provincial legislation already establishes buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code

provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can and should be enforced. Expanding protest-free zones across wide areas of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of a democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those that are popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulations must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. As currently drafted, this by-law is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council determines that further action is necessary, it should adopt a narrowly tailored approach focused strictly on preventing obstruction and genuine intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

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Regarding Executive Policy Commitee meeting agenda item #7.pdf

Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:49

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Signed, T. Nordien

Public engagement (optional)

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Public engagement (optional)

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First name
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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:40

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I urge the Committee to consider people who are more likely to be deemed “intimidating” than others, particularly by law enforcement officers, as well as those who are more likely to need to exercise their right to peaceful assembly for the purpose of protest. I would remind the Committee that 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride events are based in protest, and many of these events could be easily misconstrued under the proposed by-law to incur a 500-5000 dollar fine for each participant.

I urge the Committee to reject this proposed by-law in its current form.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Thomas

Last name
Wood

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:41

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Signed,

Thorin Valentine

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Thorin

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Valentine

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:34

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Signed,
Thuy Tran

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Thuy

Last name
Tran

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:23

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:11

Delegation information

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Signed,
Tiana Garcia
St. Boniface

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tiana

Last name
Garcia

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:55

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Signed,
Tiana Thomson

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Tiana

Last name
Thomson

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:18

Delegation information

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Tianna (27)

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Tianna

Last name
Owen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is a horrific proposal and infringes on Human Rights, the public has the right to peacefully protest.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Tiarra

Last name
Laplante

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructures by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Tiffany J.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tiff

Last name

Jackson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am very opposed to these recommendations. The right to protest is a central principle of a functional democracy and these recommendations would create a situation that is fundamentally undemocratic.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tiff

Last name
Rice

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to VUlnerable Infrasctructure By-Law

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Signed,
Tiffany Ceron

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tiffany

Last name
Ceron

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments

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Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Tiffany

Last name
Elston

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Tiffany Hiebert

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Tiffany

Last name
Hiebert

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 08:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Tiffany Skomro

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tiffany

Last name
Skomro

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I strongly believe issues around right to public protest should not be within the jurisdiction of Municipal government.

The city should make a formal request to the Manitoba Government to work with the city to address the need for such a law. Any such law should be specific and as limited as possible. (Similar to the Provincial Abortion Protest Law) It should be carefully written to avoid subjective interpretation. This proposed law as drafted is too broad and could be interpreted subjectively and potentially abusively.

As someone who requires regular access to healthcare service, I do believe the safe access to healthcare services is a critical issue. I don't believe this drafted by-law is the correct and balanced solution.

Please work with the province to solve this issue before pursuing such a law at the municipal level.

Kind regards,

Tim Fennell

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Tim

Last name
Fennell

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Tim

Last name
Smith

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Timothy

Last name
Dyck

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
The wording of this is far too vague and broad reaching, imposing restrictions on protesting should be done carefully and specifically

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Timothy

Last name
Martens

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 08:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,

Wren Dudley
Fort Rouge

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Tiryn

Last name

Dudley

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

Toby Drul

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Toby

Last name
Drul

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Todd Olfert

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Todd

Last name
Olfert

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Members of Council,

I am a proud Winnipegger. Which is to say: you are supposed to represent me. And so, I must tell you, this proposed bylaw against so-called nuisance protests does NOT represent me. More than that, it rejects the very idea that elected officials are meant to represent people like me at all.

A fundamental part of being Canadian, Manitoban, and a Winnipegger is caring about whether others are heard. So, it ought to be obvious, peaceful protest is not a nuissance. It is one of the clearest signals that democracy is working - that citizens still believe their voices matter enough to use them. You may believe that location based restrictions do not disavow this principle, but they do. Places where people gather are precisely where protest serves its purpose. We have laws against threats, and we have laws against hate speech. Restrictions on peaceful protest suggest aims less towards safety than silence.

Anyone who seeks democratic office should never treat protest as an inconvenience to be managed away. The postions you asked voters for carry obligations - perhaps the most basic being a willingness to listen when the public insists on being heard. When residents take to the streets to reach their representatives, and are answered by being labeled a nuissance, it does not suggest leadership. It suggests a misunderstandding of the role.

If a protest is uncomfortable, disruptive, or impossible to ignore, that is often because it is doing exactly what it is supposed to do.

So I must ask you, reject this proposal. Reflect on what democratic representation requires, and on how fundamentally at odds this bylaw is with that responsibility. Choose

to stand on the side of the public’s voice rather than its silence.

Until then, you do not represent me.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Tom

Last name
McCallum

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
The Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Greetings,

I would like to voice my concerns regarding this potential bylaw.
I understand the intention of the bylaw to respect the rights of all Canadians when it comes to public protest demonstrations.
However, the way in which the bylaw currently dictates where individuals can express their right to protest is contrary to our Canadian charter of rights.
No legitimate protest demonstration would actively and intentionally intimidate individuals.
If this occurs, yes that individual or those individuals should be held responsible and fined or arrested depending on the severity and seriousness of the intimidation.

I know that other jurisdictions have enacted such bylaws and although it may work for them, it doesn't mean it would work for Winnipeg.
The city of Vaughan is an example of enacting a similar bylaw.
Additionally, the lack of definition of what constitutes a "nuisance demonstration" is concerning and misleading.
Here is the link to the article below.
https://www.vaughan.ca/residential/by-laws-and-enforcement/protecting-vulnerable-social-infrastructure-by-law

All this said, I think that the bylaw could be potentially beneficial to all Canadians and effective in protecting individuals rights and safety; if the current bylaw were reviewed and revised with participation and feedback from relevant stakeholders and stakeholder groups.
The way in which the bylaw is currently written is not respectful of all individuals rights and

freedoms and this degradation of democratic rights and freedoms is firstly concerning and secondly a dangerous precedent to set.

Thank you for your time.

Have a good day.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Tomaz

Last name
Booth

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

As a citizen, and believer in democracy and the ability for our rights to have a voice, I request that the EPC drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Thank you,
Tracey Turner

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Tracey

Last name
Turner

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Protest recommendations

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am opposed to these recommendations because I feel it would impede our right to peacefully protest, or attend rallies for causes we care about. The term “nuisance “ protests is very vague, & could be used to ban certain protests or rallies the government doesn’t agree with. I do not support blocking access to places, or violence of any kind , but we must be allowed to make our voices heard for causes that we care about.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Tracy

Last name
Glays

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 00:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This proposed bylaw is very concerning and seeks to restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is extremely vague and could be used to restrict or discourage all manner of protest activities. The term “nuisance protests” is totally ridiculous; protests are supposed to disrupt! They’re not supposed to be convenient or easy to ignore… otherwise what’s the point? This is nothing more than an attempt to neuter activists and curtail what little power we have to make positive change. This proposal is also extremely tone-deaf, given what’s going on south of the border.

I’m sick and tired of attempts by policymakers to restrict collective action under the guise of public safety. It’s never truly about public safety; it’s always about power and control on the part of those who enjoy and benefit from the status quo.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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First name
Tracy

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Groenewegen

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Travis Barsy

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Travis

Last name
Barsy

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Traycee

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Lira

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 00:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This proposal violates the Canadian constitution. I reject this proposal now and forever.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Trent

Last name
Gobin

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Trevor Allain

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Trevor

Last name
Allain

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
protesting is an incredibly important means of public discourse, expression, and democracy in todays society and the city of winnipeg. peaceful and disruptive protesting cannot and should not be punished in some of the most crucial public areas of our great city. myself, friends, family, and community all believe in protesting for hope and connection in issues which matter to us. please do not inhibit our ability to organize our community for political cause in some of the few ways that we know how. it is incredibly important to me, especially as I am a baker in winnipeg who cannot afford such fines while I believe disruptive, peaceful protest outside political institutions to be fundamental for myself and for our society. please consider my plea. thank you.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Trey

Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 08:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The ability to protest is extremely important. I refuse to allow any additional restrictions on protests, especially at a time when it is most important.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tricia

Last name
Wagstaff

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Venerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed by-law drafted to address "nuisance" demonstrations.

After reviewing the draft, I am troubled by the broad scope of the by-law, particularly the definition of a "nuisance" protest as the "objection or disapproval towards an idea, action, person or group based on or related to any specified characteristics." This definition appears to describe the very nature of a protest itself. Protests, by definition, are expressions of disapproval or dissent directed toward ideas, actions, or individuals. They are a means for citizens to peacefully demonstrate collective opinions and, at times, may involve temporary disruptions that draw public attention to an issue.
While disruptions can be inconvenient, they often serve a purpose: they encourage public awareness and reflection, prompting individuals to consider the subject being protested and form their own conclusions.

I recognize that protests must allow reasonable access to facilities and ensure public safety. However, the breadth of this proposed by-law, particularly the prohibition of demonstrations at post-secondary institutions, is concerning. Universities have historically been important spaces for civic engagement and protest. Restricting demonstrations in such settings represents a significant departure from longstanding democratic tradition.

A protest confined to an isolated or empty space risks losing its effectiveness. Public demonstration is inherently about visibility and engagement.

My concern is that this by-law may have the effect of silencing residents of Winnipeg and lowering the threshold for punitive action against lawful demonstrations. While I agree that

protests involving harassment, obstruction of access, or hate speech should not be tolerated, regulating those behaviors must be done carefully and precisely. Broad restrictions risk capturing legitimate, peaceful expressions of dissent.

Freedom of expression is a fundamental freedom protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Any municipal regulation that limits this right should be narrowly tailored and clearly justified. In its current form, I believe the proposed by-law warrants reconsideration.
Thank you for considering these concerns.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Tristan

Last name
Osler

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
To the Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to express my deep opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. I am genuinely alarmed by this initiative, which threatens to undermine the Charter-protected rights of Winnipeggers to gather peacefully and express their views in public.

Public demonstrations—from vigils and rallies to round dances—have been essential to the social and political progress of our city and country. These actions have historically secured vital protections for workers, tenants, Indigenous peoples, the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, and our environment. By restricting these activities, the City risks silencing the very voices that drive necessary community change.

This by-law appears both unnecessary and dangerously broad. Acts of violence, hate, or property damage are already criminalised under existing laws; this new regulation simply adds a layer of draconian restriction on peaceful assembly. Furthermore, implementing such measures contradicts Winnipeg's stated goal of becoming a United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City".
The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has already flagged that these types of rules often disproportionately harm marginalised groups who rely on public protest as their primary tool for advocacy.

Protecting the freedom of expression and association is fundamental to a healthy democracy. I urge you to uphold your legal and ethical obligations to the Charter and stop further consideration of this by-law.

Sincerely,
Troy McDougal

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Troy

Last name
McDougal

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 02:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I strongly oppose the proposed by-law "Safe Access to Infrastructure By-law". The language of this by-law is purposefully vague and approving it would be an incredible overreach by City Council and the Mayor, and would effectively eliminate our right to protest under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. I strongly believe issues around the right to public protest should not be within the jurisdiction of Municipal government.

The City should make a formal request to the Manitoba Government to collaborate and address the need for such a law. Any such law should be specific and as limited as possible (similar to the Provincial Abortion Protest Law). It should be carefully written to avoid subjective interpretation.

Again, this proposed law as drafted is too broad and could be interpreted subjectively and potentially abusively. I believe in each person's right to receive education, attend worship and access health care safely. However, this law as drafted does not provide the protection it desires without infringing significantly on every Canadian's right to peaceful protest.

Please work with the province to solve this issue before pursuing such a law at the municipal level.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tula

Last name
Ipps

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastruture By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Winnipeg is a landmark in progressive Canadian history.
In 1919 Winnipeg revolutionized the standard of living for all working class. People came together and protested against workplace expropriation and some died from police violence. Many of our basic rights we take for granted from the blood of our past progressive protestors.
This by-law however is however a step back in history. No one wants to be on the wrong side of such a rich history. So today we must really analyze what this bill is and who it benefits? What will be gained and what will be lost?

A portion of this by-law discusses healthcare facilities. The Province of Manitoba already provides safe supports for women seeking abortion healthcare. This point in the by-law is moot as the province thankfully already solved this area of concern. Healthcare is a responsibility of the province and is not within scope of the municipality for these areas of concern.

Municipal governments do have authority over parks and pools within their jurisdiction. However this is limited up to laws that supersede these responsibilities. A municipal council cannot create a by-law that is in direct conflict with the federal Charter of Rights and Freedoms. People in Canada have Freedom of Expression. Hate speed is never permitted, which includes speech targeting individuals based on traits they cannot control such as age, sex, sexuality, gender, religion, disability. The freedom of thought, belief, opinion, and expression. And the right to protest through peaceful assembly is enshrined into our daily lives. If the City of Winnipeg attempts to push a law in violation to the Canadian Criminal Code. This legal battle will cost taxpayers massive debt in the form of addition taxation requirements, higher mill rates for properties, and for the result to ultimately undo the damages this by-law would generate. Furthermore this would erode

public trust with the current city council, right before an election.

The discussion to ban peoples Freedom of Expression outside churches can only be concluded with the recent protests against using a particular faith as a justification to commit genocide in Palestine. Everyone has to right to practice a faith or absence of faith so long as it does not cause harm towards others. It would be very poor optics for a council member to be aligned with a defense of genocide than a defense of life, liberty, and the security of person. It is not a municipalities place to fund or support theism as the business of theism is not under the association of government. One does not control or protect the other.

I implore each and every city council member to consider how an attack on Canadian rights and freedoms will help our historically progressive city?
Winnipeg must not slide into a regressive space for far-right hate speech.
Please see that the City of Winnipeg is a progressive and modern safe space to live.
Encourage new families and businesses to come thrive in Progressive Winnipeg!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Tyler

Last name
Andersen

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Bubble zone bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Hello. As a former Winnipeg resident (and likely a return resident in the future), I am strongly opposed to the bylaw that will impose steep fines on people protesting. This is draconian and not becoming of a democratic society which the City of Winnipeg purports to be.

Protesting is, by nature, disruptive. It is also a practice that has deep roots in Winnipeg culture.

This bylaw should never come into effect.

Thank you.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tyler

Last name

Garbacki

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 16:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Tyler

Last name
Gingrich

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This legislation is too broad to stand in a free and democratic country.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tyler

Last name
Plett

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This proposed by-law infringes upon the freedom to peaceful assembly given in the charter of our nation.

Fundamentally it is a slippery slope to allow this to pass. Once a ratcheting measure is applied to restrict rights and freedoms, rarely are they reversed. More often than not they are increased.

The freedom of peaceful assembly is a privilege to have within a democracy and it should not be taken away because they are proving to be effective against a certain constituency.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tyler

Last name
Plischke

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
It is absolutely unacceptable that the city would try to introduce legislation giving police extra powers to shut down legitimate protest. We are routinely told that we live in a 'free' society and that we should be proud of these freedoms. We offer sharp criticism to other countries that fail to uphold these freedoms - like Iran - and we watch in horror as those rights are taken away from people only a few miles away, on the other side of the border. If we are terrified by what Donald Trump's government is doing in Minnesota, and we should be, then we should not be mimicking these moves here. I stand with the thousands of Winnipeggers who oppose this by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Tyler

Last name
Shipley

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Tyler Thompson, Brandon, MB, Ward 9.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tyler

Last name
Thompson

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to state my firm opposition to the draft legislation regarding public assembly restrictions. The proposed measures represent a significant overreach that threatens essential liberties.

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects the right to gather and express dissent. These protections are the foundation of a democratic state. The government should only interfere with these rights in the most limited and specific cases. The current proposal uses vague definitions that allow for arbitrary enforcement. When the state has the power to decide what qualifies as a public disturbance, it can silence any group that it finds inconvenient. This creates a dangerous precedent where the definition of an acceptable protest changes based on the political climate.

Public assembly is often meant to be disruptive. This disruption is the method by which citizens bring attention to serious issues. If the state removes the ability to disrupt public life, it effectively removes the right to be heard.

Any limits on assembly must be narrow. These limits should only apply to critical infrastructure where safety is paramount. Medical facilities and primary education centers for minors are appropriate examples. Transitional housing for those in precarious positions also warrants protection. These rules should not apply to universities, colleges, or other centers for adult learners. Adults must be expected to encounter and process diverse viewpoints in public.

The law must also be applied without bias. There is no logical reason to grant special treatment to trade unions or worker organizations. If a picket line blocks access to a medical facility, the harm to the public is the same regardless of who is holding the signs.

Exempting specific groups from these safety requirements is unfair and contradicts the justification for the law.

The committee should abandon this draft. The city should rely on existing criminal laws to handle actual safety threats. Creating broad new powers to suppress assembly will result in costly legal battles and a loss of freedom.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Traeger

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:38

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Tyra

Last name
Dunits

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed, Tyson

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Tyson

Last name
Parenteau

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 22:51

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Demonstrations are part of a healthy democracy. Manitoba has its own long history of fighting for workers' rights and the recognition of human rights for different groups. This by-law is unjust, doesn't align with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and will be most definitely targeting certain groups more than others. As a proud Manitoban, I do not stand for this and am not proud of this motion. I stand for building community and caring for my neighbours - even if I have to fight for their place at the table. Please choose compassion.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Urooba

Last name
Ahmed

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 23:57

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Signed,
Valerie Parker

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Val

Last name
Parker

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 09:30

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Valerie

Last name
Paulley

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 14:30

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

Valerie P

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Valerie

Last name
Podlesnaia

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:23

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Vanessa

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Vanessa

Last name
Bardet

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 13:35

Delegation information

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Vanessa Egesz

Public engagement (optional)

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Personal information

First name
Vanessa

Last name
Egesz

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:42

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I don’t agree that “nuanced” protests should be banned. We have the right to express ourselves no matter what. You can’t silence us.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Vanessa

Last name
Friesen

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7 - safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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Our charter rights must be protected to demand accountability and to maintain a healthy democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kris

Last name

Smith
Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Vanessa

Last name
Guidorizzi

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:16

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Vanessa

Last name
Stachiw

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 16:15

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:19

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#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Right to protest is a basic human right and should not be up for debate. We have the right to peacefully protest in public areas because our taxes go into building public infrastructure.

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Vasudha

Last name
Kalia

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:15

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Signed,

Vaughn Tumambing

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Vaughn

Last name
Tumambing

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Its important to be able to protest at city and provincial government locations. Protesting is a right.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Veda

Last name
Koncan

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 08:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Vera Godavari
Daniel McIntyre, R3G 2G8

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Vera

Last name
Godavari

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:31

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely,
Veronica Keeler

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Veronica

Last name
Keeler

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Standing Policy Committee on Community Services

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Veronica Sayese

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Veronica

Last name
Sayese

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 07:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Vibha Machiraju

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Vibha

Last name
Machiraju

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:27

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The locations being proposed are way too broad.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Victor

Last name
Anzala

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 09:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
At a time when fascism and white supremacy are on the rise EVERYWHERE in the world, including here in Winnipeg, you want to restrict the inherently democratic right to protest?!?!?!? No sir. Not today.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Victoria

Last name
Gonzalez

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Charter and protect our democracy.

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Signed,
Victoria Grisdale

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Victoria

Last name
Grisdale

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Given what we are seeing south of our border, it is beyond my comprehension that our city would even contemplate restricting civic engagement.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Victoria

Last name
Houston

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 14:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Act

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,
Victoria Romero

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Victoria

Last name
Romero

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 19:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am deeply concerned about the proposed limitations to free speech and public participation through the limitation of the right to protest under this by-law. Protest and speaking truth to power are fundamental rights guaranteed under section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, as well as in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The City of Winnipeg must not act in any way that directly or indirectly limits the rights and interests of its citizens, whether or not it agrees specifically with what they have to say.

If the Council is concerned about the potential for hate speech during protest, the members should rest assured that public incitement of hatred is already a criminal offence in Canada. Criminal harassment, uttering threats, and causing a disturbance are likewise already offences at law. If a person attending at or near a protest engages in conduct that threatens another person's safety, there are already mechanisms to stop that behaviour that are far more targeted and proportional than a blanket prohibition on vaguely-defined forms of protest. While buffer zones already exist around reproductive healthcare facilities, this by-law would double the size of the buffer zones (50m to 100m) and apply them broadly to pre-emptively restrict the expression of Charter-protected rights around significant portions of the city.

I am particularly concerned about the use of the language of "nuisance demonstrations" in discussions around protest and this by-law. Although the by-law does define the term nuisance, the definition leaves significant room for interpretation and can be made to apply to almost any kind of protest, including those about political disagreement. Freedom of assembly and freedom of expression are fundamental rights, and presumptively not a nuisance. Regardless of the intention behind the draft by-law, the language of nuisance is vague and allows itself to be applied to any protest that does not match one's own

opinions or meet subjective standards of merit.

I am deeply concerned about the likelihood of overreach with this by-law, and about the chilling effect it is likely to have on Winnipeggers' freedoms of assembly and expression. As we face increasingly challenging times as a city and as a society, we must work to hear each other rather than to silence each other.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Victoria

Last name
Weir

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,
Vie Le
River Heights-Fort Garry Ward/R3P 1M4

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Vie

Last name
Le

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Nuisance demonstrations motion

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am extremely opposed to this unspecific and unintelligent motion. The burden of proof must lay with the civic government, not the people. The definition used is so vague that it allows for an authoritarian foothold to start. Chart Rights must come before entitlement and bad ideas that affect the ability of people to express them. The last idea I remember being floated by this councillor was to remove social services from the Centennial Library. His actions in the past and now show a fundamental misunderstanding of community rights and responsibilities. The entitlement and idea that protest shouldn't disrupt the daily functioning of "normal life" a lack of depth and frankly authoritarian overreach by Coun Evan, as seen in his record. Protest is disruptive by nature but also nonviolent.
The fact the Mayor and the council agreed to this shows a lack of intellectual, moral, humane intent. As a Winnipeger this is yet another sad regression in a long line of private right wing compromises.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Vincenzo

Last name

Litardi

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Walburga Bshouty
Tuxedo
your location (your Ward and/or postal code)

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Walburga

Last name
Bshouty

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Waverley Dovey

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Waverley

Last name
Dovey

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Amanda Ehr

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Amanda

Last name
Ehr

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This by-law is overly broad and I'm concerned could be used to restrict protests that the government doesn't agree with. This by-law needs to be much more specific in what it wants to achieve.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Wendel

Last name
Shoemaker

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 10:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee, I'm opposed to this "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law" for a number of reasons, and basically I feel it is not democratic and actually erodes democracy in our ways to express ourselves. On many occasions I have gathered with others peacefully, to call attention to some very alarming issues such as Climate Change, support for Indigenous Rights, some are joyful events and some more serious. Never have we been violent or aggressive to others! Last year we had public events to let people and politicians know about the Lemay Forest Issue, including a walk from the Forks to MB Legislature, and had a group photo taken on steps below the Riel Sculpture. All very peaceful with many citizens including some individuals who may have heard about this Lemay Forest issue from other public events, covered by media. The whole movement to save Lemay Forest was a success due to many different kinds of pressure on Governments.
Coming together in public places, including City Hall outdoors, MB Legislature grounds, is part of our democratic process.
I am urging Council to ditch this ridiculous By-law. As a citizen I have better things to do than keep writing letters of opposition to City Hall, but always will take time to respond to this kind of backwards proposed By-law. AND if there are problems at a protest or gathering with violence or real "law breaking" they will be dealt with according to our current laws. Thank you.

Submission for a committee of council
lemay forest walk to Leg.jpg

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Wendy

Last name
Buelow



Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item 7 appendix B

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
It is my right to peacefully protest in any public space and this bylaw change will not allow that. This seems to be a huge over reach with no prior precedents to require this bylaw change?

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Wes

Last name
Postma

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,
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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Wes

Last name
Rambo

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This by-law would violate sections 2 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Rather than trying to restrict freedoms in Winnipeg, representatives can avoid protests by properly representing their constituents. Restricting protesting does not reduce the issues that lead to protesting in the first place. On the contrary, I personally would protest exactly this kind of increase in authoritarian legislation.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Wesley

Last name
Kroeker

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,

Wilfrid Reesor Taylor

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
Wilfird

Last name
Reesor Taylor

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:01

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
This is a violation of the Canadian Charter of Rights which guarantees the democratic right to protest. The notion of this bill, as stated in the title, is misguided and seeks to curb the right to free speech. I work at a post-secondary institution which has long held sacrosanct the right to protest - this bill would limit and fine protest on our campus.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Will

Last name
Burton

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 18:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Signed,
Willem Cuthbert

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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First name
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Last name
cuthbert

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 18:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing you today as a practicing lawyer who has been in good standing with the Law Society of Manitoba for over 25 years. I wish to express my strong opposition to the City of Winnipeg's proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

I kindly ask that we be honest with each other about the true purpose of the proposed By-Law and the effect it will have.

Make no mistake, the purpose of this proposed By-Law is to stifle any and all public criticism of the State of Israel, and that is the effect it will have.

As you are likely aware, over the past 2 years there have been widespread worldwide protests against the actions of Israel. The Trump administration has, without reservation, characterized these protests as "pro-terrorist" and "antisemitic".

For the past 2 years there have been regular protests in Winnipeg against the actions of Israel, and already these have been falsely labeled in a similar way. There is no question that any and all future protests against the actions of Israel would face allegations of being a nuisance demonstration.

These local protests against the actions of Israel have all proceeded peacefully and without incident, however it is likely that the proposed By-Law would make them unlawful.

One regular location for these protests was on Portage Avenue in front of Polo Park Shopping Centre. This location was chosen for its visibility to the public, however by

coincidence there is a cemetery across the street, and thus the location would be prohibited.

Another regular location for local protests was at confusion corner, again the location was chosen for visibility to the public. This location would be prohibited as being too close to a community centre.

Finally, there have been several protests in front of the CBC building located at Portage Avenue and Spence Street. This location would be prohibited as being too close to a post-secondary institution (University of Winnipeg) and a church across the street.

When one considers the exhaustive list of sites that are prohibited under the proposed By-Law, one would likely be hard pressed to find areas where protests critical of Israel could take place.

Thus, one can see that the effect of this legislation will be to stifle any and all public criticism of the State of Israel.

As the United Stated of America slides into authoritarianism there is a sense that we are at an inflection point in history.

It is incumbent on all of us to do what we can to preserve our freedoms. Authoritarianism is not one thing, but an accumulation of small things by many people over time.

It seems that almost every day now I see pictures of infants who have died of hypothermia in Gaza because Israel refuses to allow the necessities of life to a civilian population under its control.

As you consider the proposed By-Law I urge you to also consider what side of history you would ultimately want to find yourself.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations By-Law.

Signed,

William Barnstead LL.B.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
William

Last name
Barnstead

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
William

Last name
Bonness

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Anti protest bill

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is anti-democratic and you should be ashamed of yourselves for suggesting to limit our rights to protest. This is a slippery slope to preventing strikes and using police to quell anyone's views that the mayors office doesn't agree with.

This is government overreach.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
William

Last name
Mayer

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:17

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item #7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Everyone should be allowed to speak in numbers, peacefly.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
William

Last name
Moore-Lethbridge

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 07:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Am a member of law enforcement, I must speak out against this bylaw. I believe that this bylaw will put all law enforcement officers in a position where we may be required to infringe on someone's protected right to peacefully assemble
This bylaw sounds like nothing more than a way to infringe on those that want to make their voices heard in a safe and well organized way.
While you might think the way the bylaw is written does not infringe on these rights, please remember that those that come after you may have other thoughts and may want to push the boundaries of this bylaw because it was written so broadly.
With respect, I must implore you to vote no on this bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
William

Last name
Rittierodt

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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Froese

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 10:17

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Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Winnie Compton

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Winnie

Last name
Compton

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 20:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
This is not simple a matter of making noises on the streets nor making disruptive intent to the people, especially in non-violent protest. It is the reaction of a problem that disrupt the people, weather it's against the union, against our workers, against political injustice, against a threat against humanity. This is not noises on the streets these are problems that needs to be address when our voices are not heard. There's a reason why protests exist, to be heard of our concerns and make sure the threat against humanity can be and should be resolved.

The subtle prejudice of intent and the discriminatory implication with this ban will not go lightly. Protest is very important because that's the creations of unions, better work safety implementations, better policies; work scheduling; demands of higher pay, demands for better education, demands of working in politics, demands for the benefits of humanity.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
Xavier

Last name
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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Yasmina Barhoumeh

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Yasmina

Last name
Barhoumeh

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 22:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Yiqing Lu

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Yiqing

Last name
Lu

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 11:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Yiseul Kang

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Yiseul

Last name
KANG

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Protest By-Law Opposition Letter Template
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw, and as a young Canadian who is soon to step into society, I fear for future, which I have yet to experience.

Signed,
Yuhan Xu

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Yuhan

Last name
Xu

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 21:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Yumna Mitiku

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Yumna

Last name
Mitiku

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Signed,
Zabeen Khamisa

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
Zabeen

Last name
Khamisa

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 23:24

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Agenda Item: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in both inadequate options for responding to hate and supporting community members who have been harmed by it. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. The incredibly vague language of the bill would very much allow for reckless and authoritarian curtailing of the freedom of expression.

Witnessing the types of erosions of freedoms that you are propsing becoming a reality in the U.S. makes me even more certain that this bill will increase hostilities, not avoid them. This has no place in the City of Winnipeg. The only ethical options are to significantly alter the language of the bill to addres a specific and much narrower set of explicitly harmful

public acts, or to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw altogether.

Signed,
A concerned resident.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Zach

Last name
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Zach Unrau

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Zachary Gage

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Zachary

Last name
Gage

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 13:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Zachary Skelly

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Zachary

Last name
Skelly

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 12:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I'm writing to express my serious concern about the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. I was very surprised to learn about this proposal, as it would place significant restrictions on Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. For these reasons, I strongly oppose the proposed by-law.
Public demonstrations—including vigils, rallies, and round dances—have long been an essential way for Winnipeggers to advocate for social and policy changes that benefit our community and the country as a whole. These actions have played a vital role in advancing rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous peoples, racialized communities, 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals, and in securing protections for the environment.
If passed, I am deeply concerned that this by-law could infringe on constitutional rights, silence marginalized voices, encourage police overreach, and reduce effective responses to hate. The proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence—acts that are already illegal. Instead, it would place severe limits on peaceful protest. This kind of undemocratic restriction on freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, particularly as the city has been working toward recognition as a United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.
The Canadian Civil Liberties Association has also raised concerns that broadly written laws like this one risk unfairly limiting Charter-protected speech and peaceful assembly, and that they often disproportionately harm marginalized groups who depend on protest to push for social change.
Freedom of expression and association are cornerstones of a healthy democracy. At a time when we are seeing troubling rollbacks of rights and freedoms elsewhere, I urge you to uphold your legal obligations under the Charter and protect these fundamental democratic values.
I strongly encourage you to discontinue further consideration of this proposed

demonstrations by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Zahra

Last name
Moussavi

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Zainab Jabbar

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Zainab

Last name
Jabbar

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 12:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastru ture By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
It is an infringement on our freedom of speech

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Zander

Last name
Finch

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 10:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
A $500 to $5000 fine for protest is absolutely ridiculous. We have a right to protest and to give us a fine for a right we have should not be allowed and multiple people can agree with me on that. I am absolutely shocked that Winnipeg would even consider doing something like this! I love Winnipeg and I've been in multiple protests in Winnipeg, so this policy that has been proposed doesn't feel like Winnipeg and I hope you realize that.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Zane

Last name
Buhler

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Signed,

Zarreen Barlas

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 11:58

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Areas restricted by this by-law are public spaces and points of proximity to decision makers. By saying people can't use these spaces to express their constitutional rights, this proposal is just a cash grab from people whose views the city doesn't like. Harassment and discrimination are already covered by existing laws. Is it going to be pay-to-play to voice our opinion about Israel's genocide in occupied Palestine?

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Zem

Last name
Dyck

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:20

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Type Agenda Item #7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This proposed bylaw is an affront to the human right to peaceful protest Laws based on subjectivity should not be permitted in our city, as they give authorities the leeway to pick and choose what is or is not permitted as they like

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Zoë

Last name
LeBrun

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 17:02

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I object the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law for the reason that it would restrict freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, which are protected rights.

I understand that the bylaw would prohibiting protests within 100 metres of schools, hospitals, community centres and places of worship. This would mean that protestors gathered in front of universities, Wab Kinew's office, and even parts of the Leg would be fined.

An article from CBC about this proposed bylaw included a photo of protesters demonstrating against vaccine mandates outside Winnipeg's Health Sciences Centre. Of course, rallying crowds around hospitals could block access to the building and delay emergency vehicles, pedestrians in medical distress and the loved ones of patients. I agree that protests should NOT take place immediately outside of hospitals or places providing medical procedures, such as abortions.

The protests I support exist to be noticed and to demand justice while keeping those involved AND those passing by safe and free of harm. Such protests have fought for the rights of Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, workers and tenants, and for the protection of the environment. This by-law could silence these voices.

I believe that, if passed, this bylaw would further empower police forces to target people of colour, poor people, and people who use drugs.

If this bylaw wants to protect people from intimidation, it may ultimately protect people who are responsible for oppression and then silence the oppressed.

If this bylaw wants to ensure that Winnipeggers can safely commute around areas where protests are happening, a mission I support, then a buffer zone determined by a number of meters is not the way to go.

Ultimately, this is an issue of protecting freedom. Considering the suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to act differently.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 09:44

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Zoe Matties

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Zoe

Last name
Matties

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 08:52

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Zoe Rempel

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Zoe

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Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 19:38

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure ByLaw

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Zoey Coutt

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Zoey

Last name
Coutt

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am strongly opposed to this bylaw. As the Canadian Civil Liberties Association has pointed out: "the police already have broad powers to protect access to property and to intervene in the event of a threat to human physical safety, including during protests. Therefore, a new bylaw is simply unnecessary". I believe this bylaw is trying to prevent peaceful protest. In a democratic society, citizens should not be fined for protesting! A recent letter to the editor of the Winnipeg Free Press (Jan 15 2026) applauded the newspaper's coverage of the protests across Canada in support of the protesters in Tehran. Can you imagine if the Islamic Republic cracked down on protestors? Oh wait, they did. And now your by-law is the thin edge of the wedge looking to crackdown on protest here too. This by-law, and the proposed fines, is simply appalling. How can we have the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in our city and this kind of oppressive by-law? Have any of you been to the CMHR? It is filled with exhibits about citizens who protested to try to make the world a better place. I implore you to drop further consideration of this bylaw that endangers democracy.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Mary

Last name
Horodyski

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 20:19

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Zohal

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Zohal

Last name
Arianta

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 21:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Zorya Baskier-Pasternak (Winnipeg Resident)

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Zorya

Last name
Baskier-Pasternak

Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 15:58

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Thank you for your attention.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Zoya

Last name
Zinkiewicz

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 21:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaws

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Register as a delegation_checkbox
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Via zoom

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
As a person of color, I strongly oppose the bylaw proposed to ban protest in the city, by seeking to establish illegal zones that impedes on our right to free speech. This is an attempt to silent Winnipegers who opposes genocide, and should be opposed by all.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ahmed

Last name
O

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 22:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Alerik

Last name
Szczepanik

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 17:39

Delegation information

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Alex

Last name
Cloney

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 15:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I oppose this by law that violates our democratic rights.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alex

Last name
Rupert

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 15:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Ana Ilagan

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ana

Last name
Ilagan

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 14:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
André Sabourin

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
André

Last name
Sabourin

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 21:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access To Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. Vigils, rallies, Black Lives Matter (BLM) protests, and round dances are powerful public demonstrations that have been used as impactful tools to help win rights for workers and tenants, reinforce the rights of Indigenous, Black, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as create protections for the environment.

The loose definition of “nuisance” in this by-law must be dealt with, and I implore you to reconsider passing it in its current state.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Andy

Last name
Roper

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 20:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
As a physician, I oppose the motion by Councillor Evan Duncan that proposes widespread restrictions on public demonstrations in vulnerable locations. The appropriate, nonviolent expression of opinion through public presence in the form of gatherings, signs, slogans, speeches and song is a pillar of democracy. An open and pluralistic society will always have conflicting priorities; there needs to be a variety of legitimate and peaceful ways to express these opinions in the location of their choice. Municipal bylaws, and when necessary, police, already have ample power to regulate behaviours that are threatening or disproportionately disruptive. Police, in particular, are already guilty of overstepping their professional boundaries in some instances, and wilful neglect of duties in others. The institutions already in place need better oversight and leadership in order to adequately protect citizens and politicians alike.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Angela

Last name
Woodbury

Submitted: Sat, 02/14/2026 - 14:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item #7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
This will hamper freedom of expression as it will prevent virtually all protest in downtown Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Audrey

Last name
Samson

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 14:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,
Bisan Dasuki

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Bisan

Last name
Dasuki

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 14:13

Delegation information

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Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
It seems like the protest ban under consideration right now is over kill. I speculate the intent is to prevent " intimidation of individuals accessing or attempting to access" certain facilities. The "and similar spaces" at the end of the list of facilities is especially concerning. FYI, I have no knowledge of recent events that would cause us to introduce this ban at this time.

It seems to me you should be focused on banning intimidation not protests. I have a hard time understanding how peacefully holding a sign on a sidewalk expressing one's beliefs could be considered intimidation if you happen to be standing in the wrong spot.

I suspect intimidation may already be banned by existing laws and bi-laws. If it is, we should allow the courts to determine what is and isn't intimidation. If not, you should target the intimidating behavior with your by-laws not the protests.

We're living in challenging times. There should be protests happening.

Also, the provincial ban on protests near abortion clinics is very specific and was introduced after repeated intimidation was occurring. I have no problem with this legislation.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Brad

Last name
Anderson

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 08:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Public Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Register as a delegation_checkbox
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In person

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
WE DO NOT AGREE WITH YOUR ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE POLICY, THE RIGHT TO PROTEST PEACEFULLY IS OURS!!!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Brittany

Last name
Barry

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 03:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
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Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I’m writing as a concerned citizen and as a member of the Canadian Network on Cuba, a national solidarity network concerned with the deadly effects of US sanctions in Latin America and the Caribbean, in which capacity I've organized countless peaceful demonstrations in Winnipeg over many years.

I'm disturbed at the letter and intent of the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law, which is not only legally dubious with respect to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, but incoherent in its descriptions of restricted activity, and overzealous in its constriction of public space. Any version of this bylaw is a slippery slope, and I am contacting you in opposition to the proposal.

As concerns the bylaw's restrictions on demonstrations against 'specified characteristics' of persons, hate speech is already covered under extant law. As concerns the vagueness and overreach of the rest of the draft, this leaves far too much room for capricious and selective enforcement. There is simply no reason for this bylaw to exist. Not only does it clearly attack healthy civic engagement and limits the right to freedom of assembly -- it potentially criminalizes forms of popular advocacy that have appreciably improved the lives of people in Winnipeg and Canada, while hiding behind a deceiving language of 'accessibility' and protection of marginalized groups. Please listen to the chorus of those affected and scrap this provocatively timed, harmful bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Cam

Last name
Scott

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 16:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Bylaw on nuisance demonstrations

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Carol

Last name
Thiessen

Submitted: Sat, 02/14/2026 - 10:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to express my concern with City Councils intent to place unneeded restrictions on our rights to peacefully protest. We have laws in place to protect against hate speech and to protect sensitive areas, such as hospitals. The bylaw proposed is unnecessarily vague and overreaching. In this time of increasing policing of our right to disagree we need to ensure that government is not using a knee jerk reaction to address concerns.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Carolyn

Last name
Parsons

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 18:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Christine

Last name
Hanlon

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 14:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, Black, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Clare Ashdown

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
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Council

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Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This proposed by-law makes a mockery of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and the council should be ashamed of itself for considering it. This is downright authoritarian and a slippery slope toward outright fascism.

Public engagement (optional)

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#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I believe that the right to protest, and to some extent to be disruptive of normal operations, is important in our society. If it becomes a nuisance, then there needs to be a negotiation approach to deal with it, though we do have laws which allow us to deal with unruly or hate-filled protests. The current proposal is too broad and would eliminate some forms of protest which have been effective in the past. Protest has often improved our society: MMIWG2S, the general strike, women's vote and women's rights, etc.

Public engagement (optional)

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item no. 7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This is a wide restriction on the right of freedom of speech and the right to peaceful protest and peaceful demonstration.

Public engagement (optional)

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#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable InfrastructureBy-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Dear Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing as a community health physician with over 30 years of experience working alongside individuals and communities experiencing the greatest barriers to accessing health services, and as a concerned citizen of Winnipeg, to call on the Executive Policy Committee to vote against and withdraw the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. This proposal is misguided and unjust, and it is profoundly troubling that the City of Winnipeg would demonstrate a willingness to attempt to narrow the most fundamental freedoms that anchor a democratic society, including the ability to engage in peaceful demonstration in locations where expression carries its greatest meaning and impact, rather than being relegated at the behest of authorities to spaces designed to minimize disruption and, in doing so, diminish effectiveness. Such an initiative represents an attempt to erode the constitutionally protected space for peaceful expression and assembly at a time when those protections require vigilance, not contraction. It departs from the democratic norms and constitutional commitments that safeguard freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, and association in Canada. Existing criminal and civil laws already provide mechanisms to address violence, property damage, and genuine threats to safety. Introducing additional municipal restrictions aimed at curtailing peaceful assembly is unnecessary, constitutionally suspect, and likely to provoke significant Charter challenge. Advancing such a measure would expend public resources defending a legally vulnerable policy and further damage the City of Winnipeg's reputation in how it engages with those who experience the greatest and most consistent systemic injustice.

Public demonstration has long been a legitimate and vital tool for civic engagement in Winnipeg and across Canada. Vigils, rallies, round dances, labour actions, and public gatherings have helped advance workers' rights, tenant protections, Indigenous

sovereignty, racial justice, gender equity, 2SLGBTQIA+ rights, and environmental protections. These activities are not peripheral to democracy—they are central to it. Winnipeg's own history bears witness to this truth. The streetcar sculpture, Strike! 1919, installed on Main Street directly across from Winnipeg City Hall, commemorates the civil disruption of the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike—an event that contributed to important and necessary social and labour reforms. Positioned in daily view of those entrusted with municipal leadership, it stands as an intentional reminder of the importance and significance of that history. A by-law aimed at curtailing meaningful public demonstration stands in direct tension with that legacy and the lessons it represents.

In my work as a community health physician, I walk alongside patients who experience daily the ongoing health consequences of structural inequity. Canadian courts, commissions, and public institutions—including within health care—have formally recognized the existence of systemic racism and injustice within policing, legal, political, and health systems. These realities are reflected in disparities in housing stability, incarceration rates, child welfare involvement, income security, and health outcomes.

Community health work that prioritizes care for those experiencing the greatest barriers to health services necessarily means there is far greater representation among my patients of individuals who are Indigenous, racialized, newcomers, refugees, or people who have fled targeted injustice in other parts of the world. Many have come to Canada in part because of the protections afforded by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, including the freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly, and association. Public protest and civic advocacy are expressions of dignity, identity, and the ongoing pursuit of justice. Restricting peaceful assembly risks disproportionately burdening those who already face systemic barriers and who rely on collective voice to advance equity.

From a public health perspective, democratic participation and the ability to advocate for structural change are protective determinants of health. When communities are able to organize safely and lawfully, they influence the policies that shape housing, income, environmental safety, and access to services. Conversely, policies that chill lawful expression or expand enforcement discretion—particularly in systems where bias has been acknowledged—may further erode trust in public institutions. Loss of trust is associated with reduced engagement and poorer outcomes across health and social systems.

As physicians are bound by legal and ethical obligations to promote health equity and address systemic factors that harm patients and communities, so too are elected officials entrusted with legal, ethical, and moral responsibilities to uphold constitutional protections and democratic principles. When legislation touches the most fundamental freedoms in a democratic society, the duty of restraint is heightened. In my view, advancing this by-law would not meet that responsibility.

At a time when democratic institutions globally are under attack, municipal governments

carry a heightened obligation to uphold constitutional protections and foster civic participation. Winnipeg has publicly committed itself to principles of human rights and inclusive governance. That commitment must be reflected not only in words but in action. This ill-conceived and dangerous by-law proposal stands in direct opposition to those principles and undermines the very foundations of justice it purports to protect.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Executive Policy Committee to vote against and withdraw the proposed by-law.

Sincerely,
Dr. David Willems, MD, CCFP, FCFP (CAC Addiction Medicine)

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
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#7

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Dawn Pincock

Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 03:42

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda #7 By-law #2026 The Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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What is going on in this city? It wants to resort to scorched earth policies to "manage" wild animal neighbors with horrific poisons. It shamefully wants to impede bird conservation efforts by rolling back the requirement for bird friendly windows. It has made a mess of the transit system that negatively impacts my ability to enjoy the city's nightlife. And now it wants to restrict my free speech.
For the most part, those who engage in protests and rallies are supporters of social justice issues and working to try to make the world a better place. I am appalled that you would refer to those efforts as being a "nuisance." How contemptuous to put them into the same category one would a dripping faucet or that one mosquito who finds their way into your tent at night. We already have related by-laws on the books (not protesting on private property, not obstructing pedestrian traffic, etc.). Increase enforcement for those.
Sniff, sniff. Is that the slight scent of fascism I detect in the air? A l'il Iran Lite, perhaps? Winnipeg likes to fancy itself as being in the heart of the country. If it moves any further to the right . . . it's going to be an armpit

Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 17:42

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Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to you today to urge you to reconsider the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

On the surface, it seems rational especially when framed as a safety concern. However, there are underlying issues that in practice will cause serious harm if this by-law is passed.

Firstly, the proposal defines “nuisance” protests as involving the expression of “objection or disapproval towards an idea". This means even a silent protest with visual messages constitutes as a nuisance and our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly are being extremely restricted.

Secondly, the language used in the proposed by-law is extremely vague. This means it can be misinterpreted, manipulated and weaponized against protesters. This vague language includes terms like nuisance, other facilities, and intimidation among other words and phrases. One can be intimidated by a group of people without them actively working to intimidate. Even the peacefulist of protests could be deemed intimidating to someone based on "say so". That does not mean they should be prohibited due to such a vague policy.

Thirdly, it is alarming that it is being proposed that protesting be limited and restricted on such a mass scale. If there are revisions to be made to our already existing rules around protesting then they should be explicitly and specifically refined as opposed to presenting a blanket solution that provides vague guidelines that are subject to misinterpretation, give way to much wiggle room if misused and hinder people's main mean to advocate for

themselves such as people I know.

For example, there are many students at the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg that protest and gather on university grounds to be visible to the facility and people their message pertains to. Not only would they no longer be able to gather to protest against tuition hikes, discriminatory policies, etc., but peers and people would no longer be given the opportunity to be presented with a thouht provoking message they may want to join that would gain no coverage or media elsewhere and ultimately would equal silencing of real issues and erasure of meaningful protest.

In a nutshell the proposal is too vague and too broad and needs more revision and specification.

It is for these reasons that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would only harm peaceful protests as anyone(s) seeking to rally in violent or harmful ways would do so regardless of this by-law as crimes never consider laws in the first place. Ultimately it only infringe on those doing work they believe is good work in accordance with the law.

Hopeful regards,
Diamond Funk

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Presentation to Executive Policy Committee of Winnipeg City Council

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Re: Item # 7 on Agenda: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Good morning everyone,

My name is Diane Zack and I have been the co-ordinator of Manitoba-Cuba Solidarity Committee for the past 25 years. I have been a teacher in Winnipeg for close to 40 years, in the public schools as well as for Jewish Child and Family Service and the Adult EAL Newcomer programs at Winnipeg School Division, Red River Polytech and the University of Manitoba.

Like many in the social justice, activist community in Winnipeg, I wear more than one hat. I've also been involved in solidarity with Palestine for a long time. I made a presentation in this very room in front of City Council's Human Rights Committee in March 2023 when it was considering adopting the much-maligned International Holocaust Remembrance Association definition of anti-semitism, which I and others argued against. I was very proud of the Human Rights Committee of City Council that day for not going forward with adopting the problematic IHRA definition.

So now we are all here talking about this new proposed bylaw, quaintly referred to as an attempt to curtail 'nuisance' protests and keep them 100 metres away from a wide range of institutions, locations and sites around the city.

As someone who has been to hundreds of peaceful protests, demonstrations and rallies in Winnipeg going back to the 1960s, I strongly object to this by-law. Many others will point out the specifics of how and why this is a blatant, unwarranted overreach and violation of our civil rights. I would like to specifically address the issue of intimidation that is included in the proposed by-law. Apparently, if someone doesn't like the message being given by a particular protest, they may only have to say they are intimidated and the protest could be shut down by the police. This is a terrifying but real possibility if this by-law is adopted.

For several years now, Manitoba-Cuba Solidarity Committee has carried out peaceful rallies at the corner of River and Osborne on the last Sunday of the month against the U.S. blockade of Cuba, carrying signs like LET CUBA LIVE and TRUMP, HANDS OFF CANADA MEANS HANDS OFF CUBA. We have been well-received at this corner. There has been no

violence of any kind. Cars driving by show their support for our message by honking their horns.

However, we are about 100 metres from a church, and there is a seniors residence across the street from the church. So our usual corner would be off limits if this by-law is passed. It will become increasingly difficult to find an outdoor public place to gather, for ourselves and for so many other peaceful organizations who are simply acting on their civil rights to offer their views, to inform and to educate the public. Doing so has become a norm in Winnipeg for many, many decades. The groups who volunteer their time to do so are not a nuisance to the community; they are an integral part of it. This is a proud part of our social landscape in Winnipeg. If some people don't like what they hear and see, they walk on by for the most part, accepting the diversity of the community and the right of people to express their views.

For the past couple of years, the Palestinian community and its supporters organized weekly rallies opposing the Israeli bombing of Gaza. Yes, the rallies were loud. Many passersby and motorists showed support by waving and honking, but there were some who objected and swore at the protestors. However, the protests were not interrupted by violence. The Palestinians and their supporters did not overreact to these attempts to intimidate them; they took it in stride.

There were some organizations in Winnipeg and some politicians who support the Israeli war on Gaza and its population, and these same organizations and politicians have called for this by-law including a last-minute campaign to get people to submit written support for it by 5 pm today. They want a 'bubble' to keep Palestinians and their supporters off the streets. In my opinion, this is the impetus for this proposed by-law. The opposition to the by-law has grown exponentially, as witnessed by many organizations and journalists taking a public stand against it, and we are hoping that the growing opposition will have an effect on this meeting of EPC and that you will not move forward with it.

For my organization, Manitoba-Cuba Solidarity Committee, it is an extremely important time now and in the coming months to take a stand, including in public rallies, against the US attempts to destroy Cuba; we want to step up our work, not have it curtailed by such a by-law.

Please do not adopt this by-law. It will make things worse for the peace-abiding members of the community who want to gather to express their views on the issues of the day.

Thank you.

Diane Zack

Manitoba-Cuba Solidarity Committee

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing today, to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. I am deeply concerned that it would significantly restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. That is why I am opposed to the proposed bylaw.

It is ironic that I am writing on Louis Riel Day. Today we celebrate this hero who gave his life after leading the resistance advocating for freedom for the citizens of the Red River. Yet in Winnipeg today there is a proposal being debated seriously that would limit the freedoms for which Louis Riel died.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms of Winnipeggers. We have used these freedoms for years to advocate for many social and policy changes that enable us as a community, and a nation, to practice democracy. In vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations, in some of which I have been a participant, have helped to win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, Black, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, and to protect the environment. Rather than being a 'nuisance' these citizen actions have helped to breath energy into democracy.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law will infringe on constitutional rights, silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach especially when the concept of 'nuisance' is so vaguely defined, and result in inadequate options for responding to oppression and hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place. These acts already are criminalized. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This attempt of draconian and undemocratic legislation restricting freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the United States of America and elsewhere, I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

Please drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.



Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 12:00

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
The right to oeaceful protest is too important

Public engagement (optional)

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 11:59

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

As someone who favours public participation in politics and advocates for the rights of the marginalized, I am extremely concerned about the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, Black, racialized, and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

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As a doctor, you might expect me to be in favour of what effectively amounts to a ban on

protest at healthcare facilities. But provincial legislation already accomplishes this, and breathtakingly broad definition of healthcare facilities in this legislation, coupled with the 100 metre radius it requires, means that, for example, gatherings anywhere near Grant Park mall would appear to be prohibited, as it houses two pharmacies, a dental office, and radiology consultancy.

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The proposed bylaw is so fundamentally misguided that it must be rejected in its entirety.

Signed,
Dr. Gem Newman, MD
Resident Physician

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Submitted: Sat, 02/14/2026 - 15:41

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#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw-

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This by-law does far more than address harassment or obstruction. It creates broad 100-metre zones around a long list of public institutions where certain types of protest and expression would be prohibited outright. In a city like Winnipeg, that covers an enormous portion of civic space.

It also doesn't just target harmful conduct. It restricts expression based on what the protest is about. That's alarming. Once the City starts deciding which subjects can be protested and where, behaviour isn't being regulated, ideas are.

The by-law exempts labour-related activity but prohibits other kinds of protest within these zones. That makes some forms of protest acceptable and others not. A municipal government should never be in the position of choosing which viewpoints are allowed near which institutions.

Peaceful protest is foundational to a democratic society. It's how citizens hold institutions accountable. It's how marginalized voices are heard. It's how public policy is challenged and debated. Protests are often meant to be visible and close to the institutions they concern. Banning them near those spaces significantly impairs their effectiveness and sends a troubling message about how dissent is viewed. It also runs directly against our Charter rights.

We already have laws that address harassment, intimidation, threats, obstruction, and violence. Those laws should be enforced when necessary. Expanding municipal power to broadly define and restrict "nuisance" expression within large zones across the city is a serious and disturbing step. Protests are meant to draw attention and, at times, make

people uncomfortable. It’s also deeply concerning that enforcement and appeals, which require a large fee and would disproportionately impact marginalized groups, would be handled internally. A small group of unelected people can’t be the ones deciding whether lawful protest is acceptable.

I am extremely troubled and angry that our city officials are even considering a by-law that restricts protest and speech in this way. Intent doesn’t override impact. Government-imposed speech policing in public spaces is not even close to the direction Winnipeg should be moving toward.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Executive Policy Committee

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Last name
DesChamps

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 20:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
By-law drafted to address nuisance demonstrations, keeping Winnipeggers safe at designated locations

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
As a Winnipeger and an advocate for peace and justice for all, I oppose this by-law because it will curtail the freedom to demonstrate in public spaces for the purpose of demanding freedom and justice—not only for Canadians, but for all fellow human beings. This by-law appears to mark the beginning of restrictions on individuals and groups who protest with humanitarian goals in mind.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Hamid

Last name
Zahedi

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 19:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited.
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for social change.
This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of
a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.
I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Sincerely,
Heather Patterson

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Heather

Last name
Patterson

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Heather Wasson

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 13:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
“Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law”

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) is deeply concerned about the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw.
This bylaw would establish 100-meter zones around hundreds of community gathering spaces in Winnipeg. Within these zones, speech expressing “objection or disapproval” toward an idea, action, person, or group based on specified characteristics would be prohibited.
Winnipeg’s proposed anti-protest bylaw directly infringes on freedom of expression and freedom of peaceful assembly. These Charter-protected rights have little meaning without broad access to public spaces for expressing dissent and challenging the status quo.
As drafted, the bylaw wrongly presumes that disruptive or unpopular expression near certain community gathering spaces is a nuisance that the City should eliminate. We cease to live in a free and democratic society if bylaw enforcement officers or the police are given broad discretion to arbitrate what constitutes acceptable protest speech.
The right to physical safety is already extensively protected by existing laws and efforts should be directed to enforcing those. While the CCLA shares the goal of working towards a more inclusive and equal society, this should not be pursued through rights-infringing by-laws.
The CCLA urges City Council to abandon this deeply flawed proposed bylaw.
Howard Sapers
Executive Director
Canadian Civil Liberties Association

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Howard

Last name
Sapers

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 17:17

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and tear our city apart. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed bylaw.
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

This will only tear our community apart.

Signed, Ilya Rogozin.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ilya

Last name
Rogozin

Submitted: Sat, 02/14/2026 - 07:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Respectfully,
The vulnerable infrastructure bylaw proposal is too vague and too broad. It will ultimately also be expensive as the city gets tied up in court with legal challenges.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
James

Last name
Turner

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 13:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Dr. Jane Barter

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jane

Last name
Barter

Submitted: Sat, 02/14/2026 - 18:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
JANNA

Last name
WILSON

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 09:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express concern regarding the proposed recommendation referencing “safe access to vulnerable infrastructure.”
While I recognize the importance of protecting critical infrastructure, the phrase “safe access” is broad and open to interpretation. Without clear definitions and limits, it may unintentionally affect lawful, peaceful assembly in public spaces.
The rights to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression are protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. I respectfully urge Council to ensure that any amendment is clearly defined, proportionate, and carefully limited to avoid unintended impacts on lawful civic activity.
Thank you for your consideration.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jazmine

Last name

Simpson

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 12:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Signed,
Jessica Woolford

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jessica

Last name
Woolford

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

your name

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 16:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Joanna Lynch

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Joanna

Last name
Lynch

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 21:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

While protecting public safety and ensuring unobstructed access to essential services are legitimate municipal objectives, this by-law is drafted in a manner that is overly broad, vague, and constitutionally vulnerable. It risks infringing on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often precisely where matters of public concern arise. Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such expansive perimeters effectively removes meaningful opportunities for peaceful, lawful protest in relation to decisions, events, or speakers hosted at those sites.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding

protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I respectfully urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form. If Council believes further action is necessary, it should be narrowly tailored to essential services and focused strictly on preventing obstruction and true intimidation—not broad restrictions on proximity.

Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jonah

Last name
Russell Wilde

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 19:03

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Jordan Lasuik

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jordan

Last name
Lasuik

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 21:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Julia Smith

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Julia

Last name
Smith

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 14:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear members of the executive policy committee,

I am writing to express my fervent opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-law. I am appalled that the City of Winnipeg's executive policy committee would consider passing a by-law that would infringe upon the charter rights of Winnipeggers. I find it difficult to see why Evan Duncan would propose a law that mimics the rise in authoritarianism that we're seeing in the United States currently - is the City of Winnipeg not invested in hearing the voices of the people they claim to represent?

Notably, acts such as property damage, hate speech, and violence are already illegal - they are rights and responsibilities which ensure the safety of all Canadians. This by-law purports to ensure safety for Winnipeggers - but it uses the language of safety to trample upon our rights instead.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

I encourage you to cease consideration of the proposed by-law for the sake of Winnipeg remaining a community of individuals with the rights and freedoms to express themselves freely.

Thank you.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kael

Last name
Fenez

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 10:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Our ability to protest is key to maintaining our rights. A removal of our right to protest removes our ability to collectively gather in opposition of something. I am incredibly disappointed that the city would try to strip us of this right.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kare

Last name
Bezpalko

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 09:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item 7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The proposed bylaw impinges on our Charter rights and shuts down the democratic space to exercise the rights of residents to engage with political issues.

Areas restricted by this by-law are public spaces and points of proximity to decision makers such as City Hall and University Campuses precisely where officials elected and otherwise need to hear from residents and be held accountable for the impact of their decisions on the public.

This is a dangerous and anti-democratic and I strongly oppose it and call on all councillors to reject it in its entirety.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Karen

Last name
Hamilton

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 19:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item 7 safe access

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,
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This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, Black, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.
If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.
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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Keeley

Last name
B

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 14:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Demonstrations are democratic. Please oppose this proposed City anti-protest bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ken

Last name
Friesen

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 16:17

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law currently before the City of Winnipeg.

In recent days, there has been significant public concern regarding this proposal. Although Evan Duncan has announced his intention to recommend withdrawing the bylaw, it remains scheduled for discussion at your meeting on Tuesday, February 17. This ongoing consideration presents an important moment to reflect on the values we choose to uphold as a city.

As drafted, the bylaw would severely limit residents' ability to exercise their Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. The proposed 100-metre buffer zones around a broad range of "vulnerable infrastructure" would effectively prohibit demonstrations across large portions of the city. By some estimates, nearly one-fifth of Winnipeg could have been rendered off-limits for protest activity, effectively choking off traditional demonstration routes in the downtown core.

While the stated purpose of the bylaw is to protect public safety, its scope goes far beyond what is necessary to achieve that objective. The breadth of the proposed restrictions would allow for substantial discretionary enforcement and risks disproportionately impacting marginalized communities—those who often rely most heavily on public protest as a means of being heard.

Protest is a cornerstone of democratic life. Throughout Winnipeg's history, public demonstrations have been instrumental in advancing Indigenous rights, labour protections, environmental stewardship, and broader social justice causes. Collective action has shaped our city's social and political landscape and strengthened our

democratic institutions. A bylaw of this magnitude would undermine that legacy and weaken one of the most important mechanisms residents have to hold institutions accountable.

Moreover, the proposal extends well beyond comparable measures in other Canadian municipalities. In cities such as Calgary and Toronto, similar regulations are more narrowly tailored, typically applying to specific facilities such as child-care centres or places of worship. The Winnipeg proposal, by contrast, casts an exceptionally wide net over both public and private spaces, creating sweeping restrictions that are neither proportionate nor consistent with democratic norms.

Although it is encouraging that Councillor Duncan has signalled his intention to withdraw the bylaw, I respectfully urge the Committee to formally reject it and ensure that no similarly overbroad measure proceeds. Our city can and must balance public safety with the protection of fundamental freedoms, but that balance must be carefully and narrowly struck.

I ask that you affirm Winnipeg's longstanding commitment to democratic participation and civil liberties by opposing this bylaw.

Thank you for your consideration

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kenneth

Last name
Harasym

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 18:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am a physician that works at the Health Sciences Centre. My clinic was blocked by a protest during the pandemic near and on hospital grounds. Some of my patients that day missed their appointments as they could not park, be dropped off at, or even physically get into the hospital past the protestors. Many of my patients travel from Nunavut, fly in communities, or north western Ontario to attend. I remember a couple specific patients scheduled that day that I didn't see because of how ill they were and my own upset that they could not attend.

I share this experience because I am strongly in favour of NOT allowing protests near select essential services such as hospitals or health care facilities. Protests cannot impede access to such essential human right services and there should be a law for enforcement. It also cannot be based on discrimination or intimidation. Having said that, this needs to be balanced with the rights of the all of us for peaceful assembly and freedom of expression.

In my opinion the city's proposed 1B Vulnerable Social Infrastructure definition is too broad in including public meeting places like community centres, churches, cultural centres, libraries, and schools. Frankly these are public assembly areas. The city's proposed 1D Specific Nuances included but not limited to list is too broad and open to interpretation and potential abuse against peaceful non disruptive protest. A few examples come to mind: cyclists moving down a street as a group could be construed to obstructing passage, using a microphone to coordinate a crowd or chant a message.

Peaceful assembly puts pressure on government to engage with and media to cover the concerns of individuals so that it come to a resolution. Inconvenience is not a reason to impinge on rights. As such, please do NOT pass this by-law as is.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Last name
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Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 23:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I am opposed to the recommendations

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Lauren

Last name
St. Vincent

I am writing to oppose the *Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law* proposed as Item 7 on the City of Winnipeg's Executive Policy Committee Agenda for Feb. 17, 2026.

The *Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law,* labelling protests "nuisance demonstrations", seeks to punish people with hefty fines for exercising the rights of peaceful assembly and expression. The By-law appears to define a "nuisance demonstration" by its use of megaphones, its proximity to a lengthy list of apparently "vulnerable infrastructures" and its supposed negative impact or "intimidation" felt by the people associated with those institutions. The list of public or semi-public infrastructures deemed "vulnerable" effectively removes the right to have a peaceful demonstration in all but a few spaces in the city of Winnipeg.

What makes the itemized infrastructures "vulnerable" beyond that the people frequenting them are opposed to whatever is being protested, deeming them a "nuisance". Perhaps the issue is that certain people are made uncomfortable by the protests? The intent of this By-law is clearly **not** to protect people from actual, verifiable, concrete harm, but to authorize the police to punish people for protesting.

The legislation states: "No person shall engage in the intimidation of any person accessing or attempting to access a designated facility or the site of a designated facility" and includes in its definition of "intimidation" as conduct that may "cause a person to fear for their mental or physical safety". Since when does someone's perception of their "mental safety" trump the fundamental rights of Canadian citizens? How is it to be determined whether someone's "mental safety" is in jeopardy by a peaceful protest? Who is to decide? The police? Is the onus on the protesters to prove themselves peaceful after being hit with hefty fines or arrested? If so, the intent of the legislation is to muzzle dissent by disincentivizing protest.

It appears that one of the intents of this By-law is to snuff the protests mobilized around the campaign to stop the devastating genocide in Gaza. The sole purpose of the pro-Palestine protests has been to stop the genocide being perpetrated by the State of Israel. Anyone with a modicum of political awareness knows that Israel has laid waste to the Gaza strip with relentless bombing of homes, schools, hospitals and energy and water systems. Israel, assisted by the US, Canada and other Western nations is now engaged in a starvation campaign against the people who have survived the relentless bombings, drone attacks and extrajudicial shootings in the streets – not to mention the various forms of torture inflicted on Palestinian prisoners.

Is to oppose the genocide of the people of Palestine an "incitement of hatred" against Jews? To think so is absurd; to enshrine it in legislation as a "nuisance" is a travesty. One of

the fundamental reasons for protesting is to call power and wealth to account. Some people and institutions in the City of Winnipeg choose to support that genocide by collecting money on behalf of the Israeli Defense Forces committing genocide, or providing a forum for it. If so, it is not only our right, but our duty, to protest those actions. If the protests inconvenience a few people and make them feel bad about themselves, so be it. If the being genocided were Jews, protesters would be rallying against that.

The *Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law* takes a sledge hammer the fundamental rights of Canadian citizens living in Winnipeg. The By-law will suppress meaningful dissent and should not be allowed to pass.

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 17:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
I do not think this law is in strong accordance with right to protest.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Luca

Last name
Morin

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 18:17

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
Madi Zaminskis

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Madi

Last name
Zaminskis

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 17:42

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
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Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 22:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Along with the world, we Manitobans recognize the border-spanning leadership of Minnesota's civil society, as it has stood up strong, firm, and responsibly in public, in the streets, against the vicious anti-immigrant and anti-democratic tyranny of a lawless, criminal invasion. We can only contrast Minnesota's current civic heroism to the horrific genocide prepared by Israel's model, the antidemocratic 2020 Israeli law against public protest (https://www.lawfaremedia.org/article/protests-exceptional-times-israels-new-demonstration-prosecution-guidelines). We in Manitoba refuse law, however unctuously sold, that prepares more genocide. In an era beset with ghastly resource misallocation and profound elite disconnection (as exemplified in the grotesque abuses detailed throughout the Epstein files), we need law that capacitates democratic corrections to the high tide of tyranny. In this hour, we require more democracy, not less. The suppression of democracy is how we lose our capacities and our sovereignty. Democratic development is how we protect our children, our communities, and the future.

If passed, this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence—These are already criminal offenses, subject to policing, in our country. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited and semi-criminalized. This type of draconian and anti-democratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may violate Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change. Winnipeggers do not want to pay taxes to defend a hand-me-down anti-democratic bylaw, or suffer the corrosive, disabling suppression it requires.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming and brutal suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the increasingly-isolated, anti-democratic US orbit, I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mara

Last name
Fridell

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 22:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Maria

Last name
Penner

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 10:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Demonstration bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to oppose the proposed bylaw regarding protests and demonstrations. The proposed bylaw is a significant chill on the Charter rights we have in this country. I do not want to see this bylaw pass, even in an amended version.

If the concern is targeted harassment or violence, there are already legal tools to deal with this. A bylaw restricting protest is a terrifying overreach.

If the concern is police resources, it is worth looking at the unmet needs that protests express and looking at using city resources and relationships with other levels of government to help Winnipeggers address the injustice or unmet needs they are experiencing.

I am incredibly disturbed by Councillor Duncan's comments about not wanting to see the protests of the US come to Canada. We are a distinct nation with different concerns, both nationally and locally. Unless Councillor Duncan is aware of plans for violent and aggressive removal of immigrants and non-immigrant citizens, disregard for court rulings, and the gutting of regulatory agencies within Canada, he should not pretend that the same context for community defense and anti-authoritarian resistance exists here. Those violations of the democratic contract deserve to be resisted.

I am concerned about how this bylaw would inevitably disproportionately target minorities and people experiencing injustice. The rich and protected have little need to protest in the streets. People who are not protected from poverty, discrimination, violence, environmental damage, exploitation, and political marginalization are the people who protest, and who will be targeted by this law.

I do not want the city wasting resources defending this against the inevitable Charter challenges it would receive. I want us to put our efforts and resources into creating a city where there is less need to demonstrate against undeserved need. Protest is the price of freedom, but it is also the cost of injustice.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Marika

Last name
Prokosh

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 22:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I believe there is a place for protests and these vulnerable places are not them.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Martin

Last name
Glikman

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 21:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I strongly disagree with this proposed by-law. There are already laws in place to deal with any safety issues around public demonstrations. I believe if passed, this by-law will unfairly target citizens from marginalized communities. This is not the Winnipeg I want to live in.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Martine

Last name
Friesen

Submitted: Sat, 02/14/2026 - 10:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations by-law.
Sincerely,
Matthew S

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Matthew

Last name
Skinner

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 21:50

Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
Meghan

Last name
Sholdice

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Signed,

Michelle Leung

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 18:17

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Acess to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
The fact that council is considering such measures is deeply concerning. That any member of council can look at current events and think that this is a good idea is truly vulgar. This is repression of charter rights thinly veiled as a public safety issue, and must be halted immediately.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Nathan

Last name
Carlson

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 10:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Nicole

Last name
Saltel

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 17:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Sincerely,
Olga Shurygina

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Olga

Last name
Shurygina

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 09:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
To the Members of the Executive Policy Committee,
I am writing as a resident of Winnipeg to express my serious concerns regarding the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.
While I value the safety of our community and the right of all Winnipeggers to access services without harassment, I believe this bylaw as drafted constitutes a dramatic overreach for the following reasons:
Overly Broad Scope: By including sites like post-secondary institutions, libraries, and cemeteries, the 100-metre buffer zones effectively "blanket" large portions of our city, making it nearly impossible to hold a peaceful protest or march without violating the bylaw.
Vague Definitions: The term "nuisance demonstration" is poorly defined and gives enforcement officers too much discretion. This creates a "chilling effect" on lawful, non-violent dissent. The discretion also opens up the possibility of over-reaction to peaceful protest.
Redundancy: Police already have the authority to address intimidation, harassment, and the blocking of access under the Criminal Code. A municipal bylaw that duplicates these powers risks being used to suppress unpopular opinions rather than protecting public safety.
Charter Concerns: Similar bylaws in other Canadian cities (like Vaughan and Calgary) are already facing constitutional challenges. I urge the City to avoid costly legal battles and instead focus on enforcing existing laws.
I respectfully ask the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form and instead look for ways to protect access to essential services that do not infringe upon our fundamental rights to peaceful assembly.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Orland

Last name
Backstrom

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 12:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Freedom of Expression

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Register as a delegation_checkbox
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Register as a delegation
In person

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.
Signed,
GoldStar the Screaming Eagle
Aka Patrick John Xenon Neilan

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Patrick

Last name
Neilan

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Rafael Terrain

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Rafael

Last name
Terrain

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 14:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
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Signed,

Rebekah Heinrichs

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Rebekah

Last name
Heinrichs

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 14:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Reymond Page

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Reymond

Last name
Page

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 18:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Comittee,
The Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law would restrict our rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, both protected by the Charter, and I am opposed to the proposed by-law. The freedom to advocate for rights and social change is essential to Canadian democracy and must be protected by our law-makers, not attacked and compromised. We have all seen the assault on freedom of expression in the United States and we know this is the path Canada must avoid, not creep towards with the proposed by-law that will be used to surpress this basic right of a free and fair society. Now more than ever is the time to protect our freedom of expression and association and I urge you to uphold these basic and essential rights by end any further consideration of the proposed by-law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Rick

Last name
Chafe

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 21:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Robyn

Last name
Lowe

Submitted: Sat, 02/14/2026 - 18:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Hello, I am writing today to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

This by-law is far to vague and broad in scope to possibly function as intended, as likely infringes on the freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly guaranteed under sections 2(b) and 2(c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones would apply not only to hospitals and facilities serving vulnerable populations, but also to schools (including post-secondary institutions), libraries, cultural centres, community centres, cemeteries, and places of worship. These locations are often where people WANT to protest, and what of employees or patrons of those locations? This by-law would deem students enacting a protest at their school as illegal, but where else should they protest? Prohibiting “nuisance demonstrations” within such such a broad selection of locations effectively makes peaceful protest illegal.

The definition of “intimidation” is also concerning. Language such as conduct “reasonably expected” to cause fear, incite hatred, or deter access is subjective and open to broad interpretation. Laws that restrict Charter-protected activity must be carefully tailored, clear, and minimally impairing. This proposal fails that standard. It relies heavily on enforcement discretion, which is not a substitute for precise legislative drafting.

There is already provincial legislation establishing buffer zones around abortion services. If the City’s objective is to prevent obstruction, harassment, or threats, existing Criminal Code provisions and targeted bylaws addressing obstruction can be enforced. Expanding protest-free zones across large portions of the city is not a minimally impairing response.

Freedom of peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democratic society. It protects all viewpoints, not only those currently popular or aligned with the government of the day. Municipal regulation must be proportionate, evidence-based, and Charter-compliant. This by-law, as drafted, is not.

I insist the Committee rejects this proposal. Please do not set a precedent that weakens fundamental democratic freedoms in Winnipeg.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Rook

Last name
Locheed

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 17:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Ryan Schellenberg

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ryan

Last name
Schellenberg

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 14:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

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I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Sabrina Janke

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sabrina

Last name
Janke

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 10:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
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Such a proposed change has no place in our city. We must protect freedom of expression and association! I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Samantha

Last name
Machado

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 01:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Opposed.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Dobie

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 14:20

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Signed,

Sarah Hodges-Kolisnyk

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sarah

Last name
Hodges-Kolisnyk

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 01:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Opposed

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sean

Last name
Campbell

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
This bylaw is an absolute slap in the face to everything Winnipeg and Manitoba hold dear. We pride ourselves as Winnipeggers in the 1919 General Strike. We celebrate Louis Riel. We tell our kids, our students, to stand up for what they believe in, and that when something is wrong, you speak up.

What this is trying to do, what it will do, is shut down anything that is a "nuisance". Anything that goes against the grain of society. It shuts down voices that need to be heard if they're not in a convenient little box.

We already have protections in place for harassment, for hate speech, for inappropriate forms of protest. There is zero reason to do this, and frankly, it's a betrayal of the very history we claim to celebrate. A Winnipeg that silences its protesters is not the Winnipeg that learned its lessons of 1919, and it's not the Winnipeg I want to live in.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Shawn

Last name
Trudeau

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 09:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Simone Mahrenholz

Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Simone

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Mahrenholz

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 12:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
proposed 'nuisance' protest bylaws

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Public engagement (optional)

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Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 18:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Ban on Protests

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Solace Janzen Kornelsen

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 15:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
We've seen too many times where people with time, money, and malicious intent twist the intent of a vague rule, law or bylaw to punish citizens exercising their right to protest amd freedom of speech.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Stacy

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Gosman

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 17:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Steve Locke

Public engagement (optional)

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No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 14:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7. Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Winnipeg is better than this, we are better than this! Considering this city prides itself in the 1919 general strike, this by-law about "nuisance" protests is laughable at best. This is a fascist policy, and we will not tolerate such filth in our society.

Louis Riel Day is right around the corner for crying out loud! We have protections in place for hate speech and harassment already. This is nothing other than an attempt to push things in a more authoritarian direction. It is anti-freedom, anti-free speech, and anti-Canadian.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Steven

Last name
Woods

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 21:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my strong support for Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, advocating for the passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

This by-law is a crucial step in safeguarding essential community institutions and ensuring that Winnipeg remains a safe, inclusive, and welcoming city for all.

As a parent, I was deeply disturbed when I had to walk from the parking lot to the Jewish Community Center with my 3-year-old daughter, passing a group of loud demonstrators gathered outside for the sole purpose of instilling fear and intimidation. The experience was scary for my young child and deeply troubling for me as a parent, concerned about the safety and well-being of my child.

No one should have to endure intimidation or threats in order to access a community center, school, or place of worship. I strongly urge you to support this vital by-law, which will help protect the safety and dignity of all individuals in our city.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

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Adam

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Ghoneim

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
By law to protect and keep safe our communities with buffet zones

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
establish protective buffer zones around community centres, places of worship, schools, and other vulnerable spaces. It is a measured and practical step to ensure that families, seniors, students, and community members can access these spaces without intimidation or harassment.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

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Last name
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Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 16:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I'm writing to express my support for Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026 Executive Policy Committee meeting and to encourage approval of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.
This by-law is an important step in protecting key community spaces and helping ensure Winnipeg continues to be a safe and welcoming place for everyone. People should be able to access community centres, schools, and places of worship without facing intimidation or threats. I strongly encourage you to vote in favour of this measure.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Alex

Last name
Nifco

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
As a parent of children who attend Jewish schools and an employee at a Jewish organization it is shocking that protesters can stand outside of our house of worships, schools, and community space to intimidate and harass people going about their everyday lives. We want to feel safe sending our kids to school or youth programs. Last year outside of the Rady JCC there were protestors the night of Gray Academy's school musical and streets were blocked off and (thankfully) there was a large police presence due to protestors. We needed to park blocks away and walk past protesters who were trying to instill fear and promote hate. No child should have that outside of their school! Thank you to the Wpg police service for being there but it's awful that this location could be used as a place to protest. (Aka spew their violent hate of the Jewish people)

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

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Boesz

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 09:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I am a strong believer in freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and the right to protest peacefully. The measures outlined in this proposed by-law pose no threat to any of the above. Rather, they draw a firm line between the right to protest and licence to harass members of a community, especially young children, seniors and other vulnerable constituents. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.

I was born and raised in Winnipeg. Our city should be a place where all residents have the right to express themselves. It must also be a place where the safety of all residents is the highest priority.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

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Andrea

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Ritter

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 12:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my strong support for Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting. I urge the Committee to pass the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.
This legislation is a vital step toward safeguarding our community's essential institutions. Schools, community centres, and places of worship should be spaces of safety, not sites of intimidation. By supporting this measure, you are ensuring Winnipeg remains a secure and inclusive city for everyone.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

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Hirsch Kuza

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 19:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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This is about safe access, and about drawing a clear line. Thank you

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
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Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 15:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
As a citizen of Winnipeg and speaking for countless others; we are exhausted of having to endure threats and insults in various public spaces such as community centres, schools and places of worship.
Our elected officials have a responsibility to pass laws that protect the citizens AND, not make it easy for those who would terrorize us.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 09:23

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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This proposed by-law represents an important measure to safeguard key community spaces and help ensure that Winnipeg continues to be a safe and inclusive city for everyone. Individuals should never face harassment, intimidation, or threats when accessing a community centre, school, or place of worship. I respectfully urge you to vote in favour of this significant initiative.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Anton

Last name

Yakovenko

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructures

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
It's clear to me that the current manner that the Winnipeg Police manage demonstrations does give me the confidence that I will not be physically harmed or intimidated.
However, it doesn't protect me, my children and grandchildren from verbal intimidation.
On my way to a cultural event at the JCC, Jewish community centre, I should not have to be verbally attacked by a group of demonstrators screaming baby killers, murderers and genocide supporters
followed by shame on you.
Without question, children walking to their school in the JCC should not be subjected to this intimidation.Children are frightened by this bullying behaviour.
The demonstrators are attempting to bring the war in Gaza to Winnipeg by holding the Jewish community here responsible for this war that was started by the terrorist organization Hamas on October 7, 2023, in a barbaric attack, raping women and killing babies and adults, almost entirely civilians.
Following the attack, Hamas promised the genocide of Jewish people, as is clearly stated in their charter.
Freedom of speech does not mean that you have the right to spread hatred of another group of people. Seeing demonstrations on TV or hearing them on radio spreading hate speech emboldens the antisemites, resulting in firebombing of a synagogue in Vancouver, bullets fired at Jewish schools in Montreal and at a home in Winnipeg.
At this point, I am requesting that the Hate laws that are already in effect, be enforced!
I also suggest that the word nuisance be removed from the bylaw as it diminishes its importance.
For Canada to live up to the charter rights that protect its citizens from hate, one group cannot be allowed to blame another for a war that is going on thousands of miles away.
Until recently, Winnipeg has always been a place where minority groups feel safe. As a Jewish person, I should not have to be made to feel unsafe. The current Hate Speech laws

must be enforced. The proposed bylaw will
go a long way to protecting minority groups from intimidation and serve to bolster the current hate laws.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Arthur

Last name
Blank

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 22:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Bubble bylaw 100 metres

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Dear Chair and Members of the Executive Policy Committee,
This submission is made on behalf of the Blue and White Coalition of Manitoba, a grassroots organization of more than 300 Winnipeg citizens, formed in response to escalating intimidation, threats, and calls to violence directed at those who support Jewish Manitobans and the right of the State of Israel to exist.
We strongly support the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw.
Our support is grounded in lived experience. Since October 7, 2023, our community has endured repeated escalating intimidation outside a synagogue, at the Asper Jewish Community Campus, and at a Jewish day school. These were not abstract policy debates; they were events that left children, seniors, and families feeling surrounded and unsafe at institutions meant to be places of learning, worship, and community. The impact does not fade with time. It goes to the core of whether our community has a secure future in Winnipeg.
If Council fails to pass this bylaw, it will send a message that vulnerable communities are on their own when targeted at their schools, houses of worship, and community centres. It will signal that intimidation at the very doorsteps of such institutions is a tolerable cost of public life, at least when it comes to certain communities.
This bylaw is not about silencing dissent. It is about time, place, and manner. It preserves lawful protest in appropriate public forums such as City Hall, the Legislature, and public squares, while protecting children, worshippers, seniors, and families from being made a captive audience at sites they cannot reasonably avoid.
The constitutional foundation for such measures is well established. In R. v. Watson; R. v. Spratt, the British Columbia Court of Appeal upheld “bubble zones” around abortion clinics, recognizing that individuals seeking essential services should not be “held hostage to the message the protestors wish to send.” (emphasis added)
The Court confirmed that buffer zones create distance and protection while preserving

protest outside the zone. The Supreme Court of Canada declined to hear the appeal, leaving that framework intact. Manitoba

To be clear, the Charter does not guarantee a right to express anything, anywhere, without limit. Where conduct becomes targeted harassment, intimidation, glorification of violence, or the effective encirclement of a vulnerable minority, it ceases to be the kind of peaceful expression our Constitution was designed to protect.

We have already seen the consequences of inaction. On April 1, 2025, and again during Folklorama, demonstrators outside Jewish community institutions blasted simulated shooting sounds, mocked prayer, and issued calls for violence. Jewish children and families were not merely exposed to opposing views; they were besieged and confronted with conduct calculated to intimidate and unsettle them in their own communal spaces. That is not peaceful assembly. It was attempted coercion.

Nationally, antisemitic incidents have reached historic highs. According to Statistics Canada and B'nai B'rith, Jewish Canadians, approximately 1% of the population, are the victims of a majority of religiously motivated hate crimes (approximately 70% of religious hate crimes, and approximately 60% of all hate crimes). Since October 7, 2023, Canada has seen synagogues firebombed, schools attacked, businesses vandalized, and harassment surge. In that climate, dismissing targeted, intimidating demonstrations at Jewish schools and synagogues as harmless "speech" is not neutrality; it is acquiescence.

Some, including those in positions of power who could have acted, and who now criticize this bylaw have long been aware of escalating intimidation yet did nothing. Their present objections ring hollow. Winston Churchill cautioned against the timid and the bureaucratic who enable drift and inaction in the face of mounting danger. Leadership requires more than delay, and commentary after the fact; it requires timely, measured action when communities are under strain.

Others who have publicly opposed this bylaw have repeatedly spouted dogmatic hate targeting one community, the Jewish community. They invite Council to license their hate and intimidation by refusing to protect vulnerable populations and infrastructure. Council should refuse that invitation to hate.

The bylaw is neutral. It protects synagogues, mosques, churches, gurdwaras, schools, shelters, clinics, and community centres alike. It does not privilege one religion or community. Were it otherwise, we would not support it. It ensures that every vulnerable group can assemble, worship, learn, and receive services without running an intimidating gauntlet at the entrance.

When balancing harms, the conclusion is clear: this bylaw is a modest, carefully tailored limit on the location of protest. It is a proportionate prophylactic response to a real and growing threat. It safeguards not only physical security but also the equal participation of vulnerable communities in civic life.

Winnipeg now faces a choice. Council can allow the most aggressive factions to dictate which communities must endure intimidation at their own institutions. Or it can affirm that in this city, rights are balanced responsibly, and minorities, any minority, will not be held hostage at the threshold of their schools, houses of worship, and community centres.

We respectfully urge the Executive Policy Committee and Council to adopt the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw and to send a clear message: in Winnipeg, all

communities are entitled to live, learn, worship, and gather in peace and safety, free from intimidation.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
): #7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This by-law in no way infringes on the rights to safe protests. What it would do is protect Winnipeggers from hateful and intimidating demonstrations in front of vulnerable sites such as places of worship, community centres, and schools. The Jewish Heritage of Western Canada and the Manitoba Institute to Combat Antisemitism have researched antisemitism in our country; that history goes back well over a century. We believe that all Manitobans deserve to be safe in their places of worship, schools, and community centres. We deserve to practise our religion without fear of intimidation and threats. This by-law is there to protect. In municipalities such as Vaughan and Oakville, there have been no incidents of peaceful protests being prevented. If people wish to protest on a public street that is 100m away from these vulnerable sites, the bill in no way prevents that. The reference by Councilor Duncan to Bill C-9 is moot because the bill has been paused.

Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

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First name
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Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 14:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Comments
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This is about safe access, and about drawing a clear line between lawful protest and harassment at the doors of spaces where children, seniors, and families gather.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ben

Last name
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Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 08:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

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No

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Benjamin

Last name
Winestock

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 16:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I want vulnerable communities to feel safe when they take their children to school, when they worship or gather to celebrate something together.
This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

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Lyonin

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

I am in support of everyone's right to peacefully protest, but not when it infringes on the rights of others' feeling of safety. Protests in front of hospitals, schools, and places of worship make me personally feel uneasy and unsafe in my own community, and are designed to intimidate and frighten. These are supposed to be safe places where kids, the sick, and those seeking religious / spiritual / general support is sought, and should be immune from ruthless intimidation and disruption. There are other ways of getting messages and promoting activism that do not need to put innocent civilians from such a setting in a stressful environment. I view this measure as parallel to "you can't shout 'fire' in a movie theatre" despite freedom of speech.

This by-law is an imperative step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure, and applaud the city for taking this seriously.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

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Bradley

Last name
Abells

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 10:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.

This is about safe access, and about drawing a clear line between lawful protest and harassment at the doors of spaces where children, seniors, and families gather.

Please act today and encourage others in your networks to do the same. Thank you for standing with us on this important issue.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
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Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026 Executive Policy Committee meeting and the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

I believe everyone deserves to enter a school, community centre, or place of worship without feeling intimidated or unsafe. I remember attending a community event with my family and feeling uneasy as we approached because of confrontational behavior at the entrance. What should have been a positive, welcoming experience instead felt stressful and unsettling. No parent or family should have to question their safety when accessing community spaces.

This by-law draws a clear and reasonable line between lawful protest and harassment at the doors of places where children, seniors, and families gather. I respectfully urge you to support this important measure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Brenda

Last name
Trepman-Diament

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 09:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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This is about safe access, and about drawing a clear line between lawful protest and harassment at the doors of spaces where children, seniors, and families gather.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Brenlea

Last name
Yamron

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 14:35

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7-Safe Accesss to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
It is time that vulnerable and minority populations and related infrastructure they utilize be protected as prescribed in the By-law. No one should be harassed, intimidated or threatened as has been seen in the last number of years by such hostile protesters.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Brent

Last name
Apter

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 09:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.
Several times my wife and I have felt intimidated by anti-Israel demonstrations when approaching the Rady Center.
This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Bruce and Fern

Last name

Kettner

Members of Winnipeg City Council,

I write in strong support of Item #7 — the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

I had registered to attend today's meeting in person. Sadly, and unfortunately, I had to make the difficult decision to submit my words in writing instead. I simply could not stomach facing yet another virulent angry mob screaming at me triggering more generational trauma.

For many years — and exponentially more so since the horrific terrorist attacks and kidnappings of October 7, 2023, and the prolonged hostage crisis that followed — Jewish Winnipeggers and their allies have been subjected to virulent Jew hatred disguised as "peaceful protest." Large and aggressive demonstrations have taken place outside our community centres, schools, neighbourhood streets, and university campuses. These were not peaceful protests. Nor were they events that community members could simply avoid.

April 2025 – Asper Jewish Community Centre

At the beginning of April 2025, protesters harassed individuals attempting to enter the Asper Jewish Community Centre (AJCC). A Zionist university student group had chosen to host an event there because it was deemed too unsafe to hold it on a university campus. Tragically, it proved no safer at the AJCC.

Parents were forced to walk their preschool children through an angry and hostile crowd when leaving the facility and walking to their cars. Later that same evening, the Gray Academy school musical was being performed at the Centre. Some protestors yelled at and chased after students, their friends, and their families — including Holocaust survivors and their descendants – accusing them of supporting genocide. What should have been a celebratory school performance became an experience marked by fear and intimidation.

Folklorama – Shalom Square Israel Pavilion

During Folklorama last summer, unruly protesters harassed visitors and volunteers at the Shalom Square Israel Pavilion at the AJCC on nearly every evening of the festival.

These protesters blasted recorded war sounds — including women screaming, guns firing, bombs exploding, and babies crying — on a seemingly endless loop late into the evening at volumes far exceeding allowable noise limits, likely violating municipal by-laws.

Protesters incessantly screamed at pavilion volunteers and visitors — including sitting elected officials, among them former Manitoba Premier Kelvin Goertzen — accusing them of supporting

genocide and killing babies. They shouted that women and children were “whores.” One protester threatened a woman by saying words to the effect that “Hamas would be coming for her.”

Protesters stood beside the crosswalk, blocking vehicle sightlines and intimidating pedestrians to such an extent that many chose to cross the street at unsafe points rather than walk through the hostile crowd. Some protesters followed individuals who attempted to avoid them, demanding they look at graphic signs while continuing to scream at them. Signs were shoved within inches of people’s faces.

Volunteers attempted to create a warm and welcoming buffer so that families could enter safely. Many visitors told us they were frightened to attend but ultimately did so because volunteers were present to escort them in.

At one point, a protester repeatedly drove up and down the street screaming and swearing. The vehicle pulled up alongside attendees, and both the driver and passenger escalated what volunteers perceived as threats and verbal abuse.

These events unfolded during what was meant to be an evening of cultural celebration. To describe the atmosphere as terrifying would be an understatement — particularly in light of the absence of meaningful law enforcement intervention.

Hate Fests in Neighbourhoods

ProHamas rallies have taken place in the area of Winnipeg where many of the Jewish community members live. Chants of “we don’t want no Zionists here” and “Intifada Revolution” (which is a call for a violent uprising against Jews and western civilization) were blasted over loud speakers and echoed through the surrounding neighbourhoods, audible even kilometres away inside private homes during the Sabbath.

Freedom of Expression and Its Limits

Section 2 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* guarantees freedom of expression. However, the Charter does not render that right absolute. Section 1 explicitly provides that Charter rights are subject to reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

Jurisprudence from the British Columbia Court of Appeal confirms that freedom of expression does not include the right to impose one’s message upon a captive audience. Freedom to speak presupposes a corresponding right not to listen. The Charter does not guarantee an audience.

Individuals must be free to avoid messages they do not wish to receive. The Supreme Court of Canada denied leave to appeal that decision, leaving this principle intact.

What occurred outside Jewish community institutions was not expression directed at willing listeners. It was the deliberate imposition of hostility upon captive audiences — families entering school performances, festival attendees, worshippers, and neighbourhood residents in their own homes.

The Broader Context

Canada is experiencing an unprecedented surge in antisemitism. According to the 2024 Annual Audit published by B'nai Brith Canada, 6,219 antisemitic incidents were recorded — the highest number since tracking began in 1982. This represents a 7.4% increase over 2023 and more than double the number recorded in 2022. Although Jewish Canadians constitute approximately 1% of the national population, police-reported data consistently shows that Jews are the target of roughly 70% of religion-motivated hate crimes.

These statistics underscore the disproportionate vulnerability of the Jewish community.

While Criminal Code provisions addressing hate speech, intimidation, and mischief already exist — along with municipal noise by-laws — enforcement has too often been absent. A misplaced belief that inaction produces de-escalation appears to have guided decisions by law enforcement and prosecutorial authorities. The result has been the emboldening of increasingly aggressive crowds.

Why This By-law Is Necessary

The proposed by-law is a measured and constitutionally sound response. It is narrowly tailored to prohibit nuisance demonstrations and intimidation within 100 metres of vulnerable social infrastructure. It does not prohibit peaceful protest. It does not restrict lawful labour activity. It does not prevent individuals from demonstrating at City Hall, the Manitoba Legislature, or the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, for example.

It simply protects access to schools, community centres, places of worship, and similar vulnerable spaces.

Comparable 100-metre "bubble zone" by-laws exist in Canadian municipalities including Vaughan, Brampton, and Calgary. In fact, those cities impose significantly higher penalties than those proposed in Winnipeg, some with fines of up to $100,000 and the potential for incarceration.

This past week Winnipeg community members became emotional after being fed a pack of untruths and misrepresentations that rights would be restricted or that the bylaw is draconian in measure. In reality, Winnipeg's proposal is restrained.

A Call to Action

At a minimum, Council should commit to amending and reintroducing the by-law by April 30, 2026. We cannot allow a repeat of what occurred almost every evening outside the Israel Pavilion during Folklorama.

A public education campaign should accompany its reintroduction to ensure residents understand its limited scope and constitutional foundation.

There is no unfettered right to protest outside abortion clinics. There is likewise no unfettered right to harass Jews — or Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, or any other community — outside schools, places of worship, or community centres.

Winnipeg prides itself on its social justice legacy, including the history of the 1919 General Strike. That legacy calls for principled action, not paralysis.

City Council now has the opportunity to demonstrate moral clarity and legal courage by enacting a necessary and defensible by-law to safeguard vulnerable communities in our city.

Respectfully submitted.

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 12:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 The Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
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Last name
davis

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 19:38

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I want to make sure that everyone is protected from harassment. We need to support freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom of association.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Carl

Last name
Ben

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 15:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Carlos

Last name
Schor

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 14:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Carnie

Last name

Rose

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 14:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by laws

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I support Agenda #7 item. This is about safe access to schools, community centres, place of worship.
End the harassment and intimidation. Enforce the law.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Carolina

Last name
Fridman

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 16:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This bylaw is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions. No child or adult, including the elderly and vulnerable need to feel u safe and harassed when walking into a place of worship, a space of higher education or an essential service. There are appropriate places for peaceful protests such as legislative grounds. A buffer zone is necessary for essential services and living and no one should feel unsafe or intimidated.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Caroline

Last name
Kiva

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Carrie

Last name

Shenkarow

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 15:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I've had several experiences where I felt threatened and unsafe from demonstrators here in Winnipeg: 1. This past summer at the entrance to the Folklorama Israeli Pavillion we were yelled at with hateful and vulgar language by members of a pro-Palestinian group. This has also happened on previous summers during Folklorama.
2. In December, while attempting to enter the Chapters Bookstore near Polo Park, I was yelled at by a group of people holding up a Palestinian flag, promoting a boycott of Indigo/Chapters. When I took out my phone to record what they were yelling as a precaution against my being assaulted, they started recording me with their phones and after I entered and then exited the store, one of the protestors started following me to my car, even when I asked them not to follow me. 3. My son, who is a medical specialist at Health Sciences Centre was attending a service of lighting a Hanukkah menorah within the hospital. At that time, a person walked by and yelled "baby killers" at this group of medical staff.
Although this was an individual, not a protest, I have seen that statement ("baby killers") written on the protest signs of the pro-Palestinian demonstrators that were regularly appearing in various locations across the city. Their protest chants and signs promote hate against the Jewish Community. They also use megaphones, including in areas close to personal homes, to loudly chant hate slogans like "All Zionists are racist" which is false and spreads hatred, not just within their group but also within the broader public. I realize that my last comment is not about buffer zones per se, but I'd like to state that I believe the true purpose of protests by CPAM (Canadian Palestinian Association Manitoba) and other pro-Palestinians groups are to spread antisemitism. If they were truly trying to protest the actions of Israel, their protest locations would be relevant government offices, not random locations along public streets.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Catherine

Last name
Trachtenberg

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Cheryl

Last name
Rayter

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7-Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is a crucial step to allow citizens of Winnipeg to feel safer as current unrestricted protests are incredibly hurtful biased and frightening.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Cheryl

Last name
Rockman-Greenberg

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 16:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I support the policy. I felt uneasy accessing a community space, attending a cultural event, visiting a place of worship and driving my car along people yelling at me and my family. This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.
This is for the Winnipeg society as a whole.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Claudia

Last name
Griner

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Danial

Last name
Sprintz

Submitted: Fri, 02/13/2026 - 20:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item #7- EPC by-law to protect communities from intimidation and uphold shared Canadian values

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, EPC meeting, urging passage of the Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. This measure is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and ensure Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all.

You may also include a personal reflection, such as a time you felt intimidated or harassed while attending a venue, accessing healthcare, visiting a place of worship, or a community centre. This by-law protects all Winnipeggers, and personal context strengthens its importance.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Daniel

Last name

Rubinstein

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 17:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7-safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Jewish people like myself and my family are feeling increasingly unsafe. As you can see our actions are always peaceful but unfortunately manifestations against us always involve some form of violence or message of hatred.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Daniela

Last name
Basevich

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 21:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Please act today and encourage others in your networks to do the same. Thank you for standing with us on this important issue.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Danny

Last name
Kaufman

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 22:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to support the passing of the bylaw to provide safe access to infrastructure.

Over the last three years, we have seen our rights to assembly and free speech be hijacked and weaponized by special interest groups that have no regard for the public good of Manitobans in general.

Week after week, month after month, they deliberately disrupt our lives with their nuisance protests. On two occasions I have personally been delayed at Confusion Corner by their single-file parade of sign-wavers, using their pedestrian rights to block the left turn onto Osborne going north. It didn't matter to them that traffic down Pembina was blocked as far as the eye could see. Their only concern was that we would hear their chanting and air horns. This is not protest, this is intrusion.

I supported Camp Morgan, the protest encampment at the Brady land fill, calling for the return of our murdered Indigenous women. The endurance of this encampment, and the dedication of those that lived there, was a source of pride for all Canadians. Did we really need TWO permanent encampments, one at UWin and one at U of M, to protest a conflict on the other side of the world?

Those two encampments were not protests, they were demands, with threatening signs calling for violence. I worried every day for the safety of my daughter, a student at UWin. I watched on the news every day as these "protest" encampments broke into violent attacks against students and property at schools around the world. The concerns of a student should be classwork, exam prep, earning money for tuition, friendships – not if they need to detour around danger, day after day after day.

In Saturday's Winnipeg Free Press, I saw pundit after pundit call this bill an assault on our rights. I think it is the opposite – a protection of our rights. The right to free passage. The right to feel safe. The right to focus on our own problems.

Melissa Martin of the WFP complained that much of the city would be protected by the ban, singling out section of the MB Leg, and Portage Ave. Yes please! If you could stop blocking Portage Ave, that would be great. And most of the Legislative grounds would be available – just not the ones near the churches. Please protect our houses of worship from protesters who know that their presence and chanting intimidate those who attend. That is the point of protesting outside church or community centre: to intimidate and frighten the groups that use those facilities.

Let's take our streets back from the army of protestors who assault us collectively and call it their right. As I recall, your right to swing your fist ends where my nose begins.

Please strike a blow for our rights by passing this bill.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
David

Last name
Selch

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 16:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7, Safe access to buildings

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Deb

Last name
Shaen

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 08:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
My daughter wanted to become a Gray Academy student. She was doing exploration visit in the school when Palestian protest start gathering. A lot of people were there; these people were yelling and screaming, and cursing Jewish students and their parents. We could feel the tension in the air, hate and violence. Because of that, we decided that Gray Academy is not a safe place to send our child, be afraid that these people harm them. Places like schools, cultures centeres, synagogues, churches, musk and other should be out of the limit for these people. Those who take advanatge from the system to promote their hate and violent ideas. These people are taking advantage of our country's democracy by saying it is freedom of speech and protest. I strongly disagree with this. This is not the right; it is a privilege, and thise privilage given as long it is not harm other people's feelings and rights. Unfortunatley All this organization which descise their intention hides behind freedom of speach this is wrong. The places that community felt safe not safe anymore.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Denis

Last name
Fugel

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 16:47

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Children's safety is non negotiable there is enough places for protests where it is not in front of kids who are supposed to be in their safe place of playing and learning.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Dima

Last name
Podro

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 17:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Item 7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law to be considered on February 17, 2026. This by-law is essential to allow the citizens of Winnipeg to freely gather, celebrate and commune in spaces, free from intimidation, fear or threats. Notwithstanding the need to permit peaceful protests, there is no room for threats or intimidation.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Doug

Last name
McCoy

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 16:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Einat

Last name
Paz

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
-7 Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I would like to see vulnerable persons protected under the proposed bylaw

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Elizabeth

Last name
Mason

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

As a Jewish mother of Jewish children, I feel like this is a bare minimum step to ensure my family can participate in its culture and community with confidence in our safety and non-harassment. This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure to safeguard the welcoming, diverse atmosphere that makes this city strong and wonderful.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Elizabeth

Last name
Moraff

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 14:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I strongly support the buffer zones to protect individuals entering community institutions. I have been uncomfortable passing by loud and threatening people. This is unacceptable in our society and goes beyond freedom of speech.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ellen

Last name
Fleishman

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 16:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I'm reaching out to share my support for Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026 Executive Policy Committee meeting and to ask that you pass the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.
This proposal is a practical and meaningful way to safeguard important community spaces and reinforce Winnipeg's commitment to safety and respect for all residents. Everyone should be able to enter a school, community centre, or place of worship without feeling unsafe or harassed. I hope you will support this important step forward.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Elvira

Last name
Haber

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 10:57

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is a very important initiative. There have been many days where I have feared for my children's safety as I drop them off at preschool. The right to protest does not include the right to intimidate 3 year olds as they attend day school.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Emily

Last name
Grusko

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Erica

Last name
Dorfman

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 10:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
No parent and no child should be afraid walking in or out from school. No one should face protestors at your fitness center door.
Protestors are free to protest until they put others in danger.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Erika

Last name
Hop

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 16:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing on behalf of Temple Shalom, Winnipeg's intimate Reform Jewish community, in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

As a congregation that welcomes all — including interfaith families, LGBTQ+ individuals, Jews by choice, and anyone seeking community — the safety and accessibility of our sacred spaces is foundational to our mission. Our members, including families with young children and older adults, deserve to enter our doors free from intimidation or threat.

This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. We urge you to support this important measure.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Evan

Last name
Loster

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 12:58

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7- safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I support the proposed bylaws to protect schools, community centers and other institutions from harassment.
I attended the Folklorama Israeli pavilion last summer and had to endure horrible attacks from a mob stationed between the parking lot and the entrance of the Asper Jewish community center. Most protesters were fully masked, and interrumped the passage of people wishing to visit the pavilion. It was most inappropriate and I wondered why police did not ask them to move away. They had horrible signs, insulting insinuations such as Jewish people being murderers and were playing crying sounds through blasting speakers. This behavior must not be tolerated. Tolerance leads to escalation. Winnipeg residents and visitors should be protected from this hateful behavior.
Thank you

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Evelyn

Last name
Elson

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026 Executive Policy Committee meeting urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. This by-law is necessary to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city . This by-law is not intended to limit free space or freedom of assembly. It is intended to draw a line that says no one has the right to intimidate or threaten others in public who are trying to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. This is about safe access and drawing a line between lawful protest and unlawful harassment.
I urge you to support this important measure.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Faith

Last name
Kaplan

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 16:36

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Federico

Last name
Lopez Ficher

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 10:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
FLORENCIA

Last name

Katz

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 11:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I would like to encourage the Executive Committee to pass the:
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law
It was intimidating for me to see a group of protesters shouting threats while I was entering the Rady Jewish Centre on my peaceful way to my work-out at the gym within the building.
I want to feel safe in our communities.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Frances

Last name
Paletta

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 22:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

This by-law help ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. It allows for peaceful and lawful protest without intimidation or interference of the rights of other citizens.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Frank

Last name
Shiffman

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 09:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.

This is about safe access, and about drawing a clear line between lawful protest and harassment at the doors of spaces where children, seniors, and families gather.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Gabriel

Last name
Katz

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 12:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to infrastructure bylaw.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
All individuals should believe that they should be safe in accessing various venues in this city! They should believe safe!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Garry

Last name
Wiwierski

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 12:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I heard high volume, aggressive message with speaker amplifiers at Kenaston & Grant on several Saturdays while walking 200 meters away from the spot. A real niusance

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Gerardo

Last name
Chernitsky

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:05

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

This is about safe access, and about drawing a clear line between lawful protest and harassment at the doors of spaces where children, seniors, and families gather. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ghislane

Last name
Rachidi

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 07:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I support the recommendations

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Gordon

Last name
Steindel

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7-

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Guillermo

Last name
Szpigiel

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Hart

Last name
Klapman

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 17:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7-Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to express my profound concern regarding the aggressive protests targeting my children's school campus. During recent events, my children were subjected to shouting, intimidating signage, and recordings of gunfire and crying infants. These tactics are not peaceful protests; they are deliberate acts of psychological intimidation aimed at children. The presence of protesters and the resulting police response blocked our parking lot, making the safe dismissal of students to their families nearly impossible. No child should be exposed to such visceral displays of hatred. Our students, staff, and families have an absolute right to physical and emotional safety.
We call upon our local leaders to take immediate action to protect our school zone from these intimidation tactics. Education cannot happen in an environment of fear. We demand the protection of our children’s right to a safe, peaceful education.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Heather

Last name
Micflikier

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Hernan

Last name

Popper

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 19:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable Infrastructure By Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
In order to protect community institutions this by law is necessary. With this by law we will make sure that Winnipeg will remain a safe city . This is a very important measure no one needs to feel threatened or intimidated to enter a school, a community centre , a religious place .

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Iael

Last name
Besendorf

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:46

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, camp, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ian

Last name
Baruch

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 14:55

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Number 7, Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
At the core of good government is the principle “Save harmless those who are most vulnerable”. Based on the events of the last few years, particularly sine October7, 2023 one could only deduce that the Jewish community is “most vulnerable”. As such, good government would require the passage of the proposed By-Law, “Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure”.
Ian J. Goldstine M.D. (Retired)
Past President, Jewish Federation of Winnipeg
Past President, Doctors Manitoba
Past President, Manitoba College of Family Physicians

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ian

Last name

Goldstine

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 14:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe access to vulnarubale inferstraction by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
In April, a political protest related to overseas events took place directly in front of children's daycare facilities during pickup hours. While the right to peaceful protest is an important part of a democratic society, the location and timing of this demonstration raised concerns for many families.
Daycare centers serve very young children who may not understand the context of political demonstrations. Being exposed to loud, emotionally charged gatherings during their daily routine can cause confusion, fear, or a sense of insecurity. Childcare environments should remain safe, calm, and focused solely on the wellbeing of children.
Children are among the most vulnerable members of our community and should not feel caught in the middle of complex political issues. Moving forward, I respectfully encourage consideration of protest locations and times that do not directly impact daycare centers or other spaces dedicated to young children.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ilana

Last name
Libshitz

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 08:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
irit

Last name

shwartz

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 15:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.
This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship.

This is about safe access, and about drawing a clear line between lawful protest and harassment at the doors of spaces where children, seniors, and families gather. People's protests and freedom of expression are still warranted by our Charter of Freedom, but why? why harassing people in front of our churches, mosques, synagogues or any other kind of religious institutions? That must not be allowed

I urge you to support this important measure.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Isaac

Last name
Cohen

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 08:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I support the proposed by-law. It's intent should be self-evident, not to restrict freedom of expression, but to ensure safe spaces in the midst of a noisome and fragile urban community in the midst of a dangerous world.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
James Taylor

Last name
Christie

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 16:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The right of individuals to express their views and protest peacefully needs to be balanced with the right of individuals to go to their place of worship, or cultural community centre, or school without fear of harassment. Given the increase in hateful language and activities around faith-based and cultural-related buildings, this proposed bylaw needs to be adopted.
I am proud of the multicultural nature of our City, and the sense of community and mutual support we share. Sadly, we cannot take this for granted.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Javier

Last name
Schwersensky

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 17:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I have personally been affected by protesters at an entrance area at a community centre. There were numerous megaphones that they were using to hurl hateful and threatening slogans and some were even using threatening gestures. I saw that many children and adults were forced to run a gauntlet to get by the protestors. I have witnessed other protests that provoked fear in children and adults. Winnipegers should not be fearful to attend events in our city. Peaceful protests are reasonable but not when hateful and aggressive behaviours are inducing fear into our community. This is not the Winnipeg we want to advance. Please show leadership in this situation.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jeff

Last name
Itzkow

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

This by-law is necessary to help protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg stays safe and welcoming for all. No one should have to deal with intimidation or threats as they enter a community centre, school, or place of worship.

This is about safe access, and about drawing a clear line between lawful protest and harassment at the doors of spaces where children, seniors, and families gather.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jennie

Last name

Greisman

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 09:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Here is a more direct and grounded version, keeping the focus clear and policy-oriented:

I am writing in strong support of Agenda Item 7 at the February 17, 2026 Executive Policy Committee meeting and urge you to pass the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By law.

For me, this issue is personal. Every time I go to my synagogue, I carry a real concern that something could happen. I feel the same way about the Rady Centre. I have not been there in several years because of those concerns. I also made the difficult decision to withdraw my daughter from school there because I felt anxious each time I dropped her off. I have avoided attending the Folklorama pavilion at the Rady Centre for similar reasons.

No one should feel unsafe entering a place of worship, a school, or a community centre. Parents should not have to weigh safety concerns before sending their children to school or attending cultural events.

This by law is about safe access. It draws a clear line between lawful protest and conduct that creates fear or intimidation at the entrances of spaces where children, seniors, and families gather. It does not prevent protest. It ensures that protest does not interfere with people's ability to enter essential community institutions safely.

I urge you to support this measure and encourage your colleagues to do the same. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Jill

Last name
Kantor

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 10:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is a needed bylaw and should not be defeated through the actions of pressure groups

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Joe

Last name
Leven

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 17:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Winnipeg should stand out as a beacon of safety for all its residents. No one should be subjected to harassment or intimidation trying to enter their school, place of worship or community centre. We must learn from the past and now do the right thing.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
joel

Last name
hershfield

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 17:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Community Centres and places of worship are not the place to hold public protests of any kind against people attending services or events there. The public has a right to feel safe and free from intimidation or violence directed at them in these locations. My wife and I experienced aggressive behaviour and insults being hurled at us and other people leaving an event at the Rady Jewish Community Centre in 2024. The group protesting was no more than a few metres away from the front entrance. We were being singled out because we were Jewish, not because we had done anything to provoke the outrageous accusations and vitriol that were being agressively shouted. Imagine such a protest outside a church, a mosque, a private or public school, or a daycare. Would that be acceptable? There are other more appropriate places to stage such protests in our city. Please pass this measure to prevent further abuses and ensure our children and family members are free to worship and attend cultural events without fear of threats and intimidation.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
John

Last name
Bluethner

The following message was submitted using a Winnipeg.ca email contact form. The validity of the identity of the sender or the information provided cannot be guaranteed.

Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2026 3:21:32 PM
Full name: John Farber
Phone:
Address:
City: Winnipeg
Province or territory: Manitoba
Postal code:
File(s):
Referring URL: https://clkapps.winnipeg.ca/
Subject: DMIS Contact Form : Feedback
Message:
I am unable to connect to this site (https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fshare.google%2F2UynTaZWgxO1gt1aZ&data=05%7C02%7CCityClerks%40winnipeg.ca%7C3b2edbe5f2434a67e36008de6cd8319b%7C405abd592f4e4fabb403dc6c591db30c%7C0%7C0%7C639067876110434453%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=R%2BVFI9%2BfCeLMPjWZudDl769isanVhivSMvVB0C5FPdE%3D&reserved=0) to lodge a comment about the upcoming Executive Policy Committee Meeting of Feb 17 in reference to Agenda Item #7. I strongly support the proposed By-Law.
I have two young grandchildren in Gray Academy. The School requires full-time guard within the school because of the threatening and potentially violent behaviour of those who periodically demonstrate near the school. Similar security is needed near our places of worship. It is very upsetting that this is required to protect our kids and us from those in our community who have no hesitation when it comes to expressing hate and threats. They must not be allowed around this types of facilities. Please convey this to the Executive Policy Committee.
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Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 12:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I fully support freedom of speech, peaceful protest, and the democratic right to express dissent—these are fundamental to a healthy society. However, protesting directly outside vulnerable infrastructure such as schools and religious institutions crosses an important line. When demonstrations are intentionally positioned at places where families gather and children are present, the effect is not dialogue but intimidation. These settings are meant to be safe, neutral spaces, and using them as pressure points undermines public safety and social cohesion. I therefore support the City of Winnipeg's proposed policy on safe access to vulnerable infrastructure. At the same time, it is important to distinguish between intimidation-based protests and legitimate expressions of collective voice, such as First Nations marches and demonstrations rooted in history, rights recognition, and peaceful assembly. These are fundamentally different in purpose and impact, and both freedom of expression and community safety can—and must—be upheld together.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jordan

Last name
Farber

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments

I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.

This is about safe access, and about drawing a clear line between lawful protest and harassment at the doors of spaces where children, seniors, and families gather.

Please act today and encourage others in your networks to do the same. Thank you for standing with us on this important issue.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Jose

Last name
Navarro

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 12:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 access to vulnerable infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Joshua

Last name
Donen

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 07:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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Walking out of Folklorama at the Rady JCC, people shouted vile jew-hating remarks at me and my children, accusing my 6 and 10 year old of being babykillers. The fact that anyone could endorse this activity shows that we have gone beyond the pale as a society accepting this behaviour.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
julie

Last name
pfeffer

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:59

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is sadly a necessary action to take as nobody should be intimidated or threatened as they enter a community centre, school or place of worship. There needs to be a line drawn between lawful protest , and verbal and physical harassment of individuals trying to enter a door of a community centre, school, or place of worship. Please support this important measure, to keep Winnipeg safe for all to enter any of the above types of places. Going to folklorama last year at Shalom Square was a horrible experience due to people shouting disgusting remarks and threats to children and seniors alike. Something like this must never happen again.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Kathryn

Last name
Taback

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 11:37

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructute

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Peaceful demonstrations and gatherings, I support. Public violence (verbal and physical), hatred, aggression and intimidation, which will just get worse if left unchecked, I am opposed to. The message should be made clear that those behaviours are no acceptable and will not be tolerated in our community.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kathy

Last name
Milla

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Keren

Last name
Holian

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Places of worship, schools and cultural centres should be off limits as targets for political demonstrations. For example at last summer's Folklorama the Israel Shalom Square pavilion at the Rady Jewish Community Centre was the site of a noisy, disruptive demonstration whose purpose was to intimidate the volunteers and guests.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Larry

Last name
Fishman

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:32

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7-Safe access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. I have had to pass through threatening groups to enter a community centre and it is frightening. I urge you to support this important measure.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Lawrence

Last name
Etkin

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 18:45

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Keep Winnipeg safe - protect citizens from hate speech, intimidation and protest around community centers, houses of worship and schools.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Leah

Last name
Braemer

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 16:24

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Leah

Last name
Craven

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 12:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I support Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.
No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community center, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Len

Last name
Ganetsky

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 22:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Leo

Last name

Korenbaum

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 14:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 -Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The protests against this bylaw seem to revolve around freedom of speech and the right to protest. This by-law does neither. What it does is protect our citizens. I witnessed and was the object of hatred and lies spewed and screamed at me. In the front of my son's school. In front of a Folklorama Pavilion that ironically supports beautiful diverse cultures. "Rapist" , "whore", "baby killer", "pedofile", " we are going to come after you and your son and your family" , "you will end up like this person" (pointing to a sign of a deceased Jewish person). This is not a peaceful protest. It is acts of aggression and threats. At the very least, it should not be where people gather to worship and celebrate.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Leona

Last name
Buchszreiber

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing to formally express my strong support for the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. This legislation is a critical and necessary step to ensure the safety and freedom of Winnipeg's Jewish community.

In August, I made the difficult decision not to attend a Folklorama event because I have small children. I was concerned for their safety and did not want them hurt or exposed to the hateful and dangerous mob that was intimidating attendees. That concern remains with me; I now feel compelled to check every time I go to an event to ensure there is no mob present.

These mobs are targeting us because we refuse to renounce our connection to our indigenous land and culture. Such intimidation is the opposite of democracy—it is an attempt to rule by fear.

Furthermore, it is deeply troubling that Jewish synagogues and community centers currently require armed guards to function. No community should have to live under such threat. If these types of attacks were directed at any other indigenous group, they would be universally rejected.

Passing this by-law is the minimum the City can do to protect its residents and allow for the continuation of Jewish life in Winnipeg. We as Canadians should learn from the mistakes of dark times in our history and not repeat them. The protection of minorities and a safe, civil democratic process are the foundation of any democracy. I urge you to vote in favour of this protection.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Leonid

Last name
Gofman

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Lilian

Last name
Skilnik Wilk

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 02:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access To Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
To those I hope this will concern:

Prior to the city council's vote on the 'Bubble' By-law, I would like to voice my full and strong support of it, and ask that you do likewise.

I am a 71 year old 'Winnipeger' who grew up in this city, and whose parents and grandparents contributed to the city of Winnipeg's history, to the province of Manitoba and to Canada. As a citizen of Winnipeg and a member of the Jewish community here, I contest the assertion that placing limited restrictions on the proximity of loud, offensive disturbing and often hate-filled demonstrations to Vulnerable Infrastructure' will diminish the legitimate freedoms and rights of the broad general public to well intentioned protest.

It is evident to me that opponents of the 'Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure' by-law have a political agenda, or that they themselves have not experienced the need for it, unable to relate or empathise with what it means to be part of a minority that, while only 1% of Canada's total population, faces 70% of faith related hate crimes.

If any of you have children or grandchildren, try to imagine the trauma of picking them up or dropping them off at their school, daycare, cultural events or swimming lessons, having to explain to them about the scary people outside calling them (their parents and grandparents) 'baby killers' and other harassing, bullying, disrespectful and disturbing names.

Please - vote yes for this important By-law; the 'Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure' and move this city back in the direction of sanity and safety for all of it's citizenry and in particular, vulnerable minorities.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Lisa

Last name
Diamant

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to you today as a resident of Winnipeg to express my firm support for the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Over the past five years, our city has seen a marked increase in the intensity and frequency of demonstrations. While the right to peaceful assembly is a cornerstone of our democracy, what we have increasingly witnessed in Winnipeg are not merely "protests," but targeted actions designed to intimidate, violate, and spread hate.

It is deeply concerning that Winnipeggers currently face harassment when attempting to access essential spaces—whether they are taking their children to school or daycare, attending a place of worship, or seeking healthcare. When demonstrations transition from expressing an opinion to creating a climate of fear, they cease to be protected discourse and become a threat to public safety.

I believe the proposed 100-metre buffer zones and the fines for intimidation are necessary tools to ensure that:

Vulnerable Citizens are Protected: No one should have to run a gauntlet of hate or fear for their safety to access community infrastructure.

Hate is Not Given a Pass: We must acknowledge that hate is flourishing in these high-intensity demonstrations, and clear legal boundaries are required to curb its impact on our

community.

Public Spaces Remain Accessible: Our libraries, schools, and cultural centres must remain welcoming environments for all residents, regardless of their background or identity.

I urge the Executive Policy Committee and City Council to pass this by-law without delay. We need a clear signal from our city leadership that while we value free speech, we will not tolerate the use of intimidation as a political tool or the violation of our neighbours' right to move safely through our city.

Thank you for your time and for your work in keeping Winnipeggers safe.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
M.

Last name
Gale

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 16:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Maayan

Last name
Sabzayev

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I'm not filling safe any time i'm entró g a Jewish community building

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mabel

Last name

Rozenblat

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 12:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I fully support the right to protest peacefully. The protests we have seen though in the last few years have included intimidation, hatred, and disrespect. Given this, protests should not occur in front of institutions means to keep people safe.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Mal

Last name
Magorel-Fridson

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 20:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mara

Last name
Lyons Zipursky

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
It was very ugly to experience harassment from Palestinians supporters a few times when they had the nerve to come to our place, the Asper Jewish Community Campus.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Marcelo

Last name
Mohadeb

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This by-law is an important measure to safeguard key community institutions and help keep Winnipeg safe and welcoming for everyone. No one should face intimidation or threats when entering a community centre, school, or place of worship. I strongly encourage you to support this vital initiative.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Margarita

Last name
Kogan Konig

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 10:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Support or oppose recommendations
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
MARK

Last name

Broitman

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 10:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
As a lifetime resident of Winnipeg, I want to express my strong support for the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. I am a mother and grandmother now in my early 70s and live in Councillor Duncan's ward.

Winnipeg has changed dramatically, and sadly, not in a good way. Over the past number of years, "protests" and "demonstrations" have moved well past peaceful assembly into loud, ugly hatefests designed to intimidate, harass and create fear. Notably, these actions, which have been escalating, have taken place outside locations such as a synagogue and at the Jewish Community Campus that hosts many events and is the home of many Jewish institutions, including a Jewish day school and daycare. I have personally witnessed more than one supposed "protest" where the "protesters" were loudly spewing vile hatred and creating an ugly intimidating situation.

These actions have caused fear and safety concerns for children, seniors, families and community members who were just trying to live normal lives at places of worship, learning or community.

This should be deeply concerning for all Winnipeggers and must be addressed swiftly and decisively.

I believe the proposed 100-metre buffer zones and the fines for intimidation are necessary tools to ensure that:

- Vulnerable citizens are protected: No one should have to run a gauntlet of hate or to fear for their safety in order to access schools, daycare, places of worship, or community infrastructure.

- Hate is not given a pass: We must all acknowledge the hate on clear display in these high-intensity demonstrations. Clear legal boundaries are required to curb its impact on our community.

- Public spaces remain accessible: Our libraries, schools, daycares and cultural centres must remain welcoming environments for all residents, regardless of their background or identity.

I urge the Executive Policy Committee and City Council to pass this by-law without delay. We need a clear signal from our city leadership that while we value free speech, we will not tolerate the use of intimidation and harassment or the violation of the right of Winnipeg residents to move safely through our city.

Thank you for your time and your work.

I look forward to seeing this important bylaw being passed, implemented and enforced to keep Winnipeggers safe.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Marla

Last name
Shragge

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 12:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by- law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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In August 2025, at The Israel pavilion, Shalom Square I was personally affected by the protesters as I attempted to walk from the parking lot to the pavilion. It was completely inappropriate for protesters to create such a hostile and negative atmosphere at a time when our city works so hard to celebrate different cultures. Such a shame that the protesters felt a need to be aggressive and loud and angry when families with young children as well as seniors came to have an evening out to celebrate music and dance. It was a deeply disturbing experience!!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Marlaina

Last name
Sommer

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 19:33

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Bubble by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
It's imperative to keep our citizens safe and free from verbal attacks.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Marli

Last name
Lerner

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 14:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
All people should be protected from harassment in these special places

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Martin

Last name
Strauss

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Martin

Last name
Wayngarten

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 17:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Mason

Last name
Grusko

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:52

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe and vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Executive Policy Committee
Agenda item you want to address (number and title): #7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.
Support

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This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure. It is scary for small children and seniors to be threatened and harassed when coming to school, daycare or to attend programs at the community centre . This is about protecting Canadians and Manitoba residents . We want to feel safe in our communities and not feel intimidated, threatened and endangered by loud speakers yelling and threats of violence . This does not diminish their right to free speech. It only allows for safe access entry and exit to our school and community by our most vulnerable members .

Thank you ,
Maya Kravetsky

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Maya

Last name
Kravetsky

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mazi

Last name
Frank

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 16:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This by-law is important for many reasons - it provides safety in not only accessing vulnerable infrastructure, but it also provides safety for vulnerable humans who are acting within their right to access healthcare, schooling, or right to worship in their religious institution. It allows for an increase in anonymity for those who might be accessing healthcare for personal reasons, without fear of shame.
Those opposed are going to say it is infringing on their rights to protest. This is not the case - it is limiting the distance to the venue of said protest. Institutions such as schools or hospitals are not locations that can create change on the ground as a result of protest. This is about safe access, and about drawing a clear line between lawful protest and harassment at the doors of spaces where children, seniors, and families gather. The people who require these services should not feel intimidated/shame/fear while accessing these locations, such as schools, healthcare. Everyone should feel safe in our city!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Melissa

Last name
Diamond

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:41

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Personally, I've had frightening experiences for my children, walking with them to Synagogue. Besides for having our small children watch and walk by screams and chants, already more than not pleasant, a protestor using a bullhorn announced about myself and my 3 year old (no one else was with us) 'there goes the genocide supporters'. It goes without saying that I've never met that protestor before, and they don't know me from anywhere. At the very least, events where things like that are possible should not take place where children must go.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Menachem Mendel

Last name
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Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 18:13

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
We had our kids and community harassed for 2.5 years. Enough is enough!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Meytal

Last name
Benjamin

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:49

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Everyone deserves to live their lives without having their access disrupted to religious buildings, child care centres, schools and universities. For over two years, protesters have been blocking traffic and building entrances, and shouting angry rhetoric to intimidate, harass, and threaten people going about their daily lives - including young children! People don't feel safe and there are no repercussions for the protestors. Keeping 100 metres away from key places does not interfere with people's right to protest, but it will make those who are targeted feel safer.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mia

Last name
Elfenbaum

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 12:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Please help us feel safe again. This matter is serious to me and my family and community. Thank you

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Michael

Last name
Salman

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 17:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Michael

Last name
Silver

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 10:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

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michelle

Last name
chisick

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 16:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Michelle

Last name
Choch

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Last August (2025), when I attended the Israeli Pavilion at Folklorama with my daughter, we experienced a deeply upsetting incident. As we walked from the parking lot toward the pavilion, several people standing along the street shouted offensive slurs at us — "sharmuta" (an Arabic insult meaning "slut") and "bat zona" (a similar derogatory term in Hebrew).
Although police officers were present, they did not intervene because the harassment was verbal rather than physical. Nonetheless, this was extremely distressing for me and my daughter. It was painful to hear such hateful language, especially in a place as welcoming and diverse as Manitoba.
I respectfully ask that steps be taken to prevent incidents like this in the future and to ensure that all visitors feel safe and protected from harassment at Folklorama and similar community events.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Mila

Last name
Mirkin

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:39

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Congregation Etz Chayim is an Egalitarian Conservative Synagogue in Winnipeg and as the COO of our beloved organization, I am strongly in support of the recommendations. On behalf of our organization, members, congregants, and the Winnipeg Jewish Community, I cannot begin to express in words alone the importance of this unquestionably necessary step in properly protecting religious freedoms and safe access to vulnerable infrastructure here at home and across Canada while also addressing the rise in division, intolerance, and hatred across our county. No one should fear attending religious services, seeking pastoral support, coming to a meeting regarding funeral planning, or taking part in cultural/community events in our most basic fundamental institutions because of a fear for safety, and it is a sad reflection of the state of our city, province, and country that these are the issues that we so desperately need to address at this time. Please do not let this opportunity for better tomorrows pass us all by as the physical, mental, and emotional health of so many people here in Winnipeg depend on your further assurances and ongoing support when it comes to the safety of everyone who feels threatened or in any danger while approaching and accessing the spaces referenced in the proposed by-law. Thank you.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Morissa

Last name
Granove

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 16:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to vulnerable infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Nancy

Last name
Glinter

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:01

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
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Public engagement (optional)

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Yes

Personal information

First name
Natalia

Last name
Ben

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 07:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.
Last year, while walking into the Rady Jewish community Center my daughter was harassed by protesters standing by the doors, with one yelling at her "Hamas is coming for you".
No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.
This is about safe access, and about drawing a clear line between lawful protest and harassment at the doors of spaces where children, seniors, and families gather.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Natalio

Last name
Nudler

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 12:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by las

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
The concerns expressed that this bylaw would curtail the right to public protest are misguided. The bylaw imposes reasonable limits on that right so that protests not interfere with other persons freedom of association. In any event if the terms of the bylaw exceed the authority of the city to impose them a remedy can be sought in court.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Neil

Last name
Cutler

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 16:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
The law regarding protests should distinguish between getting a point of view out before the public, and, acting with the intent to harass and intimidate. I'm today supporting the Safe Access bylaw as written because it's the only one on the table, but what I really wish to see is political will to enforce a protocol where officers detain and charge persons that have gone well beyond making themselves seen and heard. Lawmakers should consider a $50 fine for a first offense, and for a second offense, both a $200 fine and - importantly - having their names and face (full legal name with aliases, full unencumbered headshot) posted to a scrollable and searchable public record; the offender's entry would be withdrawn perhaps one year after the most recent offense. Please give this your serious attention.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Neil

Last name

Schipper

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 21:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda item you want to address (number and title): #7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I'am writing in strong support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.
This by-law is a critical and urgent measure to safeguard our essential community institutions and uphold Winnipeg as a city that is safe, inclusive, and welcoming to all. No individual should ever be forced to face intimidation, harassment, or threats simply to access a community centre, attend school, or enter a place of worship. I strongly urge you to stand behind and support this vital and necessary action.
I found the conduct of these so-called protestors deeply disturbing and fundamentally inconsistent with the Canadian principles of safety, respect, and security for all citizens. Their actions—particularly the targeting of children—cross a serious line and amount to harassment. Such behaviour is unacceptable and undermines the sense of protection and dignity that every child and family deserves.
I sincerely hope the committee will take decisive action to protect our vibrant, multicultural city from intimidation and harassment carried out under the guise of so-called “free speech.” Freedom of expression must never be used as a shield to justify conduct that threatens the safety, dignity, and well-being of our communities.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Olga

Last name
Maleyev

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 05:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This bylaw is ESSENTIAL for the wellbeing of our citizenry of all stripes - religious, colour, gender/sexuality, etc. It MUST be passed for our city to rediscover its tolerance and beauty...

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
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Last name
Bager

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:04

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This is critical to protect those vulnerable who attend community spaces, cultural events, places of worship. I have not attended any of these events in over 2 years because I am fearful to be targeted with a group of Jewish people. I have only attend 1-2 events where heavy police patrol was present. I have avoided my synagogue and the Asper Campus for all events including the Jewish high holy days. I never missed any events prior to Oct 2023.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Pam

Last name
Wener

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Having been present at an anti-Israel rally last year outside the Rady JCC I noticed that protesters did not obey police and stay on their side of the street. Various protesters pushed closer to the other side of the street shouting anti-Semitic words. Police did not do anything to calm the situation nor to arrest or ticket those who violated the rule to stay on the sidewalk across the street by the parking lot. The police could not contain the protesters on their side of the street nor would they do anything when asked. I was worried that there would be violence between protesters and others trying to enter and leave the Rady Centre. It was a scary situation. A similar situation occurred when trying to enter the Israel Pavillion for Folklorama.
Parents trying to pick up their children from Day Care and School at the Rady JCC had to decide whether or not to wait until the protest was over or to walk through the protesters to their cars with young children. Our young children should not be subjected to this.
My grandchildren attend Brock-Corydon School. The doors are locked during the day to avoid anyone entering with malicious intentions. This does not occur at other public schools on a regular basis. One night, at about 10 pm. I noticed a police car guarding the school on Corydon Ave. after a particular flare-up of emotions about events in Israel. Although I was happy to see that the city was protecting the school, a calmer city would permit limited police funds to be used in other needed places.
Finally, I was disgusted and dismayed to see the ugly tagging of swastikas on the Shaarey

Zedek Synagogue. The Jewish community deserves to enter and leave their community institutions in safety and security. Please ensure a safe protection zone around these community institutions before a real tragedy occurs.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Patti

Last name
Cohen

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 18:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
'SAFE ACCESS TO VULNERABLE INFRASTRUCTURE BY-LAW

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I support this by-law

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Paul

Last name
Jamieson

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 16:48

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
protect our community, and every community.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
As a member of Jewish Organizations, we are vulnerabble to teh hatred and intimidation that has flourished in Canada since the Slaughter of 1200 Civilians on October 7, 2023.

I Winessed a pro-Palestinian march wich took place north-bound on Main Street toward Portage Avenue Chanting:
"From the River (Jordan) to the Sea (Mediterranean),Palestine will be Free (of Jews)' meaning all of Israel and "Kill the Jews" while police accompanied this protest. No arrests were made due for hatred and incitement of violence.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Philip

Last name
Spevack

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
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This by-law is an important step in protecting essential community institutions and helping ensure Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city. No one should have to face intimidation or threats simply to enter a school, community centre, or place of worship. I encourage you to support this measure.

This is about safe access and about drawing a clear line between lawful protest and harassment at the entrances of spaces where children, seniors, and families gather.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Raya

Last name
Margulets

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7- Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Comments
I am writing to provide my personal experience in support of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. I understand that the By-Law has been shelved for numerous reasons, however, I urge Council to revisit this issue as soon as possible with a redrafted policy to address these concerns.
I am a member of the Jewish community and I am a mother of 2 small children. I am a lawyer and I live in the Tuxedo neighbourhood close to the Rady Centre.
I have direct experience with the people who choose to spend their time targeting and harassing Jews (I will refer to these people as "Demonstrators" notwithstanding their conduct is not peaceful protest), and who have targeted the Rady Centre for a multitude of reasons over the years.
I have come face to face with these Demonstrators on numerous occasions (daily, during Folklorama in 2024 and 2025; and again last year when a speaker from Israel spoke at the centre).
Two examples of my many experiences, as follows:
1. Folklorama 2024, Israel Pavilion. Protestors remained present all week. I pick up my children every day and have to contend with Police parked outside and the messaging I deliver to my children in why police are present that week (I choose "they are keeping us safe" rather than
"these people hate you because you are Jewish"- they get to learn that lesson when they are older).

Our family attended the Israeli Pavilion for the early show on Friday. When we left, I observed Ramsay Zeid (the Demonstrator who plans and executes many of these "demonstrations") chatting and laughing with City Police. Music/Rap was being blasted on speakers including Antisemitic and provocative lyrics. The sidewalks were blocked by no fewer than 20 adults holding posters and waving Palestinian flags.

In walking to the parking lot, I held tightly to the hand of my (then) 4-year-old son. As we passed, I was accused by a screaming woman of "committing genocide" (here I thought I was just walking to my car in Winnipeg, having not murdered anyone that day). I kept telling my friendly, kind son to look at me and not to listen to the screaming.
The woman continued to attack me, telling me that I should "google the Nakba" (as if that would somehow justify her presence on a street outside my children's daycare/school and I would somehow then agree that she was a reasonable person with a full and enriched life and that harassing Canadian 4 year olds who want to dance to Hava Nagila is completely acceptable).
Police made no efforts to intervene, clear the sidewalk, or otherwise make any effort to shield my kid from the bigoted, racist attacks.
2. Last Spring there was a speaker scheduled to commence around 6 or 7 pm. Demonstrators began to appear early (ie- during school hours). I received an email from the school recommending children be picked up early for their safety.

I attended to the school, and had to pass more than 6 police to pick up my children from school/daycare (respectively).

The news coverage of this protest was shocking in its' normalization of rabid, masked, Antisemitic demonstrators amassing outside an elementary school, because (heaven forbid) an Israeli Jew was scheduled to speak 4 hours later.
For further context and information of Council, when police are called to the Rady Centre and a presence is maintained, urgent emails are sent to parents to avoid widespread panic. I am not alone in living in a state of heightened anxiety that it is only a matter of time until an attack occurs where are children are targeted or harmed by someone who hates them for being Jewish.
The actions of these Demonstrators has actively normalized antisemitism. They are efficient, organised and frequently weaponize information and police inaction to target my community, specifically.
There are no circumstances when assembly outside a Jewish children's school/daycare (without invitation) for the purpose of "a protest" is acceptable. None. If this were a private school for any other religion or ethnic group, there would be zero tolerance.
As a Canadian, born and raised in Winnipeg, who has been taught and believes Western values, three years ago I would have never believed that attending my Winnipeg community centre would take me back in time to Germany in 1933.
Repeated protests/biased news coverage/and lack of enforcement functions to shift the Overton Window (Political Theory that refers to the range of policy a public will accept. Viewpoints outside the Window are considered fringe/extreme and not acceptable to the general public) to include these forms of bigotry as acceptable and mainstream.
I ask that you deeply reflect upon and question the motivation of those opposing this By-Law. Why does a group feels so passionate and entitled to attend a children's school or synagogue to harass people going about their business? Why do these Demonstrators feel as though blasting through speakers Antisemitic trope, filled with profanity and invective, aimed at a kids' school in Winnipeg helps anyone in Gaza? Why do they feel the need to

submit 200 submissions to Council about their rights to "protest" in this manner? Why is there such a fear in enforcing existing laws, and having the Winnipeg Police simply tell them to cut it out?
While this By-Law has been placed on the shelf, I ask that Council redraft and reconsider to ensure that the Winnipeg Jewish community is not further marginalized by malignant Antisemitism dressed up as peaceful protest.
Please feel free to reach out should you require more information.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Reannah

Last name
Hocken

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 12:43

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
It was an unexplainable awful feeling at Folklorama when we are meant to explore and welcome all Winnipegers cultural diversity. And only at the Israeli pavilion people shouting at my children that they were genocidal murders and wished they were killed. They were cursed at and were made to feel ashamed of who they are, which are just Canadians born and raised here. Whilst there were no protestors at the Russian pavilion or any other pavilion, my community is continually targeted. It's despicable. My children are also used to having police protect their schools, bomb threats, protestors at our peaceful community events, hate speech, and avoiding conflict with aggressive protectors while leaving their school. This does not exist outside the Jewish community and it's absolutely unacceptable, even though it feels like our city, province and country is in acceptance with it.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Rebecca

Last name
Sprintz

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Council Members,

I strongly support a bylaw that prohibits organized protests within a buffer of community-centre entrances, religious facilities, and school properties.

Why this matters

Public safety: Demonstrations directly outside these sites increase the risk of intimidation, harassment, and violence. A clear distance gives police a concrete standard for timely intervention.

Uninterrupted access: Parents, students, seniors, and families rely on these spaces daily. Blocking entrances or creating a hostile atmosphere effectively denies them essential services.
Community cohesion: Winnipeg's diverse population thrives when everyone feels safe to attend worship, classes, and community programs. Buffer zones help preserve that inclusive atmosphere.

Legal footing: Canadian jurisprudence permits zones that protect vulnerable locations, provided they are reasonable and uniformly applied.

Adopting this bylaw will safeguard safety, ensure equal access to vital community resources, and reinforce the multicultural spirit of our beautiful city. I urge the council to enact the legislation promptly.

Respectfully,

Reed Cohen

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Reed

Last name
Cohen

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
As the Executive Director of Congregation Shaarey Zedek, I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.
This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Rena

Last name

Elbaze

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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I observed incidents that developed during Folklorama, where families, children, and elders were subject of hate expresión and violence that were unacceptable. This has to stop.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Ricardo

Last name
Almosnino

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 10:19

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
This proposal protects families and communities. No parent should have to shield their children while returning to their vehicle from a community event or even a regular day at daycare. The security layer here is needed to properly protect vulnerable communities.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Richard

Last name
Pollock

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 14:20

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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This is about safe access, and about drawing a clear line between lawful protest and harassment at the doors of spaces where children, seniors, and families gather.

People should be able to attend schools and religious organizations without being protested outside.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Rishona

Last name
Hyman

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 12:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I support creating buffer zones around schools, hospitals, cultural and religious institutions. No one should feel threatened or intimidated going into where they learn, where the pray, or where they play.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Robyn

Last name
Rypp

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 01:08

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ron

Last name
East

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 14:53

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I volunteered for the Folklorama Shalom Square Pavilion at the Rady Jewish Community Centre (123 Doncaster in Winnipeg) for the past 3 years. It was disturbing and intimidating to walk past the street between the parking lot and the community centre. There were protestors carrying Palestinian flags, placards and signs, yelling to passersby calling them baby killers and even saying that 'Hamas is coming to get you.' Some were taking pictures and even video. There were songs accusing those walking by of supporting genocide. This was not a political event but a Folklorama event to promote multi-culturalism at various pavilions throughout our city. Allowing such protests in my opinion deters promotion of the city and tourism in Winnipeg. It was an attack on not only the Jewish community but on all who attended or volunteered at Folklorama, many of whom are tourists from outside our city, province or country. It seems we need to fo better than that to make Winnipeg a welcoming place to learn about every culture, including that of Israel and Jewish people.
I applaud your efforts to make our city a place where people attending events in community centres, schools and religious institutions feel safe in attending without a crowd of angry protestors confronting, insulting and even threatening harm via a recognized terrorist organization.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Roy

Last name
Hiebert

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:06

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Let's leave the Middle East in the middle east and stay safe here. Kids and children institutions should not be bothered politically because of their religion, or under any circumstances. Free speech is important, but harassing children and families is crossing a line

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ruth

Last name
Harari

‘Subject: Strong Support for the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Dear Members of Executive Policy Committee,

Please note: I am not attending in person due to personal safety concerns.

As such, I am writing as a resident of Winnipeg to express my support for the proposed *Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law*, which would establish 100-metre buffer zones around key community sites—including schools, hospitals, health-care facilities, places of worship, libraries, community centres, cultural centres, cemeteries, and neighbourhood rehabilitation homes—to protect against nuisance demonstrations and intimidation.

In recent years, we have seen increasing instances where protests and demonstrations have crossed into harassment, obstruction, and intimidation of people simply trying to access essential services or participate in community life. The Jewish community has been a specific target of this harassment and intimidation causing significant fear. Families dropping children at school, patients attending medical appointments, worshippers entering places of faith, and vulnerable individuals seeking support in rehabilitation or community spaces including but not limited to the Folklorama Israel Pavilion - should never face fear, verbal abuse, blocking of entrances, or targeted attacks based on protected characteristics.

This by-law strikes a reasonable and necessary balance:

- It respects the Charter rights to freedom of expression and assembly—protesters remain free to demonstrate elsewhere, voice their views through other channels, or hold events outside the designated zones.
- It focuses narrowly on prohibiting harmful conduct (such as intimidation, obstruction, or nuisance protests tied to race, religion, gender identity, or other specified characteristics) in sensitive locations where people are most vulnerable.

Manitoba already has provincial buffer zones in place for abortion services (under the Safe Access to Abortion Services Act, effective February 2025), proving that such measures can protect access to health care without unduly restricting speech. Extending similar protections to schools, hospitals, places of worship, and other community hubs is a logical and compassionate next step to keep our city safe and inclusive for everyone.

As a Winnipegger, I value both free expression and the right to access public spaces without fear. This bylaw protects the latter without meaningfully impairing the former. I urge Council to approve the by-law promptly when it comes forward.

Thank you for considering this important measure to foster safer, more welcoming communities across our city.

Sincerely,
Ruth Laveman
Winnipeg, Manitoba
February 13, 2026

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 16:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Comments
Unless you have experienced the malice and feelings of being unsafe and maligned by a group such as the various anti-Israel & anti-semitic hate groups when we try to enter our synagogues and community centres, you cannot understand our need for this to pass. They are hypocritical, as is evidenced by their lack of demonstrating for the folks under attack in Iran and in various countries in Africa, not to mention Ukraine. Their demonstrating is only when Jews are the target.

It is illogical for people to demonstrate against a foreign power that has no bearing on where they live. If it is considered ok to demonstrate against the government of another country, do it at the appropriate embassy/consulate where decisions might actually be made.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Ruth

Last name
Livingston

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:50

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I feel that my rights to feel safe with my community have increasingly been infringed upon and the after effects of that incitation have not been sufficiently addressed. This is a step forward in safety and reconciliation for past harms.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Seth

Last name
Morris

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:44

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7Safe Access to vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
As a member of the Jewish Community, I fully support this by-law, as I have felt personally vulnerable when attending events at our Community Centre and our Synagogue. I have also experienced intimidation and threatening behavior from people outside of the Jewish community. Never before have I felt this fear. As such, I am fully in support of Item #7 as a step to protect essential community institutions.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sharon

Last name
Tritt

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 16:07

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7- Safe Access to Vulnerable infrastructure by-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sheila

Last name
Farago

I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

As life long Winnipegers my family, including my young grandchildren, were afraid to enter Folklorama's Israeli Pavilion this summer because of the aggressive hate filled speech coming from protesters at the entrance. My grand children attend Gray academy and the fact that they need security and police cars in the parking lot to ensure their safety, is outrageous in our city and country. Only Jewish schools and synagogues have always had and do require armed security in Winnipeg. I fear for their safety daily. How is this allowed to go on in our beautiful city and all around our country? It's starting to feel like pre-war Nazi Germany.

This by-law is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all. No one should have to pass through intimidation or threats to enter a community centre, school, or place of worship. I urge you to support this important measure.

Thank you for your support.

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 10:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
We all deserve the right to gather in safe spaces as a community, individuals and nation without fear.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sheri

Last name
Amilov

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 22:16

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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Thank you

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Simona

Last name
Y.

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 15:40

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This by law is necessary to maintain a sense of safety in the community. It draws a clear line between freedom of speech and harassment and intimidation

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Sofia

Last name
Lisogorsky

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 20:10

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
This legislation is long overdue. It will provide security and comfort to communities who feel threatened. I strongly urge members to support it.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Steve

Last name
Kroft

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:28

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
As a lifelong Winnipegger and active member of the Winnipeg Community, I am deeply concerned by the protest activities I have seen over the last few years in Winnipeg and throughout Canada. While I certainly understand and respect the right for people to assemble and protest (I have practiced law in the City for over 30 years and certainly understand the right to peacefully protest), this does not include the right to intimidate and harass others nor does it include the right to encourage and promote violence. Unfortunately, I have personally witnessed hateful rallies near Synagogues and outside the Rady Jewish Community Centre where the sole intention is to scare and intimidate members of the Jewish Community. While I respect the right for people to peacefully protest, this is clearly not what is transpiring. In fact, I have personally spoken to a number of police officers who have witnessed the same but have told me that there is nothing they can do as they are being instructed not to interfere even when the intimidation tactics are inciting violence. At a bare minimum, we need to establish and enforce buffer zones around community centres, schools, places of worship and other vulnerable places so that Winnipeggers can feel more safe. I do not see how establishing buffer zones does anything to stop or impede people's right to assemble and peacefully protest. Any argument to the contrary must be viewed very critically - why else would you reasonably object to a buffer zone?

Please do the right thing and and pass this by-law. The City needs to show support for all communities being targeted . Enforcing a buffer zone is a good first step.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steven Kohn K.C.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Steven

Last name
Kohn K.C.

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:51

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Comments
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It's easy for people who feel empowered to protest violently or aggressively wherever they wish, under the gaslit guise of free speech, to stand against this bylaw. This bylaw is meant to protect minorities who are in need of protection. Voting against this motion is a pretty clear statement by council - which presumably is meant to protect the citizens of Winnipeg - that it's more important that minorities be sworn at and harassed than it is to impose reasonable limits on free speech. Council should decide that it's better to move forward to protect minorities from hate, and then address any reasonable limitations that the legal system may impose, rather than negotiating with itself to not bring the bylaw forward out of fear of the crowd. The minorities also (literally) fear the crowd, which is why council needs to do its job and establish laws to protect minorities.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Steven

Last name
London

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 21:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrasructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Submit comments in writing

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Susan

Last name
Billinkoff

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 23:14

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, Executive Policy Committee meeting, urging passage of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw. This is necessary to ensure that Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city free from intimidation or threats to all institutions. I urge you to support this important measure.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Suzanne

Last name
Golden

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 18:31

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Please help keep our schools and community centres safe!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sveta

Last name
Schwartzman

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 16:11

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe access to vulnerable infrastructure by law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I don’t feel safe or comfortable with my children being exposed to demonstrations near their school. Holding protests in front of a school — especially when they have the potential to become violent — does more harm than good. Schools should be a safe and stable environment for children, not a setting for conflict or unrest.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tal

Last name
Caspi

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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This is about safe access, and about drawing a clear line between lawful protest and harassment at the doors of spaces where children, seniors, and families gather.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tamar

Last name
Barr

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:12

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
As a parent of three young children, having to walk by protesters holding hateful signs and calling my children ‘baby killers’ on the way to attending synagogue, or dropping them off at school is intensely uncomfortable, and against Canadian values, and the values of this city as a multicultural and tolerant community. Later I have had to have many conversations to answer my children’s about ‘why’ those people were there, ‘why they were yelling at us’ in the course of a non political and routine act of going to school or practicing our religion in peace. Protests belong in front of government buildings - not in front of schools and places and worship. Protests should not be acts of intimidation and hate against a group of people.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tamar

Last name
Rubin

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 15:22

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
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Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Please act today and encourage others in your networks to do the same. Thank you for standing with us on this important issue.

Terry Gutkin

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Terry

Last name
Gutkin

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:30

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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As a long time supporter of community events, I was horrified at Folklaram in 2025 by the awful, disrespectful and frightening protestors outside the Israel pavilion. It was so scary having to walk past protestors harassing & screaming for the death of Israeli's and Zionists and watching NOTHING being done to protect people out for an enjoyable night.

Please act today and help keep ALL people of Winnipeg and Manitoba safe.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Tracy

Last name
Leipsic

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 11:00

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Vadim

Last name
Malkin

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 18:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
agenda item 7 of the EPC meeting and named Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I support the by law

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Victoria

Last name
Ayers

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 16:42

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

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I want vulnerable communities to feel safe!

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Victoria

Last name
Lyonin

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 16:09

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
item 7

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Wayne

Last name
Manishen

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 09:02

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Wayne

Last name
Nemy

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 15:18

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 - Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
In the last couple of years I felt unsafe when attended community events, cultural events in a vicinity to elementary school. The city of Winnipeg is big enough to allow people including the ones who likes to behave not in a Canadian manner, to "protest" and spread their hate in 99% of its area. It shouldn't be tolerated in community centres, Kindergartens or schools surroundings.
Thank you.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Zehava

Last name
Yehuda

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 22:29

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
I understand that the above recommendation will be withdrawn, but I would urge City Council to ensure that it is never renewed. The by-law is far too restrictive and would endanger people's right to peaceful protest, which is guaranteed in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Susan

Last name
Huebert

Submitted: Tue, 02/17/2026 - 08:56

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
To the Executive Policy Committee,

When I was thirteen I remember walking several blocks in the heart of downtown for a Climate Action protest. There were easily over 1 000 people marching and chanting in unity, exercising their freedom of speech and right to protest. I then realized that if the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law were to pass, that a protest like that would not be possible.

This proposed By-law is nothing but vague in its definitions and outline. It could easily be used by someone for their own agenda for what they deem a “violent” or “disruptive” protest to be. Of course, there is still time to tweak and define what “Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure” really means to the council. I will agree that some places listed would benefit from this By-law, but again, with how vague this current draft is, it incites more questions than reassurance. For example:

• What protests would be considered “disruptive”?
• Why include hospitals when the Safe Action to Abortion Services Act exists?
• Since we already have laws around/against noise levels, violence, hate speech, barricades, etc. why create something that narrows the rules around protests on public property, if such acts have not already occurred?

To provide a further example, how would this By-law affect something like our annual pride festival, an organized protest that has been happening since 1987 in Winnipeg, with over 20 000 people flocking downtown every single year for it. It supports Winnipeg’s nightlife, and businesses in the area, but there are people that would consider it “disruptive” either because it gets busy downtown during that time, or because they are “intimidated” by

prides goal for equality.

When I analyzed where these buffer zones would take place, it was interesting to see that places like City Hall and much of its surrounding area (being in between Red River Collage and the Manitoba Museum) would not be accessible whatsoever in a protest. Across the street from City Hall, in front of the renowned Pantages Playhouse Theatre, sits a streetcar structure dedicated to the 1919 Winnipeg General strike that advocated for working class citizens and immigrants. That streetcar represents what is Canadas largest protest, and a significant portion of Winnipeg's history. Ironically, this streetcar sits within 100 meters of what this By-law deems "vulnerable" because of protests.

To deny space for people's voices to be heard is actively denying our freedom of speech, and our right to protest. So, I highly urge the council and committee to think about the effects that this By-law will have on its residents, and its insult to deep rooted Winnipeg history that continues to present itself on these very streets this By-law wishes to "protect".

Thank you.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Sydney

Last name
Foy

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 09:34

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my concern and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. As some of the counsellors have already expressed, I am also in opposition of the proposed by law. This would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, Black, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to

advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Tessa McDonald

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Tessa

Last name
McDonald

Submitted: Mon, 02/16/2026 - 10:15

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Signed,
Theryn

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Theryn

Last name
Good

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 13:54

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
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Signed,
Verna Reitmeier

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Verna

Last name
Reitmeier

Submitted: Sun, 02/15/2026 - 12:21

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox
Submit comments in writing

Comments
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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Zacharie Montreuil

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Zacharie

Last name
Montreuil

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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) (https://www.google.com/url?q=https://ccla.org/&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1770916564278349&usg=AOvVaw3BdOo8vIcQ_X_dCiDqlVn3) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Abigail Deibert

I am opposed to the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

Why protests?

Protests are an essential tool for members of the public in a free and democratic society to raise awareness about specific issues, hold leaders accountable, and shift public opinion. They have been the driving force behind some of the most powerful social movements throughout history, exposing injustice and abuse, delivering us the rights and liberties we enjoy today, and inspiring people to keep hoping for a better future. Protests are effective when they are *visible* and in locations *where they are relevant to the issue at hand*.

THE PROPOSED BY-LAW IS CONCERNING BECAUSE:

Infringes Charter Rights
The by-law put forward here places an unjustifiable limit on the rights of citizens to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association that are enshrined in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms. This concern is shared by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA), which also cited that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

According to a map found at, https://chromatin.ca/blog/nuisances/
much of the city would be subject to the geographic restrictions of this by-law – 78.3km2 of Winnipeg or **16.9%** would be restricted.

Reverse Onus
Enacting the by-law will leave the City open to legal challenges, the costs of defending which will be borne by the taxpayers. If unsuccessful in defending a challenge, the City may also run the risk of costs being awarded against it – a further burden for taxpayers to absorb. Further, why should a citizen bear the burden of time and legal costs to challenge a fine to realize their already-enshrined constitutional rights?

Government Overreach
The by-law includes places of worship. Religious institutions should not be shielded by the state. Canada's history of abuses by religious institutions against Indigenous people, often supported by the Canadian government and the current resurgence of residential school denialism are clear examples of why people need to be able to protest religious and political institutions.

Subjective Interpretation
Councillor Evan Duncan (Charleswood-Tuxedo-Westwood) who initiated work on this by-law has said publicly (Winnipeg Free Press, Feb 13, 2026) that "if a protest is not intimidating anyone, it would not fall under the bylaw. How is fear or intimidation measured? In the past I have heard of instances of individuals reporting being afraid or intimidated by the mere presence of individuals standing peacefully holding signs. This becomes a dangerously subjective test.

He also calls into question the motivation of protesters suggesting an intent to target someone's race, religion, etc., clearly not appreciating the very real conflation of criticism of Israel with anti-semetism.

Racist Application
I am also deeply concerned that this by-law may be racist in its application, if not in its intention.

In a recent *Winnipeg Free Press* article referencing the city staff report that recommended council approve the by-law, it was noted that "while the report doesn't name specific events or groups, the by-law was proposed amid frequent demonstrations related to the Israel-Hamas war", and includes a photo from a 2024 protest of Israel's genocide in Gaza. The article goes on further to state public discussion around bubble or buffer zones escalated after a protest outside the Asper Jewish Community Campus in Tuxedo in April, 2025, when it hosted an event organized by the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg featuring two Israel Defence soldiers speaking about their actions in Gaza. Also noted was that The Jewish Federation of Winnipeg and Ottawa-based Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) advocated for the proposed by-law.

I think most reasonable people would find that hosting soldiers from a state currently facing charges of genocide in the International Criminal Court is controversial and may invite some form of protest. Organizers could have chosen other space to host that event but selected a community centre that includes a school and day care, and under the proposed new by-law, they would be able to do so without concern of a protest taking place.

A September 2025 report by the Jewish Faculty Network entitled "The CIJA Report: A Pattern of Anti-Palestinian Racism and Genocide Denial at the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs" https://www.jewishfaculty.ca/cija-report lays bare CIJA's alignment with Israeli propaganda, false assertions and construction of a narrative in support of Israel's genocide through specific data coding and analysis.

Given this report and the advocacy in support of this by-law by both the Jewish Federation and CIJA, the fear of legitimate criticism being shut down and a marginalized community's voice silenced is very, very real.

On a similar vein, while not fully withdrawn, the Liberal government has put Bill C-9, the Combatting Hate Act (also highly promoted by CIJA) on hold following intense opposition by 23 civil society, faith-based and legal groups concerned about misuse and the restriction of Charter-protected free expression. The proposed Bill imposed severe consequences for protest activities, language and visual displays.

All this to say, both of these measures pose serious implications for freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association enshrined in our Charter of Rights. I am grateful that the Government of Canada has seen fit to pause and reconsider before taking any further steps. Police already have the tools to address any harmful behaviours at protests. The proposed by-law most certainly is an overstep and given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge this committee to remember its legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

Sincerely,
Andrea Janz

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Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

Greetings Mayor Gillingham and Council members,

On behalf of Green Action Centre, I am writing in regards to the safe access to vulnerable infrastructure bylaw. We oppose this motion as we support the right for the citizens of Winnipeg to engage in peaceful protest, and the proposed 100 metre buffer zones would outlaw this right across many areas within the city. This right is enshrined in The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It also protects the right to demonstrate on public streets (Garbeau v. Montréal, 2015 QCCS 5246). The proposed buffer zones surrounding certain infrastructure would impede this. For example, a demonstration that took place in November for a child hit by a car at the intersections of Brandon and Osbourne would not have been able to take place due to its proximity to a place of worship.

Protests are an essential outlet for the public to have their voices heard. We urge the council not to approve this motion.

Ariel Desrochers
Lead Sustainable Transportation Coordinator
Green Action Centre

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing today to express my strong opposition to the City of Winnipeg's proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

While I, too, am deeply concerned for the safety and well-being of the people of this beloved city, limiting the ability of residents to peacefully protest risks further silencing and harming the voices of our most marginalized community members rather than protecting them. The right to protest is fundamental to holding those in power accountable, particularly for those with limited resources and influence.

For example, the rallies demanding a search of the landfill for the remains of Morgan Harris, Mercedes Myran, and Mashkode Bizhiki'ikwe were instrumental in compelling the government to finally act and confronting the multiple layers of systemic racism that had long been ignored. I think you would agree that any temporary disruptions that may have occurred were a small cost to pay in the broader pursuit of justice and an end to racial violence. Without the right to gather and raise our collective voices, that critical progress may never have occurred. I can think of countless other similar examples.

This proposed by-law poses a direct threat to our Charter rights, particularly our freedoms of peaceful assembly and expression. At a time when we are witnessing rising authoritarianism and an alarming disregard for fundamental human rights, as we're seeing take place in the United States, we must remain vigilant in protecting our own democratic institutions. Curtailing the right to peaceful protest undermines one of the very foundations of our democracy.

I love this city, and I know you do too. I urge you to reconsider this by-law and to uphold the constitutional rights that protect civic engagement, accountability, and justice in our city.

Sincerely,

Asha Nelson

Dear Members of City Council,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure bylaw.

While I understand and respect the goal of protecting families and individuals from harassment or intimidation near schools, hospitals, community centres, and places of worship, the bylaw as currently written is far too broad in scope. Its language appears expansive enough that it could apply to nearly any form of protest on a significant amount of public property throughout Winnipeg.

If you examine a map of downtown Winnipeg and identify all buildings that would fall under this bylaw, then measure a 100-metre radius around each of them, it becomes clear how extensive these buffer zones would be. In practice, this could effectively eliminate the ability to hold protests in much of downtown Winnipeg, including near the Manitoba Legislature and on or around the University of Winnipeg campus. These are traditionally recognized spaces for civic engagement and peaceful demonstration.

The right to peaceful protest is a foundational element of a democratic society and is protected under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Any bylaw that significantly restricts where citizens can assemble and express themselves must be narrowly tailored and clearly defined to avoid overreach.

I am also concerned that expanding enforcement powers without clear safeguards and accountability mechanisms could lead to unintended consequences and further erode public trust. It is essential that any new regulation strike a careful balance between public safety and constitutional freedoms.

I urge Council to reconsider the breadth of this bylaw and ensure that it does not unintentionally suppress lawful, peaceful protest across large portions of our city.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw, and reconsider the intended purpose behind the bylaw while recognizing the negative consequences and detrimental effects it could have.

Signed,
Aubry Bosc
Winnipeg Resident - Fort Rouge/East Fort Garry

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As a student of a university, this bylaw would severely inhibit demonstrations on campus grounds. Our campus community has gathered numerous times to oppose anti-trans rhetoric, Residential School denialism and racism, and other demonstrations. These protests are essential for our community and to show opposition to our University administration's decisions, especially when they are not aligned with their own policies and values. This by-law is pernicious.

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Signed,
Camren Von Riesen

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Signed,

Carlee Friesen

Submission to EPC re: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

I want to register my strong disagreement with the proposed bylaw, and further, to express my alarm and concern about the decision by members of Council to push for this bylaw.

In my view, this proposed bylaw has serious and unworkable problems that prevent it from deserving consideration. It grossly overreaches the role of the City, it appears to violate the principles in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and it appears to have been written so expansively that, if adopted, would be nearly impossible for Winnipeg residents to comply with in good faith without a shocking curtailment of our civil liberties.

Many other people have and will speak out against this bylaw, and I can only add my perspective as someone who has organised and participated in protests and demonstrations in this city, and as someone with a working familiarity with the *Manitoba Human Rights Code*.

100m boundary & designated facilities

The bylaw as proposed is so widely defined that huge swaths of the city would fall within the 100m boundaries around the 'designated facilities'. Not only is this an onerous restriction on freedom of expression in the city, it's difficult to comply with in good faith.

As an example: I live on Broadway between Osborne and Sherbrook; my stretch of Broadway is very often used for pedestrians and vehicles leaving the Manitoba Legislative grounds going westward. It is very common for groups of people leaving a demonstration at the Legislative grounds to keep the energy going from that demonstration - carrying signs on the sidewalk, displaying materials on their vehicles, etc. There are also numerous 'designated facilities' well within 100m of Broadway: clinics and other healthcare facilities, community centres, cultural centres, churches and other religious buildings, and so on, meaning that much (but crucially, not all) of Broadway is in a prohibited zone. Are demonstrators supposed to conceal their signs and move off the sidewalk and/or road as they travel through these forbidden zones? How is that remotely feasible to implement? The demonstration they were at may have had a permit, but that won't likely cover anyone leaving the demonstration as they travel home. This scenario would occur on Broadway due to its proximity to the Legislative grounds, but will be true at many, many other locations throughout the city.

Another unworkable example is the definition of designated facilities. Some are wildly broad, such as health care facilities. The definition of 'health services' used is so broad that I would argue it captures places such as pharmacies, mental health counsellors and therapists, dentists, and possibly even stores that sell medical supplies - do we really need to be restricting the right of residents to demonstrate outside Shoppers Drug Mart or Safeway? Do protest organizers need to confirm there are no therapists seeing clients, or dentist offices within 100m? Is every strip mall a potential 'No Charter Rights' zone?

Definition of 'nuisance demonstration'

The definition of a nuisance demonstration also overreaches. The definition of nuisance includes any 'objection or disapproval towards an idea, action, person or group based on or related to any specified characteristics', with a list of characteristics that are clearly based off s.9(2) of the Human Rights Code (although with some notable differences, namely the removal of age and political affiliation, likely because those would make this bylaw even more absurd).

Prohibiting actions objecting to 'ideas' or 'actions' of people is rife for misuse - as we've seen during the brutal assault on Gaza in recent years, and the many demonstrations that took place both in opposition to

and support for the actions of the Israeli government, it's very easy for bad faith actors to conflate 'disapproval of an idea' with a national origin or ethnic identity. For example, myself and many other critics of Israel - including Jewish friends - unfairly accused of anti-Semitism for criticising the actions of the Israeli government.

Prohibiting protests without permits from "obstructing passage" of cars or pedestrians is also suspect and likely unworkable. It sets up a situation where any congregation of people on a sidewalk, or collection of vehicles, could potentially run afoul of this rule if someone alleges they are doing so as part of a protest or demonstration. The prohibition on amplified audio is also prone to abuse, where the mere existence of a loudspeaker effectively requires police approval. Considering the financial penalties involved, the ambiguity of the bylaw text, and the high cost of submitting an appeal, the bylaw seems to be tailor made to incentivize vindictive allegations and complaints. Does the City really want to be handling constant allegations that someone waved a Palestinian or Israeli flag from their car within half a block of a library or cemetery?

Effect of Bylaw

The provisions within the bylaw are clearly ridiculous; the only workable outcome to reasonably avoid fines is for EVERY protest in Winnipeg to have a permit at all times. This is not what the protest permit system is designed for, and it is a gross overreach by the City to effectively create a system to force all forms of public protest within the permit system. There is a time and place for protest permits, but there must be alternate avenues for protest outside of that or we risk creating a system where the city and the police have an effective veto over political speech. This is unacceptable for a free and democratic society.

The bylaw, as written, is simply not viable. But attempting to amend it, as I imagine will occur at EPC or Council given the many problems with it and the intense criticism, will not be sufficient. EPC and City Council need to take a strong position against such a gratuitous example of overreach and reject the bylaw altogether. Any future attempt at introducing a bylaw with a similar intent needs to be handled in a much more transparent fashion in consultation with affected groups and civil liberty organizations to ensure we don't create a legal, political, and ethical disaster for the City, as this bylaw certainly would.

Christopher Rigaux
West Broadway resident

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I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,
Erin Buelow
Feb 11, 2026

[redacted]
Winnipeg, MB
R3G 2K3

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Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you today to express my concern as a local over the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. This by-law would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that I am in opposition to the proposed by-law.

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Signed,

Erinn

As a labour and human rights advocate, I must stand against this bylaw in its entirety.

Council purports to be enacting it aimed at "nuisance demonstrations" near sensitive sites. In reality it proposes restricting demonstrations via per-person fines of $5,000, most forms of democratic expression in an incredibly broad area of the city.

Councillor Evan Duncan represents the by-law as restricting hateful protests near sensitive sites, but the plain language of the by-law's definition of "nuisance demonstrations" includes not only those which express "objection or disapproval towards an idea, action, person or group based on or related to any specified characteristics" (which itself raises Charter concerns), but also those which merely "obstruct... the passage of pedestrians or motor vehicles" or use "amplifiers or microphones" without an applicable permit. To incur a $5,000 fine per person, there is no requirement that such a demonstration target one of the long list of types of designated facilities, only that it is within 100m of one, at any time of day.

There is a small carve-out for labour action as long as it is otherwise "lawful", but there is no definition of acceptable labour action, and experts we have consulted have raised concerns that the by-law may expose union members to heavy fines for protected activities nonetheless, in the event that job action is judged in some way unlawful.

Additionally, the by-law lists it as a protected characteristic "source of income" which may have chilling effects on demonstrations against employers.

Thank you, I will be watching this vote carefully.

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. I voice my opinion as a Winnipeg resident and lawyer. I am concerned about the proposed by-law's severe *Charter* infringements on people's freedom of expression and right to peaceful assembly. It seems apparent that the by-law does not meet the constitutional criteria required to justify its limitations on *Charter* rights and freedoms.

All people deserve access to support services, healthcare, education, and meaningful gathering spaces. Many of us are concerned that certain communities face greater barriers in accessing such spaces and facilities.

However, the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly are crucial to any democracy. The protection of these rights upholds, rather than diminishes, safety and dignity for targeted communities. Rallies, round dances, and public demonstrations have helped win rights for Indigenous, racialized, and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, gain safeguards for workers and tenants, and advance important protections for the environment.

The proposed by-law is problematically broad both in its prohibition of protest throughout the city and its allowance of extensive police overreach. The by-law would prohibit protest around almost every major civic institution in Winnipeg and impart a widespread chilling effect. The by-law's language further grants significant discretion to law enforcement when deciding which gatherings constitute a "nuisance." This discretion risks further silencing the very communities the by-law is meant to protect.

Given the alarming increase in the suppression of rights and freedoms in the United States, I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the *Charter* and to protect our democracy. I implore you to reject the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

Signed,

Jade DeFehr

Feb 12, 2026

To the Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing regarding the proposed bylaw restricting what the City defines as “nuisance demonstrations” near sites designated as vulnerable social infrastructure.

I support protecting people from harassment, intimidation, and violence. No one should face threats of genuine harm while seeking medical care, attending school, or participating in religious life. At the same time, institutions themselves must remain open to public accountability, especially when their actions directly affect those communities. There are circumstances in which proximity to a site is essential to meaningful protest. A bylaw should distinguish clearly between protecting individuals from harm and shielding institutions from accountability.

My concern is not with the intent of protection but with the dangerous mechanism chosen to achieve it.

The proposed bylaw relies on broad terms such as “nuisance” and “intimidation” while simultaneously establishing buffer zones around institutions that are often the focal point of public accountability. Existing laws already address assault, threats, and obstruction with clear language that defines both the violations and the responses permitted. This proposal replaces that clarity with discretionary judgment about what authorities consider unacceptable, and enforcement will largely depend on interpretive decisions by police, an institution already facing public scrutiny and, at times, itself the subject of protest. This creates a foreseeable risk of uneven application even where no bias is intended.

I serve a faith community made up largely of people who regularly experience systemic inequality and exclusion. For many, public presence and protest are not abstract political tools but practical and essential ways of seeking recognition and redress. Rules that limit proximity to institutions therefore affect some communities more than others.

We cannot expect for the broad interpretive latitude to always be handled neutrally. Many of the institutions covered by the bylaw are precisely those historically challenged by public demonstration. Hospitals, schools, government-adjacent sites, and places of worship have all been locations where communities have gathered to confront exclusion, discrimination, or policy decisions affecting them directly. A rule that moves protest away from the site of concern changes the nature of protest itself. It reduces the ability of affected people to be heard by those responsible.

Public protest is necessarily visible, loud, and, at times, disruptive, especially for those being challenged. When discomfort is the point, how is it just that it alone could trigger removal? If a demonstration can be penalized where there is no obstruction, threats, or targeted harassment, enforcement ceases to be accountable to the very laws it claims to enforce. Groups with less political and social power often rely on being physically present at the site of concern to make their situation visible. A rule based on perceived disturbance risks being applied most readily to those groups, disproportionately reducing their voice and impact.

In a city where public space has been central to Indigenous-led action, labour organizing, disability advocacy, and other justice movements, expanding the power to define and penalize “nuisance” protest narrows democratic participation even if unintentionally.

If Council proceeds, I would urge a narrower approach focused specifically on conduct that obstructs access or threatens safety, with clear definitions and safeguards against viewpoint based enforcement. Without that clarity, the bylaw risks addressing hypothetical harms while producing concrete limits on lawful expression.

Respectfully,

Jamie Arpin-Ricci
Pastor, Little Flowers Community
(Mennonite Church Manitoba)
Former member, Mayor Gillingham’s Multi-Faith and Culture Liaison Circle

Feb. 12, 2025

Subject: Formal Objection – Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

To: Mayor and Members of Winnipeg City Council
Re: Executive Policy Committee – February 17, 2026
Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Mayor and Councillors,

I write to formally oppose the proposed *Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law* on constitutional grounds.

The by-law, as drafted, infringes core freedoms protected under the **Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms**, including:

- **Section 2(b): Freedom of expression**
- **Section 2(c): Freedom of peaceful assembly**

A blanket prohibition on protests within 100 metres of broadly defined "Vulnerable Social Infrastructure"

— including schools, places of worship, community centres, and cemeteries — constitutes a sweeping geographic restriction on lawful political expression in public space.

Further, the definition of "nuisance demonstrations" captures expression involving "objection or disapproval" related to protected characteristics.

The Charter does not permit governments to suppress speech because it is controversial, unpopular, or critical.

Under Section 1 of the Charter, the City bears the burden of demonstrating that any rights infringement is minimally impairing and proportionate. This by-law fails that test:

- Existing Criminal Code and provincial provisions already prohibit harassment, intimidation, threats, and obstruction.
- The proposed by-law extends beyond those harms to regulate expressive content.
- The 100-metre buffer applies categorically, without evidence-based justification tied to specific sites.

The Supreme Court of Canada has consistently held that protest near the subject of protest lies at the heart of democratic expression. Restricting proximity dilutes the communicative impact of lawful dissent.

If enacted in its current form, this by-law is vulnerable to constitutional challenge. The overbreadth and content-based elements create significant legal risk and potential financial liability for the City.

Protecting access to services is a legitimate objective. However, it must be achieved through narrowly tailored, content-neutral measures that target actual misconduct — not expression itself.

I urge Council to reject or substantially amend this by-law to ensure compliance with the Charter.

Respectfully,
Jennifer MacRae, concerned citizen
[redacted]

Dear Members of the Executive Policy Committee

I wish to express my concerns regarding the proposed “Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law”.

I have difficulty with what authorities may consider “nuisance demonstrations” and “fear, intimidation, or obstruction” and with how citizens may interpret these terms and then file complaints.

Please indulge me in an extreme example of the problems with the vagueness of the term “nuisance demonstrations”. I live at an intersection along the route of the Manitoba Marathon. At about 7 a.m. on Father’s Day, people gather at that intersection to cheer on the runners. Sunday is one of my days off, and maybe I don’t want to listen to people cheering and using various noisemakers that early outside my bedroom window. As my home, is where I live not “vulnerable infrastructure”? Under this by-law, can I file a complaint and have the people making unwelcome noise removed and fined?

Please allow me to offer another example. In March, 2017, the Canadian Coalition of Concerned Citizens held a rally at Winnipeg’s City Hall to protest the federal government’s motion M-103, which condemned Islamophobia. A coalition called Fascist Free Treaty 1 held a counter-rally. One rally was white supremacist. The other was opposed to white supremacism. Under this proposed by-law, if a similar event happened outside City Hall, would both rallies be “nuisance demonstrations”? Would this by-law then have to dissolve into a kind of “both-sidesism” whereby both groups would be charged and fined?

White supremacists, and other supremacist groups that I could name, have a perfect right to demonstrate and voice their beliefs, just as their opponents have an equal right. However, there is certainly a difference in behaviour between various protest groups and demonstrators that I’m not sure this proposed by-law takes into account. I would urge that the Executive Policy Committee and City Council research and familiarize themselves with the different ways that groups of demonstrators in Winnipeg have behaved in the last few years.

I wish to now discuss the terms “fear, intimidation, or obstruction”.

If, as a hypothetical, a place of worship is part of the same building or site where a political or civil event is occurring, and that political or civil event is the target of a protest, where is the mechanism that allows municipal authorities to understand that the place of worship is *not* the target of the protest, nor is the protest against people’s religious or spiritual practices?

What if this hypothetical political or civil event is occurring *inside* the place of worship? How will municipal authorities understand that any hypothetical protest is not against

the place of worship or its use for worship, but against the particular political or civil event happening inside the place of worship?

Many religious and cultural centres in Winnipeg also house schools and daycares, which are included in the by-law's catchment of "vulnerable infrastructure". If I, as a parent or worshipper, arrive at one of these multi-use religious and cultural facilities to pick up my kids or to worship, and there is a group of protesters across the street, and I claim that I feel fear, intimidation or obstruction, is my feeling these sensations sufficient to bring charges and fines against the protesters? How will the by-law test for claims of fear, intimidation or obstruction?

What if, for example, the annual Pride Parade passes my place of worship, or where I pick up my kids, and I feel fear or intimidation because I don't want queer+ people parading themselves in front of my kids? Under this by-law, can I file a complaint against Pride Winnipeg?

What if I object to Sikhs celebrating Nagar Kirtan in public because I feel fear and intimidation upon seeing thousands of brown people in weird outfits, and I feel obstruction because I have to go past where they are meeting to get groceries? Under this by-law, can I file a complaint against the Sikh Society of Manitoba?

I use these absurd examples to underline how reactionary and archaic this proposed by-law is in a diverse, multicultural and multi-confessional city such as Winnipeg.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my opinions.

Kind regards,

Jeremy Bowkett

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure

Support or oppose recommendations
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Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Judith

Last name
Morrow

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Should the IHRA working definition of antisemitism, designed to stimulate discussion, be converted into Policy?

What is the relevance to Manitoba and Canada Today - February 2026?

Respect to all delegates for their presentations;
to Committee Members;
to City Council for providing a democratic forum for citizen participation.

The IRHA - International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of antisemitism has been passed into policy by Federal and Provincial governments and organizations throughout Canada.
On March 27, 2023, the City of Winnipeg, Human Rights Committee held the only public hearings in Manitoba on this working definition conversion to policy, permitting citizens of opposing views to speak.

Five Jewish proponents, two of whom were full-time lobbyists, and a Federation Church representative, had been given time at the Human Rights Committee to ask that this working paper be converted into city of Winnipeg policy. Hearings had to be postponed. Word spread to the public. Thirteen citizens, seven Jewish, six of diverse backgrounds, submitted requests to speak in opposition. The larger numbers required Council Chambers. Deputy Mayor Markus Chambers, assisted by City Clerk Rebecca Ford, ensured a respectful and democratic process (YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtdvczD1J1I).

The conclusion of the hearings pointed to action. Neither the City nor any other body of government has taken up the call to action. This synopsis of the four hours of hearings comes from a belief that four years later, the recommendation is critical and can assist in clarification of a tangle of conflicting identifications, strengthening democratic values.
Synopsis of opposing different identifications p. 3-4;
synopsis of presentations p. 5-15;
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***1** *Kenneth Stern, o*riginator of the Working Paper on the IHRA, Director of the Bard Center for the Study of Hate and Human Rights project, Author, and Attorney**:** "Passing this document into policy by institutions and governments resulted in the misuse of a document created for academic discussion. The IHRA as a policy serves as a tool aimed at shielding Israel from resistance to its oppressive form of racial governance and, following its recent war on Gaza, from accusations of genocidal violence." *Antisemitism and Zionism: The Internal Operations of the IHRA Definition, 2024* Kenneth Stern identifies as a Progressive Zionist.

Different Identifications

Opponents: While the main definition is general and innocuous, the IRHA's focus on Israel is counterproductive in combating racism. We should be concerned about all discrimination and hate against all citizens. What does discrimination look like to different targeted groups? Working together is more successful to stop targeting of any group.

Proponents: Traditional anti-Semitism is the denial of the rights of Jews to live as equal members of society. The new mutation of anti-Semitism is a denial of the state of Israel as having the right to exist as an equal member of the nations. The IHRA was adopted as policy by the Federal government, the Provincial government, and dozens of organizations. It does not criminalize criticism of Israel or Jews. It stands against hate of all kinds. "From River to the Sea" is a code for the annihilation of the Jewish state.

Opponents: Israeli law states: "Only Jews have the right of self-determination." Palestinians, Indigenous to the land, do not have the same rights as Israelis. Segregation is based on race. Proponents of IRHA as policy state "claiming that the state of Israel is a racist state" is antisemitism. If I am aware of what is being done to Palestinians, and state that, I am considered antisemitic, as are Amnesty International and other human rights organizations. Calls for equality to all inhabitants between the River and the (Mediterranean) Sea is not antisemitic. It is a cry for freedom from military occupation.

Proponents IHRA is an educational tool; Criticisms of Israel are not anti-semitic. Words "context" and "may" are there. If people choose to think things are anti-semitic that is not what it says. It may be used to explore if the person has anti-Semitic intentions. It does the exact opposite of chilling free speech. Comparing the policies of modern-day Israel to the Nazi's is anti- semitic. This idea that it affects free speech is not true. It can be or may be anti-Semitism. It is up to the organization (that adopts it) to determine if it is antisemitism.

Opponents This is out of step with everything I know about racism. A good definition is clear. This IRHA definition states: "a certain perception of Jews that may be expressed as hatred of Jews". Imputing motives may be harmful. I may be nervous with a comparison of Israel to Nazi's but think it's okay to ask the question. The ambiguity of this sets up an impossible situation. IHRA is an open-ended policy for harassment and intimidation, a muzzle on necessary public discourse. For more than 50 years, we who spoke out for Palestinians were targeted, called "Self-hating Jews," "Traitors," and "So-called Jews". Anti-Palestinian racism is well documented.

Proponents You have to be a Jew to understand the pain of antisemitism. It is the most prominent form of religious hatred and bigotry. The greatest atrocity in the history of mankind is what was done to the Jews. If there is a perception of the Jewish community of antisemitism, it is antisemitism. We need court hearings, prosecutorial actions, hate crime statistics, and help in funding.

Opponent As a Palestinian witnessing our relatives and the trauma being committed I worry about my daughters. It would contribute to the ongoing oppression of Palestinian people. In school, my daughters' safety is at risk.

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Proponents were asked, "How would you address the concern that a person who has criticism of Israel is not stigmatized and vilified? How can they be heard, recognized, and validated? Would you be willing to remove the seven clauses that the opponents find objectionable?"

The answer to these questions was a unanimous,**"No".**

1. Opposed: **1:56 - 13:00 Harold Shuster, Independent Jewish Voices (IJV)**
As a Jew, I object to a policy statement preventing political criticism of another country. This policy silences students and staff of educational institutions. The Jewish community cares about human rights for all citizens — including Palestinians. We cannot protect ourselves from anti-semitism without also condemning racist hatred against all people and religions. Israel is granted exceptional status and is protected from sanctions. IHRA is opposed by 40 human rights organizations, 600 academics, the BC Association of Indian Chiefs, and the United Nations.

2. Opposed: **16:33 Norman Rosenbaum, Civil Rights & Family Lawyer, United Jewish Peoples Order (UJPO)**
Manitoba has a Human Rights Code protecting political dissent. The IHRA definition of antisemitism is vague and contradicts the Charter of Rights and the European Union Charter. It is impossible in its ambiguity. It silences dissent, triggers punitive actions, and sets up the community for conflict and litigation. There is a chilling effect on public discussion in Manitoba.

3. **Proponent: 27 min Richard Marceau, Lawyer and Politician. former Member of Parliament/ Committee for Human Rights, Quebec Canadian Israeli & Jewish Affairs (CIJA) *2**
There is a criminal code defining hate speech and crimes. IHRA was adopted by the Canadian government in 2021. It can guide policy and cannot have criminal charges. It does not criminalize criticism of Israel or Jews. It stands against hate of all kinds.
The stated examples to the IHRA serve as illustrations of what is antisemitic. It is simply not true that the definition has been used to stifle critics.

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*2 Canadian Israel Jewish Alliance (CIJA) is a registered lobby for the Jewish Federation. Full time staff use: "Strategic, based on research, and analysis" with "wide experience in conducting missions to Israel.

4. Proponent: 39-51 min Gustavo Zentner, President Jewish Federation of Winnipeg

"We are talking of human rights. There is consensus among the Jewish community, the vast majority. We must accept the views of the community that is targeted. If there is a perception of the Jewish community of antisemitism, it is antisemitism. You can't recognize things if you don't know what antisemitism is. These statements define it. These things hurt us and relegate us to second-class citizens. That is why our provincial government recognized us. It does not impede free speech. "

Winnipeg is a city of many cultures. There is consensus among the majority of the Jewish community. We must accept the views of the community that is targeted. If there is a perception of the Jewish community of antisemitism, it is antisemitism. You can't recognize things if you don't know what antisemitism is. These statements define it.

The Jewish community has a respectful and engaged communication with the Arab and Jewish communities. We celebrate and build the most vibrant and multicultural city. We stand up together against Islamaphobia. 349 universities have come together in 34 countries to debate this openly.

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*2. The assertion that this view represents the majority is challenged by Jewish individuals and Jewish groups. JFW is not an elected body. The Canadian Jewish Congress, a voting body, is now defunct. When Shimon Fogel was appointed Director of the newly formed Canadian Israel Jewish Alliance, a registered lobby group for the Jewish Federation, he asserted, "The distinctions between domestic agenda and Israel have been blurred so much it is impossible to tell one from the other." This left out dissenting voices in the Jewish community who also embraced their Jewish heritage and values of their culture. Dissenting voices of Jews are sometimes referred to as "traitors," "so-called Jews," and "self-hating Jews" by the group who identifies Israel as their birthright. The group who views Israel as their birthright is sometimes referred to as "the Establishment" by those who do not accept Israel's treatment of Palestinian people.

5. **Proponent: 51-1:10: Belle Jarniewski, Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada.**
IHRA may be used to explore if the person has anti-semitic intention. It is an educational tool. No one has ever been accused of a crime because of the IHRA definition. It does the exact opposite of chilling free speech. It shows we can criticize Israel. City councils can consider whether things that are said are legitimate if they pass the policy.

Criticisms of Israel are not anti-semitic. Words "context" and "may" are there. If people choose to think things are anti-semitic that is not what it says. You cannot sue anybody over a policy. It is never meant to be turned into legislation. Comparing the policies of modern-day Israel to the Nazi's is anti- semitic. This idea that it affects free speech is simply not true. It can be or may be anti-semitism. ***3**

6. Opposed: 1:16 - 1:30 Dr. Joel Kettner, Professor Medical School University of Manitoba; Former Chief Public Health Officer, Province of Manitoba, Jews for Social Justice, Winnipeg Chapter, United Jewish Peoples Order

My focus is on how to stop racist attitudes in health care systems. This is so out of step with everything I know about racism. A good definition is clear. What people do, what they say, and what is the impact on people. This IRHA definition states: "a certain perception of Jews that may be expressed as hatred of Jews."

Laws exist; definitions exist. Please don't pass this definition. Imputing motives could be more harmful than helpful. Hatred is not a measure. I might be nervous that someone is drawing comparisons of Israel to the Nazis…but I think it is okay to ask the question. Let's do something to avoid racism. Maybe we can strengthen, not create distractions. Go back and get some other people involved to look at "can this be improved for the city of Winnipeg".

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*3 Policy sets the Direction. Law is the enforcement.

7. **Proponent: 1:32-1:42 Adam Levy Public Relations Director for Jewish Federation of Winnipeg. Investigator of complaints of anti-semitism.**

Jews have a long and painful history of discrimination. You have to be a Jew to understand the pain of anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism is the most prominent form of religious hatred and bigotry.
We need court hearings, prosecutor actions, hate crime statistics, and help in funding to civil society organizations and human rights organizations to counter anti-Semitism. Those are just a few examples of the way the IHRA definition could be used. ***4**

8. **Opposed: 1:42 - 1:52 Wendy Boyd, Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East, Independent Jewish Voices; United Church, Multiple Human Rights Groups**

My personal experience has been a long history of Palestinians as a people facing difficulty. Academics or people anywhere in Canada declaring support for Palestinians also faced difficulty.

It's a horrible, terrible shame. Jews who criticize Israel face prejudice. IHRA sets a double standard. Israel compares to South Africa in its past behavior and policies. The media limit coverage of the Israeli government. I do not hear a voice of Palestinians. I believe people are afraid to state the situation of Palestinians.

9. **Proponent: 1:53 - 1:58 James Christie, Federation of Christian Churches, former Dean U of W faculty of theology, Ridd Institute for theology**

IHRA supports dialogue among religions to promote peace. The IHRA can be a working definition as a diagnostic tool intergovernmentally. IHRA identifies and exposes words and actions that can descend into antisemitism. It can be used as a template for confronting religious bigotry.

***4** Proponent Levy contradicts the statement of Proponent, Delegate 5 Jarniewski "never meant to be turned into legislation". He states conversion to policy would provide this. Policy guides law.

10. Opposed: 2:00-2:12 Dr.Mark Etkin, Psychiatrist, Independent Jewish Voices

I am a Jew since birth. Proponents of the IHRA do not speak for me. Palestinians are kept apart from Israelis and do not have the same rights as Israelis; segregation is based on race. Israel fits the definition of an apartheid state. The IHRA specifically states that "claiming that the state of Israel is a racist state" constitutes antisemitism. By this criterion, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International are labeled as antisemitic, as are many other civil rights organizations, both inside and outside Israel.

The IHRA is a muzzle on necessary public discourse. Muzzling is its purpose, and the reason it is being pushed through. The IHRA is a travesty of truth and justice.

11. Opposed: 2:12 Diane Zack, Independent Jewish Voices, United Jewish Peoples Order

I opposed antisemitism all my life. It is ludicrous to have to defend my identity because I became aware of the Palestinian people. How could Israel have been built on the destruction of Palestinians' homes?

For more than 50 years, we who spoke out for Palestinians were targeted, called "self-hating Jews" and "traitors." In social circles, defenders of justice and equality on other fronts did not speak up. The mainstream Jewish community had blinders on. Jewish opposition to Israeli policies is growing in North America. An increasing number of Israelis are active in struggles for justice. This IHRA definition states that taking a just stand against Israel's policies is antisemitism. It stands against rights and justice for Palestinians.

12. Opposed. 2: 23 Allen Mills, Retired Professor of political science, University of Winnipeg

My experience proves the IHRA is, in practice, an open-ended policy for harassment and intimidation.

A debate held at the U of W five years ago between Palestinians and a rabbi was hard-hitting toward both sides. One of the proponents of

the IHRA, who is here today, then responded by holding a private meeting, lobbying the head of the U of W to declare the event anti-semitism. The University came out with a declaration that it was anti-semitic. I looked at the video of the event. I approached that proponent and asked if the person would sit down with me and show me what part of the debate (which was on video) was anti-semitic. The proponent would not. I asked the University head and asked the question. They did not reply.

Recently on global news, after the burning and pillaging of Huwara, a Palestinian village, an Israeli newspaper described the Israeli settler attack on the village as a violent pogrom against Palestinians as racist. A bloodied Israeli protester declared, "This is a dictatorship ." The IHRA definition tangles criticism of Israel with antisemitism.

13. Proponent: 2:32 Irwin Cotler, Ontario: former federal Justice Canadian Government.

IHRA is against anti-Semitic stereotypes. The new anti-Semitism is a denial of the state of Israel as having the right to exist as an equal member of the nations. In my experience a Jewish student on campus who considered himself leftist felt he was seen as representing Israel and felt marginalized. The IHRA working definition is intended to be protective of free speech, including harsh criticism of Israeli policy.

14. Opposed 2:50 Jane Karpa, long term citizen of Winnipeg

The charter of rights allows me to respectfully criticize. My partner is a Jew. I oppose antisemitism. I was a believer in the good of Israel. Over time, I learned about Palestinians living under occupation and policies that have turned Israel into an apartheid state.
IHRA manipulates and gaslights us into believing criticism of Israel is antisemitic. Israel can be omnipotent without accountability. I am critical of the treatment of Palestinians living in Israel under occupation.

15. Opposed 2:53 Rubin Kantorovich, United Jewish Peoples Order

The Jewish ethnic community has a diversity of views, as do all ethnic groups and religions. My father was a Holocaust survivor in Poland. His family was sheltered by a Catholic Polish family, who would have been executed had they been discovered.

Hate laws exist. We should be concerned about all racism and hate against all citizens. In 2017, Israel passed a nation-state law: "Only Jews have the right of self-determination". Seven out of ten articles in the IHRA are about defending Israel from criticism. Yet, the Israeli defense minister declared, "The village of Huwara should be wiped out." Just as Hitler called for the extermination of Jews, this Israeli minister called for the extermination of Palestinians. If I condemn this, I am declared anti-Semitic.

IRHA is not in the interests of citizens. It is used to suppress the rights of Palestinians in the occupied territories. At the outset of COVID, Israel announced it would not be distributing vaccines to the Palestinians. MP Leah Gazan, a Jew and Indigenous woman by birth, and MP Charlie Angus criticized this. Bnai Brith smeared these two MP as antisemites. Imagine if the Canadian government announced it would not distribute vaccines to all Indigenous peoples!

UJPO rejects IHRA, the deception of Bnai Brith, and the violation of international laws. We do not need the Israeli lobby to educate us.

16. Opposed 3:03 David Weller, former Special Needs Teacher, Independent Jewish Voices

I advocate for Palestinians and all other people's human rights. Jews and other citizens believe in human rights for all people. We are not a minority of the Jewish community.
IRHA is biased and silences criticism, especially mentioning Israel. Antisemitism is discrimination, prejudice, hostility, and violence against Jews, as stated in the Jerusalem Declaration.
Supporting equality for all inhabitants between the river and the Mediterranean Sea is not antisemitic. This calls for the self-

determination of Palestinians, whether in two states, a democratic state, or any other form. It is not, as Mr. Cotler said, a God-given right for the state of Israel to exist as only a Jewish state. ***5**

Since the University of Michigan adopted the IRHA as policy this past month, a booth was closed down because it contained literature critical of Israel. The representatives of CIJA said, "Not my problem." If you adopt it, it becomes your problem to decide, not theirs.

17. Opposed 3:11 Susan White, International development for 40 years, Anti-racist educator, Lecturer of Religious Studies at University of Winnipeg, Independent Jewish Voices, CUSO International

I have been an international anti-racist activist for 40 years, including 15 years in South Africa during their liberation movement. I've worked with African and Caribbean groups fighting for independence from colonialism. I was imprisoned for being a delegate to Grenada after the US invasion. My partner is from the Black community and has been an activist for 40 years. This shows my deep understanding of racism, including anti-semitism. Racist rhetoric and actions target many people. Working together is more successful than as separate interest groups**.**

While the main definition is general and innocuous, the IRHA's focus on Israel, exemplified by 70% of its examples, is counterproductive in combating racism against all groups experiencing attacks. Anti-Palestinian racism is well documented. You might be wondering, "If I do not pass this proposal, will I be considered anti-semitic. It is hard to have the courage. Please do not adopt this as policy."

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*5. Observer, Indigenous filmmaker Darryl Nepanik, noted a quiet incident during Delegate #16 Weller. One of the four male proponents seated behind Delegate #2 Rosenbaum, said to another, "That so-called Jew!" Mr. Rosenbaum turned, quietly stated, "That person is just as much a Jew as you are." One responded quietly, "I didn't say that."

18. Proponent: 3:22 Shimon Fogel, CEO of Canadian Israel Jewish Affairs

Anti-Semitism is on the rise exponentially. The IHRA definition has been adopted by many governments, the Province of Manitoba, and the Federal Canadian government. Assaults on the Jewish state are unending. "From River to the Sea" is a code for the annihilation of the Jewish state.

The IHRA definition has been adopted by dozens of nation-states, including the Province of Manitoba and the Federal Canadian government. No one gets to define anti-semitism other than the Jewish population themselves.

Hate will not be legislated away. Education is the answer. Do the right thing and adopt the policy of the IHRA.

19. Opposed: 3:27 Bassam Hozaima, Canadian Palestinian Association of Manitoba,

I was born in a refugee camp in Gaza. I am very troubled and urge the committee to defeat this motion.

My grandparents were driven out of their homes in 1948 and forced into the Gaza Strip. We lived in inhumane conditions in the open-air prison of Gaza. Over the years, assaults have continued…this is only a glimpse into my story. The oppression, injustice, and trauma are my story. Atrocities are committed on a daily basis.

IRHA would defeat the idea of safety and inclusion. I would feel threatened, marginalized, and criminalized if this were to be passed, not included. I hope and pray the Committee will not pass it.

This definition would be used in the services in Winnipeg, police services would be policing Palestinians. I graduated from University of Manitoba.

I wish I could tell my story without criticism of Israel. IHRA is soft peddled as an educational mechanism. It is a wolf in sheep's clothing.

City of Winnipeg is already leading the way to combat hate. IHRA can not be separated from the examples of protection of Israel from criticism.

As a Palestinian witnessing our relatives and the trauma being committed to them, I worry about my daughters. In school, their safety is at risk. Under this definition, many Canadians would be labelled anti-semites. It would contribute to the ongoing oppression of Palestinian people.

20. 3:38 Opposed Judith Morrow, BSW, MSW, RSW, former Inner City Community Worker, School Clinician, Filmmaker, United Jewish Peoples Order, Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME), Amnesty International

I am a Goy, a not nice word for a non-Jewish person. Racist comments about Palestinians are common. Some who stand for human rights in other areas but continue to describe in terms "Us" against "them": Israel is a "beacon of light surrounded by darkness", or refer to Palestinians as 'Terrorists'.

I travelled to Israel more than 50 years ago, stayed in the "New City" of Jerusalem with an Israeli family. I explored the "Old City," met a Palestinian Christian. A folkloric dancer who created a folkloric dance group of Israelis and Palestinians. He and his Muslim friends guided me through sacred spaces and beautiful architecture. His family, eight people in one large room, slept on benches at night, their living space in the day quiet and beautiful. His uncle lived in a room the size of a large closet. I didn't understand the problem. He walked outside of Jaffa Gate. Four Israeli youth walked by, said something insulting to me. He walked over and spoke to them. They knocked him to the sidewalk, with a swelling black eye. In Canada, now a grandfather, he and his Lebanese wife founded a church to help refugees. Fifty years later, they still encounter harsh suppression of their human rights in Ontario. Incidents such as: wiretapping of their phone, witnessing a youth waving a Palestinian flag on a highway in front of their church being immediately surrounded by police cars persist.

We're only learning the history of Canadian Indigenous peoples. Outside these doors, the effects are visible. People die on our streets. You, the human rights committee, understand racism. You feel its demeaning impacts. Culture focused only on our own view of the world leads to racist, bad things, ethnocentric thinking. "Us" vs "Them".

Ethno-culturalism is crucial to Winnipeg. You, as community leaders, are crucial. I believe in you and your ability to succeed. Soon, I hope to see Indigenous people represented here.

Question from the Chair to Proponents:

"How would you address the concern that a person who has criticism of Israel is not stigmatized and vilified? How can they be heard, recognized, and validated? Would you be willing to remove the seven clauses that the opponents find objectionable?"

Response to the questions, **"No."**

3: 54 Deputy Mayor Markus Chambers

I was highly influenced by Swiss (Catholic priest and poet), Hans Kung: *"No peace among the nations without peace among religions, no peace among religions without dialogue between religions, and no dialogue between religions without investigation of the foundations of religions."*

More discussion needs to happen between all parties. I move that we accept the motion as information with the instruction that this committee is to work with all the groups that have attended here today for more meaningful work to continue. To strengthen its policies around racism, which includes antisemitism, Islamophobia, xenophobia, hate, Indigenous racism, anti-black racism, as well as any racism against the LGBTQ two-spirited community.

Accepting the motion as information will allow work to continue working in collaboration, with all the groups that have attended here today, for more meaningful work to continue. To a greater understanding and education of what this definition represents, and how it can be useful in all or in part in addressing the rising of antisemitism, so we can continue working in collaboration, with all the groups that have attended here today, for more meaningful work.

Glossary: Identifications of Delegates from Jewish Organizations and Others Website tour May, 2025

Opponent Independent Jewish Voices (IJV), condemns antisemitism and racism in all forms, condemns the ongoing genocide of Palestinian people and advocates for justice and peace for Israelis and Palestinians. Published handbook on the detrimental impact of the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance conversion to Policy) on both Jewish and Palestinian communities.

Opponent United Jewish Peoples Order (UJPO), entering its 100th year, identifies with Jewish history and culture and organizes for the protection of human rights and social justice for all. It opposes racism, oppression, and Israel's military occupation. It supports Palestinians to achieve justice.

Opponent Jews for Social Justice, a network of 63 organizations pursuing social justice from a Jewish perspective.

Opponent Canadian Palestinian Association of Manitoba ensures that Palestinian stories, voices, memories, and truths are acknowledged within the broader human rights narrative. It serves as an advocate for Palestinians in Manitoba, promoting intellectual freedom and cultural events of the Palestinian people. All are welcome to attend.

Organizations named by Opponent Delegates as informing their view: Amnesty International, United Church, Canadian University Services Overseas, Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East

Proponent Winnipeg Jewish Federation supports Israel 'in every way we know' and 'all things Jewish'. Partners include the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and Birthright Israel Canada. Founded in 1929, the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg played a key role in the establishment of Israel. As part of its charity work, JFW funds programs that give free first-time trips to Israel to Jews and influencers. All political

parties have had members take advantage of these free trips. JFW donates to selected others and has charitable tax status.

Proponent Canadian Israel Jewish Affairs (CIJA), a registered lobby for the Jewish Federation. Full-time staff use "strategic, advocacy-based research, polling, and analysis" with "wide experience in conducting missions to Israel for Canadian influencers and decision-makers." The Quebec branch focuses on fighting antisemitism, strengthening Canada-Israel ties, and lobbying groups like Quebec's National Assembly, promoting education (e.g. IHRA adoption), and fostering business/ academic links.

Proponent Western Canadian Jewish Heritage Centre houses a research library preserving, documenting, and interpreting Jewish history; including the 'mutated' version defined by Delegate #13 Cotler, teaches groups and schools about antisemitism. Initially supported by volunteers and donors from the United Jewish People's Order (UJPO), there is no room in the schedule for speakers who show empathy to Palestinians, so identities diverge.

Proponent Federation of Christian Churches: Believes in the deity of Jesus Christ; his miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit; his sinless life; his ascension to the right hand of the Father; and his personal imminent return.

Proponent Bnai Brith Referred to by Delegate #15 Kantorovich, supports Jewish nationalism and patrols social media and mobilizes actions to protect against anything critical of Israel and supportive of Palestinians. Identifies the land of Israel as the birthright of all Jews. Does not recognize the Palestinians as a people so believes they have no the right of return.

Honest Reporting active in Manitoba, is an Israeli media advocacy group monitoring anti-Israeli news, such as support for Palestinian people or their culture. Manitoba chapter assists the above organizations by also searching online accounts to detect expressions of empathy for Palestinians or postings critical of Israel. They post news and visit individuals and heads of organizations seen as guilty of anti-Israel postings.

Current relevance in Manitoba and Canada

The Fragile Line Between Protecting Communities and Criminalizing Dissent

Prosecutorial independence is one of the quiet pillars of Canada's constitutional democracy. When prosecutors are influenced—directly or indirectly—by political actors or advocacy groups, public trust in the justice system begins to erode. Manitoba's recent announcement of partnership with the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) to train the provincial Prosecutions Branch on hate crimes puts that principle at risk. It opens the door to political advocacy, shaping decisions about who is charged and for what.

At the center of this concern is the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism. Created which was envisioned as a tool to promote discussion by open ended questions. References to Israel were added, and, this has been adopted by governments and institutions as if it were a legal standard. Several of its examples link criticism of Israel to antisemitism, depending on "context." Civil liberties groups, academic associations, and many Jewish organizations have warned that this ambiguity can be used to mix political dissent with hate.

CIJA is a registered political advocacy organization with clear positions on Israel-Palestine and strong support for the IHRA definition. When such an organization helps shape prosecutorial training, the line between advocacy and state power blurs. Even if prosecutors remain impartial, the appearance of influence alone undermines confidence in the justice system.

This risk becomes sharper when viewed alongside international developments. The International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants for leaders of both Hamas and the Israeli government. Canada has pledged support for the ICC's processes, regardless of the outcomes. Yet under an expansive reading of the IHRA definition, public discussion of these same legal findings could be framed as antisemitic. A democracy cannot champion international justice abroad while chilling debate about it at home.

Proposed expansions of "bubble zone" legislation add another layer of concern. While intended to protect community institutions from harassment, these laws can unintentionally restrict peaceful political protest—especially when political events are hosted in community centers. When an event celebrates military action in Gaza, complete with promotional imagery of armed soldiers, citizens must be free to protest without fear of criminal sanction. The location of a political event should not determine whether dissent is legal.

Meanwhile, Manitobans who expressed empathy for Palestinians—sometimes through nothing more than a social media post—have faced online vilification, professional consequences, vandalism, and threats. When government policy begins to mirror the social pressure to silence certain viewpoints, democratic debate suffers.

Winnipeg's Human Rights Committee recommended broader dialogue on discrimination affecting many communities. That conversation never occurred. Instead, Manitoba moved toward a narrower, more punitive approach to speech—one that risks deepening division rather than fostering safety.

Democratic backsliding rarely arrives all at once. It comes through incremental shifts: vague definitions, expanded enforcement powers, and partnerships that place advocacy groups close to prosecutorial authority. It comes when governments decide that protecting the public requires restricting the public's voice. It comes when dissent becomes suspect.

Manitoba faces urgent challenges—homelessness, inequality, and the unfinished work of truth and reconciliation. Meeting them requires a democratic culture capable of disagreement, empathy, and open debate. It requires institutions trusted to act impartially. And it requires vigilance whenever the state's power to prosecute intersects with political advocacy.

Protecting communities from hate is essential. But it must never come at the cost of criminalizing political expression. The line between the two is thin, and it is ours to defend.

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing today to share my dismay about the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. This By-Law would restrict Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly and is in my opinion an unnecessary addition to the laws already in place to protect "vulnerable infrastructure" by the province and the federal government. I am strongly in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

While I support ensuring safety and access to public services, this by-law significantly overreaches and threatens rights guaranteed under the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, including the fundamental freedom of peaceful assembly (s.2(c)) and freedom of expression (s.2(b)). These freedoms cannot be restricted without clear, necessary, and proportionate justification—standards this by-law does not meet.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

I often lead group cycling rides as a volunteer with Bike Winnipeg. As currently drafted, this by-law could have a significant impact on these rides. The draft by-law states that "nuisance demonstrations include, but are not limited to: harassing or intimidating another person(s), **obstructing the passage of pedestrians or motor vehicles thereby rendering passage impassable or difficult**, **using amplifiers or microphones**, or the use of offensive and/or hateful statements". When we ride as a group, could law enforcement officers consider our slow riding speed or intersection corking as rendering difficult passage of motor vehicles? Could our use of megaphones when providing our pre-ride safety briefing be considered a "nuisance demonstration"? A by-law that leaves this to the interpretation of enforcement officers is incredibly concerning to me.

According to the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, the right to protest is not simply permitted in a democracy – it is essential. Peaceful protest is a primary way in which residents can express dissent, hold governments accountable, and influence public policy. Broad 100-metre exclusion zones around an extensive list of facilities – including schools, community centres, and places of worship – would effectively prohibit legitimate, peaceful demonstrations across large portions of the city. Additionally, laws like this by-law often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

The City's own administrative report confirms this by-law would create wide "no-protest zones" around nearly every major civic institution in Winnipeg. Such sweeping restrictions go well beyond addressing harassment or obstruction (which existing laws already cover) and instead create generalized bans that would chill democratic participation.

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I implore you to reconsider the unintended consequences of this by-law and determine whether there are better mechanisms to address the problems they're trying to solve. Please do not pass the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law today.

Signed,
Julia Schroeder

13 February 2026

[redacted]
Winnipeg, R3L0H6

Dear EPC Members:

I am writing to express my strong disagreement with the proposed "Nuisance Protest" legislation you are considering today.

I write as a social historian who has devoted my academic career to studying legitimate protest and the state's suppression of dissent in Canadian history.

In my extensive research, I have yet to see significant evidence of protest that is mere nuisance. On the contrary, public expressions of dissent are almost invariably earnest, collective acts of people engaged in responsible acts as concerned citizens and other residents attempting to address a wrong that they seek to help right.

An active citizenry is essential to a functioning democracy. A robust democracy requires more from its citizens than a periodic participation in elections. It requires us to be active in maintaining that democratic polity, not just by writing letters to an elected official, but by acting collectively and as individuals to uphold fragile rights.

The right to free political speech is clearly one such fragile right. Moreover, it has not been won easily. Canada's laws did not protect political or other public speech until well into the twentieth century. People and groups with dissenting views, who organized to call for labour rights, women's rights, and the rights of other marginalized groups, or to express dissenting political views engaged in free speech struggles over many decades. Many of them faced persecution and even incarceration for expressing their views. It took the horrifying example of the Second World War and the rise of fascism to persuade our governments to enact legislation to protect free speech.

The right to free speech deserves to remain protected. It is a cornerstone of democracy.

The City of Winnipeg's proposed legislation represents an enormous backward step in our progress as a democratic polity. If enacted, this law would supress legitimate free speech, in which its participants engage as a civic duty, on vague and poorly defined grounds of public safety and fear of intimidation.

I speak from academic evidence and extensive experience on this matter. There is nothing unsafe about peaceful demonstrations. Unsafe behaviour is already addressed by existing criminal legislation. Indeed, I suspect this is a frivolous claim. I have participated in peaceful demonstrations for many decades, and rarely have I seen more than a few instances of people yelling (usually back and forth with opponents) or even

more rarely, physical confrontations. In those cases, the group's own marshals and the police were on hand to separate the bad actors and nothing more ensued.

If the law is actually intended to protect some people from feeling intimidated, this is a nebulous goal. A feeling is not indicative of an actual threat or risk. It seems quite outside the capacity of any law to protect people's feelings, nor should that be the role of legislation. Laws exist to protect people from real, definable, threats. The City should not be attempting to contort the law in an attempt to protect some people's feelings, especially if that protection is won at the cost of others' civil and constitutional rights.

When governments act in ways that undermine the rights we have struggled for over many decades, we undermine the democracy we value so much. I urge you, as elected representatives who act on behalf of all members of the community, to defeat this motion.

Sincerely,

Julie Guard, Professor of History and Labour Studies
University of Manitoba

Submitted: Wed, 02/11/2026 - 15:26

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
#7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Submission for a committee of council
EPC 7 comments Feb11.pdf

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

Personal information

First name
Kaitlyn

Last name
Duthie-Kannikkatt

THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

Department of Urban and Inner-City Studies

February 11th, 2026

To the members of the Executive Policy Committee for the City of Winnipeg,

My name is Dr. Kaitlyn Duthie-Kannikkatt. I teach in the department of Urban and Inner-City Studies at the University of Winnipeg.

I am writing to express my outrage and concern over the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. This by-law, as proposed, represents one of the harshest assaults on Charter rights that any Canadian municipality has considered to date.

Requiring a 100m buffer around this extensive list of public and community spaces would make it very difficult for Winnipeggers to use tools like public demonstrations at key locations to advocate effectively for social and policy changes. For instance, Premier Wab Kinew's constituency office would fall within the 100m restricted zone, effectively criminalizing protests in front of an elected official's place of work.

Such a move would represent a major attack on our democracy in Canada. We already have laws in Canada protecting against hate speech and physical violence. Enforcing a by-law like this will only lead to police overreach and the criminalization of peaceful protest. Threatening individual protesters with fines upwards of $5000 for multiple "offences" will create a climate of fear in this city that is most likely to silence the voices of our city's most marginalized communities, especially Indigenous and other racialized people.

Many of us are proud to live in a city with such a rich history of public protest achieving critical social changes. Just seven years ago, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Winnipeg General Strike which led to significant labour wins that continue to enhance the lives of workers in our province and across the country. Advocating for social change requires that we protect the right to peaceful assembly and ensure that the citizens of Winnipeg can continue to use every tool at our disposal to fight for the causes we believe in.

I implore you to decline any further consideration of this draconian by-law proposal and continue to safeguard the democratic rights of all Winnipeggers.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kaitlyn Duthie-Kannikkatt (she/her)
Instructor III
Department of Urban and Inner-City Studies

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Signed,
Karin McSherry
[redacted]

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Thank you,

Katy Haynes

Kaye Grant
[redacted]
Winnipeg, MB. R3M 1N4

February 12, 2026

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Kaye Grant

Lawrence Bird
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Sincerely yours,



Lawrence Bird
PhD MSc BArch BScArch MAA MRAIC MCIP RPP LEED.GA

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Signed,
Léya Lepage

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Signed,
LJ Williams

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Signed,
Lucy Jones

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing to you to reflect my concern and displeasure at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law" that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. I am staunchly in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

There are a few key reasons that cause me concern:

- "Nuisance Protest" is non-specific, meaning any and all actions could be subject to enforcement.
- Areas restricted by this by-law are public spaces and points of proximity to decision makers, including City Hall, university campuses, the Manitoba legislature, etc.
- Fines of up to $5,000 could be issued to every person who shows up to peaceful demonstrations, rallies, group bike rides, marches, etc.
- The language of the by-law extends to any protests in these exclusion zones that use amplified sound or that block traffic, a hallmark of many peaceful, organized demonstrations.

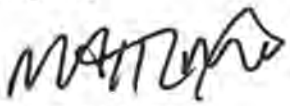
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Signed,



Matthew Litke

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Signed,
Michaela Shaver



Submitted: Thu, 02/12/2026 - 17:25

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Executive Policy Committee

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Reports, Item 7, Appendix B. "Draft Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law"

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No

Personal information

First name
Molly

Last name
Vanderwater

The intended benefits of the proposed by-law (Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure) appear contrary to the actual content of the by-law. Nuisance demonstrations, as they are referred to in the by-law, have been key to the development of Winnipeg's political and social movements for the betterment of all people living in Canada, especially marginalized groups that this by-law intends to protect. However this by-law, in its current state, could create much greater harm than the harm it means to prevent.

A core aspect of Winnipeg's history and identity is that of the Winnipeg General Strike. The success of that strike is a valuable part of our history and it is important for us to recall that when discussing the weight that protesting has in our city. This is especially pressing based on the fact that many died fighting for that strike. That, among other reasons, is why the Canadian Museum of Human Rights stands here in Winnipeg.

Activism is dependent on the freedom to demonstrate, and labelling protests and demonstrations as a nuisance and imposing fines on those who protest near a designated facility (as defined in the by-law) does not properly respect the gravity of activism and the fact that activism needs to be done to protect and maintain the rights and freedoms of all denizens of Canada. These fines being enforced in the way this by-law intends could have far-reaching implications beyond the scope of the protections promised by this by-law. Limiting where protests and demonstrations can legally occur based on proximity to a designated facility means that university students cannot engage in protesting on campus. It also means that if a peaceful protest includes moving it may automatically become illegal if the people participating in the protest happen to step within 100 meters of a designated facility. If they are moving, what if they unknowingly step within 100 meters of multiple designated facilities? A group of people could be fined $500 each per building, which could pile up extremely quickly. The by-law does thankfully protect strikes and collective bargaining, but protests need to occur in order for the rights of marginalized people to be respected. For example, Pride did not come from nowhere, it required Stonewall in order to evolve into greater rights for queer people across Canada.

Of course, the beliefs behind the intent of the by-law have merit: members of marginalized communities should be protected from intimidation and harassment, but we already have protections for such cases. The right to peaceful assembly includes protests having to be *peaceful*: intimidation and harassment are already covered by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Litigation can already be used to protect marginalized communities, and the fines included in the by-law would restrict protests and demonstration as a whole rather than simply unlawful, non-peaceful protest. However, it is also notable that because of the exact wording of the by-law, being "the expression by any means, including graphic, written or oral, of objection or disapproval towards an idea, action, person or group **based on or related to any specified characteristics**" (emphasis mine) means that a protest trying to defend a person based on their specified characteristics or the rights of people with certain specified characteristics would provoke a fine. Any public disapproval of anything related to specified characteristics in any way would cause a $500 dollar fine.

Do we, as a city, want to push to limit our rights to protest? Is that the right direction for Winnipeg? After our history, including such cases as the Winnipeg General Strike, the Brady Road & Prairie Green landfills, the pro-Palestine encampment at the University of Winnipeg, would the enforcement of this by-law, if passed, truly benefit the people of Winnipeg?

February 12, 2026

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Signed,

Nadia

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February 12, 2026

City of Winnipeg
Council Chambers
510 Main Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba

DELIVERED

Attention: Chief Clerk

Dear Madam :

Re City of Winnipeg Bylaw 2026 "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By - Law (Draft)

Attached please find written submission for distribution to Council for the Upcoming Hearings . Please be advised that I wish to make oral submissions so I would ask that you kindly confirm my registration for same.

Yours truly ,

S. Norman Rosenbaum
nr encl.

IN Re:

THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
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For presentation to public hearings and in anticipate of oral submissions

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The writer notes by way of preliminary remarks that he is a citizen of the City of Winnipeg and a practicing lawyer for over 42 years .

As well I note the extraordinarily short time period for submitting written submissions , i.e. by February 13, 2026.

I will make specific comments on the draft proposed By Law later in this paper. In the meantime I note that there are important issues of protected rights under the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms,* which is a part of the fundamental law of Canada and which Council must abide by .

I specifically refer to Section 2(c)of the Charter , the protected right of freedom of association, which has specifically been recognized as including the right of public demonstration (See *Hillier v Ontario , 2025 ONCA 259 (Can Lii)* . A full copy of *Hillier* is attached at Tab 2).

Take aways from *Hillier*:

Is the legislative goal of the measure imposing limits pressing and substantial.
Is there proportionality between the objective ad the means chosen to achieve
Is there minimal impairment to accomplish a valid government objective ?
Is there proportionality between the deleterious effects of the ban on peaceful assembly "and the salutary effects of the law imposing the ban?"
Is there a rational connection between means and ends ? does the impugned measure show care in design and lack of arbitrariness .
Does it further " an important government aim in a general way ?

These are, collectively, the *Oakes* tests of the constitutionality , and reasonable limits of any state enactment , including Council By- laws.

Specific comments in *Hillier* :

Page 9 , paragraph 22 freedom of peaceful assembly is a fundamental freedom and protected under Section 2(c)of the Charter (2c) Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms:

(a) freedom of conscience and religion;

(b) freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication;

(c) freedom of peaceful assembly; and

(d) freedom of association.

An assembly " is necessarily collective in nature " (paragraph 35).

Peaceful assembly can advance the democratic goals of "self government , truth seeking and self realization. Moreover , the 'capacity to empower unheard, marginalized voices is at the core of s.2c)[of the Charter] (paragraph 36 (1) pages 15-16.

A public assembly can "leverage a message of protest or dissent, forcing the community to pay attention and become involved in relationship grievances. (paragraph 5, page 17).

The core in determining whether the government limits s.2c) is assessed by analyzing whether the government discouraged the collective pursuit of a common purpose by restricting or prohibiting a public gathering or assembly (paragraph 6 , page 17)..

Blanket bans that exclude or restrict an assembly because of its message or purpose are especially problematic. They are 'presumptively disproportionate' for that reason.' In particular , assemblies with a political message should receive a ' heightened level of accommodation and protection'. (paragraph7 , page 17)

Under Public Protests

Freedom of expression must be protected " because it contributes to the public's recognition of truth or to the growth of public knowledge". (paragraph 37 , page 18)

The primary objective of public assemblies is to ' confront others or to gain attention by disrupting ordinary life , or the ordinary use of public spaces ' (page 19 , paragraph 40).

At page 27 , the basic question as to proportionality : whether the negative impact of a law on the rights of individuals is proportionate to pressing and substantial goal of the law in furthering the public interest".

While there will be further discussion later in this paper about "bubble zones" as a proportionate response, the following comment:

A "bubble zone around a women's reproductive rights clinic protects women's rights to bodily integrity and security of the person in accessing medical treatment. So the balance favours such "bubble zone "as protecting women's Charter rights to security of the person.

This is not analogous to ban on political demonstrations against political activities in locations of whatever description . Political speech does not carry with it immunity from political criticism.

At page 29 : The core problem with the determination of proportionality is that detriments suffered by individuals and groups and the benefits to the common good are usually incommensurable.

The By law at hand: Defining the "common good " in a politically diverse community may be impossible. The question may become " who defines the public good "? . Respectfully , unelected bodies may claim to represent communities . This assumes that communities are monolithic . They are not.

So, is the objective pressing and substantial? Council must be alive to the possibility that views of the "public good " are subjective and contested. What is the potential then for unintended consequences.

An historical example : in the period running up to the entry of the United States into the Second World War , American fascists held a rally in Madison Square Gardens in New York City . There were demonstrations outside protesting the rally.

Would a similar bubble zone to that proposed banned those demonstrations outside such community centre , which patently Madison Square Gardens was.

The Draft By Law

i) Preamble :
a) There is no mention whatsoever of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* , notwithstanding the By- Law deals with what is a protected Charter Right of Freedom of Assembly;

b) Venue does not grant immunity from political dissent. So , an explicitly political event in a cultural centre , publicly advertising itself as explicitly political , is protected from Charter protected political criticism.

The difficulty lies in definition of " nuisance demonstration " , specifically " expression of objection or disapproval towards an idea , action based on or related to "any specified characteristics". Then under "specified characteristics": " "a person's nationality or national origin."

On this conflation a demonstration seen as insulting a person's sense of national honour traceable to politics of that country of origin, becomes a "nuisance demonstration. "

So if an event promotes the national honour of a country at war , political demonstration is effectively banned.

Supposing the demonstrators at the Madison Square Garden example above , were caught within the idea , action based on or related to "nationality or national origins". An historically important demonstration of revulsion to genocidal actions of a nation state would be caught under " nuisance demonstration.

So the question , which is national origin /nationality inserted ?

Intimidation

a) incite hatred ... intolerance and discrimination

By this measure a pro- Israeli demonstration outside City Council Chambers , supporting "Israeli Self- Defence" , would invite prosecution under the by-law, as a form of intimidation.

b) cause a person to fear for their mental or physical safety: this definition requires a measuring of the subjective state of the complainant by demonstrators.
Again if a Palestinian citizen was caused fear by the example of the pro-Israel demonstration , the demonstration would be banned , and participants subject to fine or potential incarceration (see comments under sentencing).

c)deter any person from accessing a designated facility: as an employee , ,may administer the Act (section 6) that individual is given authority to designate a facility . It is unclear whether limited to the specific examples in the Bylaw , but since Council means municipal council, a Palestinian deterred from entry to Council building , the pro Israeli demonstration is subject to ban.

Enforcement Authority : section 6

This gives the designated employee authority to "administer and enforce the By-Law " . Which of course requires a great deal of interpretation (eg. what is an " idea or act " related to " a person's nationality or national origins").

The very definition of employee means a person under the control of an employer , and therefore not in a position to make independent decisions. By definition employees have no security of tenure in order to make politically difficult decisions.

There is a reference to By-law officers. Unlike by- law officers involved in inspections of restaurants, the enforcement officers contemplated will make political banning decisions.

Powers of Arrest

By law enforcement officers have arrest powers under Provincial Offence Act , which is incorporated in the By-law . That Act also provides for sentences of potential incarceration or house arrest. It is unclear what if any authority Council has to effectively incorporate arrest and incarceration jurisdiction in a By- law.

Conclusion

The By - law does limit freedom of association and lawful demonstration in a disproportionate fashion as to " ideas and acts ".It is entirely unclear what constitutional advice was obtained in its drafting. It provides inordinate discretion to a designated employee to fundamentally limit constitutionally protected right of public demonstration . The larger issue is what is the impetus of this By-law when the public good is contentious in a diverse community.

Dated at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 11th day of February , 2026

S.Norman Rosenbaum

TAB 1

COURT OF APPEAL FOR ONTARIO

CITATION: Hillier v. Ontario, 2025 ONCA 259
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Lauwers, Zarnett and Pomerance JJ.A.

BETWEEN

Randy Hillier

Applicant (Appellant)

and

His Majesty the King in Right of the Province of Ontario

Respondent (Respondent)

Christopher Fleury and Hatim Kheir, for the appellant

Ryan Cookson and Padraic Ryan, for the respondent

Heard: September 19, 2024

On appeal from the judgment of Justice John Callaghan of the Superior Court of Justice, dated November 22, 2023, with reasons reported at 2023 ONSC 6611.

Lauwers J.A.:

A. OVERVIEW

[1] Ontario imposed limits on gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic. In defiance of these limits, the appellant, Randy Hillier, attended several protests

between April and May 2021.[1] As a result of two specific gatherings, Mr. Hillier was charged with provincial offences for acting as a host or organizer under s. 10.1(1) of the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act.*[2] The application judge noted Mr. Hillier's jeopardy at para. 33 of his reasons: "If found guilty, he faces a fine of $10,000 to $100,000 plus possible imprisonment of up to a year."

[2] Mr. Hillier challenged the constitutionality of the regulations imposing the gathering limits on the basis that they limited his right to peaceful assembly under s. 2(c) of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and could not be justified under s. 1. Mr. Hillier asked that the challenged regulations be declared of no force or effect under s. 52(1) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

[3] The application judge held, as Ontario conceded, that the gathering limits restricted Mr. Hillier's right to peaceful assembly under s. 2(c) of the *Charter*. However, he found that the gathering limits were demonstrably justified under s. 1 and upheld their constitutionality, considering himself bound to do so by this court's decision in *Ontario (Attorney General) v. Trinity Bible Chapel.*[3] Mr. Hillier appeals from the application judge's decision.

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[1] For clarity, I use the terms "assembly" and "protest" interchangeably throughout these reasons.
[2] 2020, S.O. 2020, c. 17 ("*ROA*").
[3] 2023 ONCA 134, 478 D.L.R. (4th) 535, leave to appeal refused, [2023] S.C.C.A. No. 168. The application judge also noted, at para. 6, that there have been many cases that examined whether legislated COVID-19 restrictions violated *Charter* rights and whether such restrictions were justified under s. 1: see e.g. *Harjee v. Ontario*, 2023 ONCA 716; *Gateway Bible Baptist Church et al. v. Manitoba et al.*, 2023 MBCA 56, leave to appeal refused, [2023] S.C.C.A. No. 369; *Beaudoin v. British Columbia (Attorney General)*, 2022 BCCA 427, leave to appeal refused, [2023] S.C.C.A. No. 78; *Grandel v. Government of Saskatchewan*,

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[4] There has been much debate over the merits of governmental responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. This case is not about the merits of those responses. Nor is it about the merits of the limited exemption in the relevant restrictions on outdoor religious gatherings, which was addressed in *Trinity Bible Chapel*. The focus in this appeal is narrower. It is on the effect of the gathering limits as they pertain to the right to peacefully assemble, which was not similarly accommodated.

[5] Section 2(c) offers protection that is related to, but fundamentally distinct from, its companion subsections. The right of peaceful assembly, including political protest, is (in concert with other s. 2 rights) integral to a functioning democracy. The effect of the ban in this case was to stifle assembly aimed at expressing collective opposition to the ban itself.

[6] *Trinity Bible Chapel* affirms that a measure of deference is owed to government decisions that seek to balance competing interests during a fluid public health crisis, based on the precautionary principle. Ontario should not be held to a standard of perfection. Nor is hindsight the proper lens to view the necessity of the imposed gathering limits. A reviewing court should contextually consider what was known and considered by Ontario at the time it imposed the limits.

2024 SKCA 53, leave to appeal refused, [2024] S.C.C.A. No. 317. The application judge concluded, at para. 48, that while all these decisions were helpful, this court's decision in *Trinity Bible Chapel* governs.

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[7] Despite these cautions, I conclude that the gathering limits at issue in this case were not demonstrably justified under s. 1 of the *Charter.* This case is materially different from *Trinity Bible Chapel.* First, this case concerns an absolute, rather than partial ban. Second, while Ontario tailored restrictions on religious gatherings to facilitate freedom of religion, no such tailoring was performed to facilitate the right to peacefully assemble. The evidence discloses that Ontario failed to consider the impact of the gathering limits on s. 2(c) of the *Charter.* The pandemic posed significant challenges for Ontario, but the Constitution does not fade from view in times of crisis.

[8] I set the issue on appeal, next set out the factual background, and then the legal analysis leading to the disposition.

[9] For the reasons that follow, I would allow the appeal.

B. THE ISSUE

[10] There is one issue in this appeal: is the absence of an exception to the COVID-19 gathering limits to accommodate the fundamental freedom of peaceful assembly protected by s. 2(c) of the *Charter* demonstrably justified under s. 1?

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C. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

(1) The Ontario Government's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

[11] In brief, the appellant challenges two regulations on appeal.[4] The first led to the "*Shutdown Order*" and the second to the "*Stay-at-Home Order*". The impugned provisions of the *Shutdown Order* prohibited people from attending certain gatherings with express carveouts. However, there were no carveouts for peaceful assemblies. The *Shutdown Order* worked in tandem with the *Stay-at-Home Order* and included the same limited carveouts.[5]

[12] The carveouts permitted gatherings for weddings, funerals, and religious services subject to certain restrictions, such as a limit of ten people. The application judge noted, at para. 97, that the "ban was absolute as it related to activities engaged in by Mr. Hillier". As the application judge and this court in *Trinity Bible Chapel* mentioned, Ontario was entitled to weigh the objective of reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission with wider societal interests and to carve out exceptions for small religious gatherings and shopping. However, there is no evidence that the Ontario government gave any thought to permitting a parallel exception for outdoor peaceful assemblies, despite the *Charter*'s protection of the

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[4] See *Rules for Areas in Stage 1*, O. Reg. 82/20, Sch. 4, s. 1(1)(c) ("*Shutdown Order*"); *Stay-at-Home Order*, O. Reg. 265/21, Sch. 1, s. 1(1).

[5] For convenience, the text of the impugned orders is reproduced in Appendix A. The excerpt from the *Shutdown Order* was active from April 23, 2021 to May 19, 2021 and the excerpt from the *Stay-at-Home Order* was active from April 7, 2021 to June 1, 2021.

right to freedom of peaceful assembly as a fundamental freedom enumerated in s. 2(c).

[13] On April 3, 2021, in response to a surge of COVID-19 cases that threatened the collapse of the healthcare system, Ontario placed the province into a "Shutdown Zone" through an order under the *ROA*.[6] At the time, this prohibited outdoor gatherings of more than five people province-wide.

[14] On April 7, 2021, Ontario declared a state of emergency under s. 7.0.1(1) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*,[7] and issued an emergency order requiring everyone to stay at home, except for certain kinds of gatherings, including, but not limited to, weddings, funerals, religious services, and permitting an individual living alone to gather with the members of another household.[8] The *Stay-at-Home Order* did not permit individuals to leave their homes to attend peaceful assemblies.

[15] Effective April 17, 2021, Ontario amended the *Shutdown Order* to prohibit all outdoor gatherings except for weddings, funerals, religious services, and for individuals living alone to gather outdoors with the members of another household. Again, the prohibition did not contain an exception for peaceful assemblies.

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[6] See *Shutdown Order*, Sch. 4, s. 1.
[7] R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9.
[8] See *Stay-At-Home Order*.

[16] On May 22, 2021, Ontario amended the *Shutdown Order* to increase the outdoor gathering limit from none to five people. Again, no exception was made explicitly for peaceful assemblies.

[17] The *Stay-at-Home Order* remained in force until its expiry on June 2, 2021. The *Shutdown Order* was extended until its expiry on March 16, 2022. For clarity, Mr. Hillier challenges both the *Shutdown Order* and the *Stay-at-Home Order*. Specifically, he challenges the *Shutdown Order* between April 17, 2021 and May 22, 2021, in which an absolute ban on outdoor assembly was in force, and the *Stay-at-Home Order* generally.[9]

(2) Mr. Hillier and the Protests at Issue

[18] Mr. Hillier has been a politician and an advocate. He was a member of the Legislative Assembly for the riding of Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston.

[19] At the outset of the COVID-19 emergency in March 2020, Mr. Hillier abided by the relevant government rules. However, as time progressed, he became frustrated with Ontario's response to the pandemic. He attended protests to express his discontent because the pandemic created fewer opportunities for him to voice his concerns in the Legislature. These were unquestionably political protests.

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[9] A chart showing the gathering limits during the relevant time period is attached as Appendix B.

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[20] Mr. Hillier faced charges as a host or organizer of the outdoor political protests that occurred in Kemptville, Ontario on April 8, 2021 and in Cornwall, Ontario on May 1, 2021. He also faced other charges for attending protests in Smiths Falls, Belleville, Peterborough, Stratford, Kitchener, and Chatham throughout April and May 2021.

[21] Mr. Hillier encouraged his supporters not to wear masks or get vaccinated against COVID-19. In all, the purpose of the protests was to amplify a collective voice to express discontent with Ontario's policies and restrictions in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

D. ANALYSIS

[22] To reiterate the issue on appeal, is the absence of an exception to the gathering limits to accommodate the fundamental freedom of peaceful assembly protected by s. 2(c) of the *Charter* demonstrably justified under s. 1? The analysis proceeds in two parts, the first addressing s. 2(c) and the second addressing s. 1.

[23] Despite Ontario's concession that the gathering limits did limit Mr. Hillier's fundamental freedom of peaceful assembly, I spend time developing the principled basis for determining that Mr. Hillier's s. 2(c) rights were limited. Doing so is a necessary precondition to an informed s. 1 analysis, which ultimately requires the court to determine whether the negative impact of the gathering limits on Mr. Hillier was proportionate to the goal of limiting the spread of COVID-19.

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(1) Standard of Review

[24] Interpreting the *Charter* is a question of law that is subject to a standard of correctness.[10] Nonetheless, "the application of those constitutional standards may involve questions of fact or mixed fact and law which attract deference on appeal".[11]

(2) The Interpretation and Application of s. 2(c) of the *Charter*

[25] I set out the governing principles for the interpretation of s. 2(c) of the *Charter*, which protects the fundamental freedom of peaceful assembly, and then consider the application of those principles to the gathering limits.

(a) Introduction

[26] The task of interpretation requires the court to consider the text of the *Charter*, the context within which s. 2(c) is found and operates, and its purpose.[12]

[27] Section 2(c) takes its place in a list of fundamental freedoms in s. 2 of the *Charter*, which provides:

> 2. Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms:
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> a) freedom of conscience and religion;

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[10] *Canada (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration) v. Vavilov*, 2019 SCC 65, [2019] 4 S.C.R. 653, at para. 55.
[11] *Trinity Bible Chapel*, at para. 37, citing *Housen v. Nikolaisen*, 2002 SCC 33, [2002] 2 S.C.R. 235, at paras. 8, 10, 36.
[12] *Vavilov*, at para. 118.

b) freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication;

c) freedom of peaceful assembly; and

d) freedom of association.

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[28] The text of s. 2(c) should be interpreted in context with its inclusion among all of the fundamental freedoms listed in s. 2. Each of the fundamental freedoms are distinct and must be given independent meaning. However, as this court noted in *Toronto (City) v. Ontario (Attorney General)*: "rights protections often overlap in protecting a single activity, because persons, even in carrying out a single act, can simultaneously participate in multiple human goods."[13] In other words, the fundamental freedoms listed in s. 2 are not mutually exclusive. For example, one's right to freedom of religion (s. 2(a)) includes one's right to worship collectively in association with others (s. 2(d)). The case-specific context determines which freedom, or freedoms, are engaged and the weight or emphasis each might attract. Given the overlap among the fundamental freedoms listed under s. 2, it is likely, if not common, that a given fact situation will engage more than one. As will be discussed in more detail below, this is especially so with respect to freedom of peaceful assembly under s. 2(c).

[29] Where more than one subsection in s. 2 is invoked, it may well be that only one constitutional analysis is required. The question of whether a particular

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[13] 2019 ONCA 732, 146 O.R. (3d) 705, at para. 75, aff'd 2021 SCC 34, [2021] 2 S.C.R. 845.

subsection merits an independent analysis will invariably depend upon the factual and legal matrix of the case before the court.[14] For example, in *Trinity Bible Chapel*, the claims under the various subsections were reasonably subsumed by the s. 2(a) analysis addressing freedom of religion. Because the factual and legal bases for the claims were identical, there was no practical reason to duplicate the analysis under each subsection. Nor is it accurate to say that there were four separate violations, one for each subsection. There was one violation that straddled the various subsections. What marks this case and distinguishes it from *Trinity Bible Chapel* is that there is only one claim. It is advanced under s. 2(c) only, and the right of peaceful assembly is at the crux of the constitutional analysis.

[30] The exercise of freedom of peaceful assembly through these protests was free of objectionable acts that sometimes attend such protests. There is no claim that they were not peaceful or were disruptive or violent. There were no counter-protests. Nor did Mr. Hillier's participation draw charges under s. 63(1)(a) of the *Criminal Code*, as causing "persons in the neighbourhood" to fear on reasonable grounds that the assembly "will disturb the peace tumultuously".[15] Police action to disperse the protests was not necessary. In short, these were plain vanilla outdoor political protests.

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[14] See *Trinity Bible Chapel*, at paras. 65-72.
[15] R.S.C. 1985, c. C-46.

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(b) Section 2(c) Governing Principles

[31] Section 2(c) of the *Charter* is jurisprudentially underdeveloped. In Professor Jamie Cameron's background paper entitled "Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Section 2(c) of the *Charter*", written for the Public Order Emergency Commission, also known as the Rouleau Commission, she notes: "Though it is one of the *Charter*'s fundamental freedoms, s.2(c)'s freedom of peaceful assembly received

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little or no attention in the first 40 years of *Charter* interpretation and jurisprudence."[16] Her aim was to fill the jurisprudential "gap".[17]

[32] Professor Cameron argues, and in my view, convincingly establishes, this explanatory thesis:

> Though freedom of expression and freedom of assembly are not the same, it has been assumed that questions about expressive activity in public space should be addressed under s.2(b). In that way, the *Charter*'s guarantee of expressive freedom evolved without

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[16] Jamie Cameron, "Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Section 2(c) of the *Charter*" (September 2022) (Ottawa: Public Order Emergency Commission, 2023), at 2, 48. I depart from Professor Cameron's illuminating analysis in one respect: whereas Professor Cameron writes of "violations" or "infringements" of rights at the first stage of a *Charter* rights analysis before the limit has been found to be demonstrably justified under the s. 1 analysis, it is more accurate and faithful to the language of s. 1 itself to speak of "limits". I adopt the clarification of the appropriate terminology in *R. v. Sharma*, 2020 ONCA 478, 152 O.R. (3d) 209, at para. 264, *per* Miller J.A. (dissenting):

> It is only possible to determine that a claimant's *Charter* rights have been violated after considering whether the limit placed on the exercise of a *Charter* right is justified: *McKitty (Litigation guardian of) v. Hayani*, [2019] O.J. No. 5134, 2019 ONCA 805, 439 D.L.R. (4th) 504, at para. 81. Although the Supreme Court uses the language of "infringement" (and "violation"), it has explained that it does not use these terms in their ordinary, pejorative sense, but intends them to be understood as synonymous with [page281] "limit": *Frank v. Canada (Attorney General)*, [2019] 1 S.C.R. 3, [2019] S.C.J. No. 1, 2019 SCC 1, at para. 40. The use of this artificial vocabulary is not necessarily fatal to sound reasoning, provided that it is understood that – whatever vocabulary one adopts – the conclusion of the first-stage analysis is *not* a determination that anyone's *Charter* rights have been violated. However, I agree with Côté and Brown JJ., dissenting in *Frank*, that the use of the language of "infringement" and "violation" in this context is a serious impediment to clear *Charter* reasoning and for that reason ought to be avoided: *Frank*, at para. 122. As they noted, "[i]t distorts our constitutional discourse, and our understanding of rights and of the legitimate boundaries of state action, to speak of individuals having rights which may be justifiably violated by the state": *Frank*, at para. 122.

I observe that in *R. v. Sharma*, 2022 SCC 39, 165 O.R. (3d) 398, the majority used the terminology of "limit", while the minority used terms such as "violate". In this decision, I use the term "limit", which is the language of s. 1.

[17] Cameron, at 7. See Dwight Newman, Derek Ross, and Brian Bird, (eds.), *The Forgotten Fundamental Freedoms: An Introduction* (Toronto: LexisNexis, 2020), also published as (2020), 98 S.C.L.R. (2d).

> aligning with s.2(c) and its concept of assembly. Meanwhile, an affinity between peaceful assembly and freedom of association was dampened by s.2(d)'s selective focus on labour relations issues.[18]

[33] Professor Cameron regrets s. 2(c)'s lack of separate development: "Accepting that an assembly or gathering in public space may be engaged in expressive or associational activity, the point in setting the right of assembly apart from ss.2(b) and (d) 'is the assembly itself'. Put another way, the assembly is, in its own right, 'the constitutional event'."[19]

[34] Section 2(c) has been insufficiently differentiated from other s. 2 freedoms and has been overshadowed, if not subsumed, under s. 2(d), freedom of association, and under s. 2(b), freedom of expression.[20] I find Professor Cameron's contextual approach to be persuasively inclusive and legally correct:

> In principle, freedom of assembly works in concert with s.2's other fundamental freedoms, forming part of an interrelated system that serves core democratic functions. As such, it depends for its protection on overlapping rights, such as freedom of expression and association. Assemblies invariably form in pursuit of a religious, expressive, or associational purposes, and will often be a "conduit" for the exercise of the *Charter*'s other fundamental freedoms.[21]

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[18] Cameron, at 15-16 [footnotes omitted].
[19] Cameron, at 16 [footnotes omitted].
[20] Cameron, at 15-16.
[21] Cameron, at 21.

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[35] Under s. 2(c), "an assembly is necessarily collective in nature", like an "association" contemplated by s. 2(d).[22] In *Dunmore v. Ontario (Attorney General)*, Bastarache J. stated: "the purpose of s. 2(*d*) commands a single inquiry: has the state precluded activity because of its associational nature, thereby discouraging the collective pursuit of common goals?"[23] I accept Professor Cameron's argument: "By analogy to s.2(d), the key issue under s.2(c) is whether the government discouraged the collective pursuit of a common purpose by restricting or prohibiting a public gathering or assembly."[24] She explains that ss. 2(c) and 2(d) protect collective entitlements, and that "under s.2(c) the right attaches to the collective entity, or assembly itself, as well as to individuals who participate as members of the assembly."[25]

[36] I pick out, adapt, and adopt the following propositions as correct statements of the law in building out the contours of s. 2(c):

1. "[T]he act of assembling is the relevant constitutional event, and the value of it inheres in and attaches to the assembly, *qua* assembly."[26] As the "collective enactment or embodiment of individual expressive activity," a s. 2(c) peaceful assembly can advance the democratic goals of "self-

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[22] Cameron, at 24.
[23] 2001 SCC 94, [2001] 3 S.C.R. 1016, at para. 16 [emphasis in original].
[24] Cameron, at 27.
[25] Cameron, at 16, fn. 38.
[26] Cameron, at 26 [footnotes omitted].

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5. A public assembly can "leverage a message of protest or dissent, forcing the community to pay attention and become involved in redressing grievances."[35]
6. The core issue in determining whether the government limited s. 2(c) is assessed by analyzing whether "the government discouraged the collective pursuit of a common purpose by restricting or prohibiting a public gathering or assembly."[36]
7. "[B]lanket bans that exclude or restrict an assembly because of its message or purpose are especially problematic."[37] They are "an 'excessive restriction' and 'presumptively disproportionate' for that reason.[38] "In particular, assemblies with a political message should receive a 'heightened level of accommodation and protection'."[39]

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(c) Public Protests

[37] To understand the scope of s. 2(c)'s protection, it is necessary to account for the goods it is meant to serve. As noted, although there has been comparatively little scholarship and even less jurisprudence on s. 2(c), freedom of expression

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[35] Cameron, at 23, citing Thomas Emerson, *The System of Freedom of Expression* (USA: Random House, 1970), at p. 287.
[36] Cameron, at 27.
[37] Cameron, at 41.
[38] Cameron, at 41, citing Human Rights Committee, *General comment No. 37 (2020) on the right of peaceful assembly (article 21)*, UNHRC, 129th Sess., 2020, U.N. Doc. CPCR/C/GC/37, at paras. 32, 38 ("General Comment No. 37"); Council of Europe, European Commission for Democracy Through Law (Venice Commission), Guidelines on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly, CDL-AD(2019)017rev (2020), at para. 133.
[39] Cameron, at 41, citing General Comment No. 37, at para. 32.

government, truth seeking, and self [illegible]ation".[27] Moreover, the "capacity to empower unheard, marginalized voices is at the core of s.2(c)".[28]

2. An assembly is a "form of collective, not individual, action,"[29] and "[t]he right of peaceful assembly is, by definition, a group activity incapable of individual performance".[30]
3. "[A]n assembly is a concerted bodily enactment", or "a plural form of performativity". It need not accompany "verbalization" to be a form of expressive political action.[31]
4. An assembly includes a physical gathering of individuals in a physical space.[32] There are two corollaries applicable to physical assemblies. First, freedom of assembly "includes activities that are 'integral' to the assembly, such as mobilizing resources, planning, preparing, and publicizing a gathering, and travelling to and from the assembly."[33] Second, "digital connectivity facilitates" but neither displaces nor replaces collective forms of expression; it "complements traditional means of participating in public assemblies."[34]

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[27] Cameron, at 22 [footnotes omitted].
[28] Cameron, at 23.
[29] Cameron, at 24.
[30] *Mounted Police Association of Ontario v. Canada (Attorney General)*, 2015 SCC 1, [2015] 1 S.C.R. 3, at para. 64.
[31] Cameron, at 25, citing Judith Butler, *Notes Toward a Performative Theory of Assembly* (USA: Harvard University Press, 2015), at pp. 9, 18.
[32] Cameron, at 38.
[33] Cameron, at 29 [footnotes omitted].
[34] Cameron, at 36 [footnotes omitted].

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scholarship can assist. In another paper for the Rouleau Commission, entitled "Freedom of Expression" Professor Richard Moon picks out the public goods that freedom of expression seeks to protect:

> It is said that freedom of expression must be protected because it contributes to the public's recognition of truth or to the growth of public knowledge; or because it is necessary to the operation of a democratic form of government; or because it is important to individual self-realization or personal autonomy.[40]

[38] In my view, these public goods also attach to other s. 2 fundamental freedoms, particularly peaceful assembly.

[39] Though freedom of expression and freedom of peaceful assembly are distinct rights, the human goods that animate the former are instructive in analyzing the latter. I agree with the proposition that "[c]onflating freedom of peaceful assembly with other freedoms like expression and association gives the erroneous impression that the former is a derivative of the latter (and that they are based on the same justifications)."[41] In other words, ss. 2(b) and (c) tend to converge because assemblies are necessarily expressive. But this is not to say that questions engaging s. 2(c) should engage only the s. 2(b) analysis. Peaceful

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[40] Richard Moon, "Freedom of Expression" (September 2022) (Ottawa: Public Order Emergency Commission, 2023), at 1. Regrettably, Professor Moon makes the same errors in terminology as Professor Cameron, noted in fn. 16.

[41] Nnaemeka Ezeani, "Understanding Freedom of Peaceful Assembly in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*" (2020) 98 S.C.L.R. (2d) 351 at 363-64, citing Basil S. Alexander, "Exploring a More Independent Freedom of Peaceful Assembly in Canada" (2018) 8:1 W.J. Leg. Stud. 1 at 4.

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assembly is listed as a separate, independent freedom.[42] Continuing to treat s. 2(c) as the forgotten sibling of the other fundamental freedoms unduly limits protection for people living in a constitutional democracy. Although the instances in which s. 2(c) does not overlap with other fundamental freedoms under s. 2 are rare, it is "nonetheless misguided to assume that the freedom exists solely to facilitate the exercise of other freedoms."[43]

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[40] Professor Moon describes protests "as action rather than speech – a physical display rather than a discursive engagement".[44] Moreover, the primary objective of public assemblies is to "confront others or to gain attention by disrupting ordinary life, or the ordinary use of public spaces."[45] Because such activity usually concentrates in public areas, "its message can (appear to) reach a general audience."[46] Thus, a "demonstration is an act of solidarity, a coming together of similarly minded individuals, but also collective act of expression."[47]

[41] Although there are now alternative forums, Professor Moon posits three reasons why public protests have a continued, if not enhanced, appeal. First, protests reflect "a desire to create a common space in which public engagement

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[42] Alexander, at 4.
[43] Ezeani, at 366.
[44] Moon, at 26, citing *Dupond v. City of Montréal et al.*, [1978] 2 S.C.R. 770.
[45] Moon, at 25.
[46] Moon, at 25.
[47] Moon, at 25.

(politics) is possible," and help overcome the fragmentation of public discourse.[48] Second, "a demonstration in public space bridges physical and emotional distance, by bringing individuals together, and giving them a sense of presence, and connection with others, that is lacking in mediated forms of communication."[49] Third, protests "can make visible the extent and depth of support for a position."[50]

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(d) The Principles Applied

[42] As a form of peaceful assembly, political protests are given constitutional protection. This is because s. 2(c)'s role in a constitutional democracy is to "validate the legitimacy and value of experiential, collective and public democracy" and political participation.[51] In this case, the ban on assemblies for political protest imposed by the gathering limits was absolute. Peaceful assemblies were not permitted even in the small numbers allowed for gatherings for religious and similar purposes. No opportunity was provided, to restate the goods this fundamental freedom protects, for dissenters to attract attention, in a visible act of solidarity, to their opposition to the law by disrupting ordinary life in the hope that the protest would lead to a change in public policy; this freedom is surely elemental in a democracy. The presence of alternative forums for protest, such as social media

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[48] Moon, at 25.
[49] Moon, at 25 [citations omitted].
[50] Moon, at 25.
[51] Cameron, at 49.

or virtual gatherings, was not sufficient to render the absolute prohibition on gatherings constitutionally compliant.

[43] The prohibition on peaceful assembly imposed by the gathering limits therefore requires justification under s. 1 of the *Charter*.

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(3) The Interpretation and Application of s. 1 of the *Charter*

[44] Section 1 states that the *Charter* "guarantees the rights and freedoms set out in it subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society." As the application judge noted, at para. 71, the impugned gathering limits in this case were implemented by regulation, which satisfies the requirement that they were prescribed by law.[52]

(a) Section 1 Governing Principles

[45] The method for assessing whether a limit on a fundamental freedom is demonstrably justified under s. 1 was prescribed by the Supreme Court in *R. v. Oakes*.[53] It was developed to structure the inquiry into whether a limit on the exercise of a *Charter* right is demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society. Not only does the *Oakes* test shape this legal analysis, but it also constrains and disciplines courts in order to render the final balancing step intelligible and transparent. A flexible, contextual approach has won out over a rigid

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[52] *Alberta v. Hutterian Brethren of Wilson Colony*, 2009 SCC 37, [2009] 2 S.C.R. 567, at para. 46.
[53] [1986] 1 S.C.R. 103.

application of *Oakes*, especially in the wake of *Hutterian Brethren*, *Canada (Attorney General) v. Bedford*,[54] and *Carter v. Canada (Attorney General)*.[55] In La Forest J.'s view, the *Oakes* test is not a set of rigid rules, but "a checklist, guidelines for the performance" of judicial duties.[56]

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[46] The first step of the *Oakes* test is to determine whether the legislative goal of the measure imposing the gathering limits was pressing and substantial. As the application judge noted, at para. 72: "Mr. Hillier concedes that the Gathering Restrictions were enacted to address a pressing and substantial concern, namely COVID-19." Mr. Hillier did not retreat from this concession in this court. The pressing and substantial concern was to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Ontario therefore meets the first step of the *Oakes* test.

[47] The second *Oakes* step is to determine whether there is proportionality between the objective of the legislation and the means chosen to achieve it. This step engages three inquiries:

1. Rational connection: is there a causal link between the gathering limits and the pressing and substantial objective of preventing the spread of COVID-19?
2. Minimal impairment: does the ban on peaceful assembly impair the exercise of that fundamental

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[54] 2013 SCC 72, [2013] 3 S.C.R. 1101.
[55] 2015 SCC 5, [2015] 1 S.C.R. 331. See also Gérard La Forest, "The Balancing of Interests under the *Charter*" (1992), 2 N.J.C.L 133, at 145-48.
[56] La Forest, at 148.

freedom more than is reasonably necessary to accomplish the objective?

3. Proportionate effects: is there proportionality between the deleterious effects of the ban on peaceful assembly and the salutary effects of the law imposing the limit?[57]

[48] In *Ontario (Attorney General) v. G*, Karakatsanis J. noted that the *Oakes* test has evolved; it "now focuses on justifying the infringing measure rather than the law as a whole".[58]

[49] I address each of theses three inquiries in turn.

(b) Were the Gathering Limits Rationally Connected?

[50] The evidentiary burden in this first inquiry "is not particularly onerous."[59] In fact, "the requirement of a rational connection has very little work to do."[60] A rational connection need not be proven on a rigorous scientific basis – and indeed to require proof to a scientific standard might hold the Crown to a higher standard of demonstration than is possible for the subject matter. A causal connection based on reason or logic may suffice.[61] Provided that the impugned measure shows care in design and a lack of arbitrariness, and provided that it furthers an important

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[57] *Carter*, at para. 94; *R. v. K.R.J.*, 2016 SCC 31, [2016] 1 S.C.R. 906, at para. 58; *Frank v. Canada (Attorney General)*, 2019 SCC 1, [2019] 1 S.C.R. 3, at paras. 38-39.
[58] 2020 SCC 38, [2020] 3 S.C.R. 629, at para. 108 [emphasis added].
[59] *Little Sisters Book and Art Emporium v. Canada (Minister of Justice)*, 2000 SCC 69, [2000] 2 S.C.R. 1120, at para. 228.
[60] Peter W. Hogg and Wade K. Wright, *Constitutional Law of Canada*, 5th ed., vol. 2 (Toronto: Thomson Reuters Canada Ltd., 2023) (loose-leaf release 1, 7/2023), at §38:18.
[61] *RJR-MacDonald Inc. v. Canada (Attorney General)*, [1995] 3 S.C.R. 199, at paras. 137, 153; *Carter*, at para. 99.

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government aim in a general way, it will pass the rational connection branch of the analysis.[62]

[51] Ontario need only demonstrate a reasonable prospect that the gathering limits as they relate to peaceful assembly will further the legislative objective of preventing the spread of COVID-19 to some extent, notthat it will certainly do so.[63] In the absence of dispositive social science evidence, Ontario need only establish a "reasoned apprehension" of the harm it aims to prevent.[64]

[52] Before the application judge, Mr. Hillier argued that Ontario had not established a rational connection between the gathering limits and the threat of the outdoor spread of COVID-19. The application judge held, at para. 80, that "Restricting the gathering of people, even outdoors, was a rational means of reducing the transmission of COVID-19." Mr. Hillier does not challenge this finding, which seems rather obvious. Ontario therefore meets the first step of the proportionality assessment under s. 1 of the *Charter*.

(c) Were the Gathering Limits Minimally Impairing?

[53] The Supreme Court explained in *Carter* that "the analysis at this stage is meant to ensure that the deprivation of *Charter* rights is confined to what is

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[62] *Canada (Human Rights Commission) v. Taylor*, [1990] 3 S.C.R. 892, at pp. 925-26.
[63] See *Hutterian Brethren*, at para. 48.
[64] *R. v. Butler*, [1992] 1 S.C.R. 452, at p. 504.

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reasonably necessary to achieve the state's object."[65] The minimal impairment inquiry, therefore, is whether "the limit on the right is reasonably tailored to the objective,"[66] in particular, "whether there are less harmful means of achieving the legislative goal".[67] As such, the government bears the burden of demonstrating that "less drastic means"[68] were unavailable to achieve the objective "in a real and substantial manner".[69]

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[54] Judicial deference to the Legislature at the minimal impairment step is to be sensitive to the context of the law in issue. The Legislature is not to be held to a standard of perfection: "If the law falls within a range of reasonable alternatives, the courts will not find it overbroad merely because they can conceive of an alternative which might better tailor objective to infringement".[70] Rather, the court will consider whether the government has established that "it has tailored the limit to the exigencies of the problem in a reasonable way".[71]

[55] The application judge recognized that the government was entitled to act out of an abundance of caution in imposing the impugned gathering limits in a public healthcare emergency, and to be duly deferential to the government's methods for

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[65] At para. 102.
[66] *Carter*, at para. 102.
[67] *Hutterian Brethren*, at para. 53.
[68] *Carter*, at para. 102.
[69] *Hutterian Brethren*, at para. 53.
[70] *RJR-MacDonald*, at p. 342.
[71] *Montréal (City) v. 2952-1366 Québec Inc.*, 2005 SCC 62, [2005] 3 S.C.R. 141, at para. 94.

doing so. While the application judge recognized that the gathering limits were absolute with respect to peaceful assemblies, he drew on *Trinity Bible Chapel* as an example of a tailored government response to the pandemic. In doing so, he took the gathering limits at a macro-level and did not analyze the specific *Charter* issue before him. This was an error that coloured his minimal impairment analysis.

[56] Mr. Hillier argues that an outright ban on peaceful assembly cannot meet the minimal impairment test in this case. I agree. An outright ban is different than, and leaves no room for, less onerous restrictions of the type considered in *Trinity Bible Chapel*. As the Supreme Court explained in *Ford v. Quebec (Attorney General)*, "the distinction between a limit that permits no exercise of a guaranteed right or freedom in a limited area of its potential exercise and one that permits a qualified exercise of it may be relevant to the application of the test of proportionality under s. 1."[72] A total ban on the exercise of a fundamental freedom cannot readily meet the second step of the proportionality assessment under s. 1 of the *Charter*, and it does not in this case.[73] The next section sets out additional reasons for the conclusion that the ban was not justified in this case.

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[72] [1988] 2 S.C.R. 712, at p. 773.

[73] It is a longstanding principle that blanket prohibitions are generally not minimally impairing under s. 1. See e.g., *U.F.C.W., Local 1518 v. KMart Canada*, [1999] 2 S.C.R. 1083, at para. 77; *RJR-MacDonald*, at para. 163.

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[57] This conclusion means that the gathering limits were unconstitutional. In the event that this conclusion is mistaken, I proceed to the next step in the *Oakes* analysis, and thereafter to the remedy.

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(d) Are the Deleterious Effects of the Gathering Limits Proportionate to its Salutary Effects?

[58] The basic question in the third and last proportionality inquiry is this: "is the limit on the right proportionate in effect to the public benefit conferred by the limit?"[74] Or, as it was put in *Bedford*: "whether the negative impact of a law on the rights of individuals is proportionate to the pressing and substantial goal of the law in furthering the public interest."[75] This analysis "takes full account of the 'severity of the deleterious effects of a measure on individuals or groups'."[76] It entails a "broader assessment of whether the benefits of the impugned law are worth the cost of the rights limitation", or, putting it the other way, whether "the deleterious effects are out of proportion to the public good achieved" by the limits.[77]

[59] This form of analysis assists in determining whether it is just for the legislation to require some individuals to bear the burden of the negative effects in

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[74] *Hutterian Brethren*, at para. 73.
[75] At para. 125. See also *Carter*, at para. 95.
[76] *Hutterian Brethren*, at para. 76.
[77] *Hutterian Brethren*, at paras. 77-78.

order to secure the benefits of the positive effects for the common good – a good that benefits the appellant as well.[78]

[60] The application judge found, at para. 103, that "[t]he imposition of the Gathering Restrictions for approximately two months was not disproportionate to the threat facing Ontario in the spring of 2021." He added, at para. 105:

> In the extraordinary circumstances existing in the spring of 2021, the Gathering Restrictions were both necessary and a proportionate response to the most significant health crisis of our time. The challenged restrictions were justified under s. 1 of the *Charter*.

[61] The application judge made a basic error in his approach to this question. He did not pay due regard to the limit – the absolute prohibition – imposed by the gathering limits on the fundamental freedom of peaceful assembly. He did not assess peaceful assembly separately as a fundamental freedom protected by s. 2(c) of the *Charter*. To repeat the instruction in *G*, the court must now focus on justifying the specific infringing measure rather than on the law as a whole. The application judge failed to do so.

[62] The gathering limit to be assessed under the third inquiry of the s. 1 proportionality analysis is the complete ban on peaceful assemblies, particularly

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[78] See *Oakes*, p. 139; *K.R.J.*, at para. 58; *Frank*, at para. 38.

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outdoor political protests. I consider the deleterious effects, next the beneficial effects, and then whether Ontario struck a demonstrably justified balance.

(i) The Deleterious Effects of the Gathering Limits on Peaceful Assembly

[63] The question is whether the negative impact of the gathering limits on the right to peacefully assemble is proportionate to the law's pressing and substantial goal of preventing the spread of COVID-19.[79]

[64] The deleterious effects include the following. The fundamental freedom of peaceful assembly was eliminated entirely for two months. Some gatherings were permitted in certain circumstances, such as "a wedding, a funeral or a religious service, rite or ceremony".[80] However, individuals or groups who wanted to publicly assemble to protest COVID-19 control measures were prevented by law from doing so either indoors or outdoors. As noted, outdoor protests are especially effective at amplifying minority voices and expressing political dissent. People who wished to participate in outdoor protests were denied the opportunity to influence public policy by this time-honoured method. The core problem with the determination of proportionality is that the detriments to be suffered by individuals and groups in any case under consideration, on the one hand, and the benefits that accrue to the common good, on the other hand, are usually incommensurable.

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[79] See *Bedford*, at para. 125.
[80] *Shutdown Order*, Sch. 4, s. 1(1)(d); *Stay-at-Home Order*, Sch. 1, s.1(1).

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There is no common basis, common denominator or common measure for evaluating and balancing the competing claims of the individuals and groups negatively affected by a law or decision, against any benefits to the common good. Nonetheless, subject to judicial forbearance, often the court must declare an outcome.[81]

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(ii) The Beneficial Effects of the Gathering Limits on Peaceful Assembly

[65] The public good sought by the gathering limits was preventing the spread of COVID-19. This is unquestionably a legitimate state goal in pursuit of the common good. The question is whether the societal benefits of the gathering limits were proportionate to the detrimental effects of the ban on peaceful assemblies on Mr. Hillier.[82]

[66] This assessment cannot only be abstract; it must be concrete if the state's actions are to be constrained by the fundamental freedoms protected by the *Charter*. Abstractly, and intuitively, a complete ban on all gatherings would be maximally effective in preventing the spread of COVID-19, but in human terms, such a ban was neither possible nor desirable. The logical corollary is that

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[81] Timothy Endicott, "Proportionality and Incommensurability" in Grant Huscroft, Bradley W. Miller, and Grégoire Webber, eds., *Proportionality and the Rule of Law* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014) 317.
[82] See *Hutterian Brethren*, at para. 78.

permitting any more gatherings than the limits permitted would increase the risk of spreading COVID-19.

[67] But, proportional balancing sets a much more demanding standard in comparing costs and benefits.[83] The assessment is concrete, rather than abstract. How much, practically speaking, did the ban on peaceful assembly mitigate the risk of COVID-19 spread? There is no evidence as to the increase in risk that would have been posed by an exemption for outdoor peaceful assembly or protests that matched the exemption for permitted gatherings.[84]

[68] More particularly, there is no evidence as to the increase in risk posed by the outdoor protests in which Mr. Hillier participated.

[69] Perhaps most importantly, there is no evidence that Ontario ever considered an exemption for peaceful assembly for outdoor political protests. Can the court, in assessing the state's justification, countenance an outcome in which the state eliminates the free exercise of a fundamental freedom without giving that elimination any actual thought? Such an outcome would be entirely contrary to the purpose of the *Charter* in protecting the free exercise of fundamental freedoms against the limiting actions of government.

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[83] See generally *G*, at para. 108.
[84] I note, parenthetically, that there was unlikely to be as many protests as there are places of worship and funeral facilities.

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(iii) Has Ontario Struck a Demonstrably Justified Balance?

[70] The application judge considered himself, on the facts and on the reasoning, to be unable to deviate from *Trinity Bible Chapel*. He erred in so doing. *Trinity Bible Chapel* is distinguishable. The cases would be analogous if the issue before the court in *Trinity Bible Chapel* had been an outright ban on religious gatherings. But that was not the case. The issue was whether the actual numerical limits were demonstrably justified taking into account the rights of the appellants under s. 2(a) of the *Charter*. The motion judge and this court concluded that the limits were justified.

[71] Ontario conceded in the *Trinity Bible Chapel* appeal that the restrictions on religious gatherings limited the fundamental freedom of religion protected by s. 2(a) of the *Charter*.[85] This court found that, in applying the *Oakes* test, the limit was justified under s. 1. First, the limits were directed at a pressing and substantial objective.[86] Second, the gathering limits were rationally connected to the objective because restricting contact "logically reduces the risk of transmission, particularly in congregate settings such as religious gatherings."[87] Third, the gathering limits were minimally impairing as a "tailored and balanced response to an urgent public health crisis."[88] Fourth, in balancing the salutary and deleterious effects of the

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[85] At para. 17.
[86] *Trinity Bible Chapel*, at paras. 90, 92.
[87] *Trinity Bible Chapel*, at paras. 95-96.
[88] *Trinity Bible Chapel*, at para. 125.

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gathering limit on religious freedoms, this court accepted the motion judge's conclusion that "[r]eligious institutions were affected, but no more than was reasonably necessary and for no longer than was reasonably required."[89] None of these conclusions are at issue in this case. The limits on religious gatherings were fully justified.

[72] The implication for this appeal is that the court must focus on the limit, or "the infringing measure", not on the law as a whole.[90] This approach prevents the limit from being crushed under the weight of the law's benefit.

[73] The application judge's analysis in this case did not reach the actual limit at issue here – the gathering limits on the fundamental freedom of peaceful assembly under s. 2(c) of the *Charter*. To repeat, *G* required the application judge to focus on whether the specific limiting measure was justified, rather than on the law as a whole, but he did not. Instead, he focused on the law's overwhelming social good in preventing the spread of COVID-19, not on ways in which the fundamental freedom of peaceful assembly might still be accommodated in the delicate task of balancing. This was his error.[91]

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[89] *Trinity Bible Chapel*, at para. 133.
[90] *G*, at para. 108.
[91] I note in passing that Mr. Hillier raised what might be a new argument on appeal, that in his analysis, the application judge "erred in upholding government action that created a constitutionally impermissible hierarchy of rights." Any time a choice is made between rights, as is sometimes required by *Oakes*, a hierarchy is created, but that is the result of an immediate context-specific choice, and does not establish a functional hierarchy going forward.

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[74] Mindful of the problem of incommensurability mentioned above, I conclude that the deleterious effects of the absolute ban on peaceful assembly, particularly outdoor political protests, during the period of April 17, 2021 to May 22, 2021, exceeded the benefits of these particular gathering limits on the spread of COVID-19. Ontario has failed to demonstrably justify these limits on the peaceful assembly rights of Mr. Hillier under s. 2(c) of the *Charter*, as required by s. 1.

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E. REMEDY

[75] I would allow the appeal. The parties asked the court for the opportunity to address the remedy if the appeal were allowed. I would give Mr. Hillier ten days from the release of these reasons to provide written submissions no more than five pages in length, Ontario shall provide submissions no more than five pages in length ten days later, and Mr. Hillier's reply no more than two pages in length is to be submitted within an additional week.

[76] I would ask the parties to keep in mind some principles. The remedy must be consistent with the principles in *Schachter v. Canada*,[92] as clarified by *G*. In *G*, the Supreme Court noted that in tailoring remedies under s. 52(1) of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, courts must balance the public's interest in constitutional

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[92] [1992] 2 S.C.R. 679.

compliance and the protection of *Charter* rights, on the one hand, with the benefit of laws passed by the legislature, on the other hand.[93]

[77] In determining the form a remedy should take, the court should avoid full declarations of invalidity when "the nature of the violation and the intention of the legislature allows for them."[94] The court in *G* added that: "To ensure the public has the benefit of enacted legislation, remedies of reading down, reading in, and severance, tailored to the breadth of the violation, should be employed when possible so that the constitutional aspects of legislation are preserved".[95] The court added that such a declaration "cures the law's unconstitutionality."[96]

[78] The court in *G* echoed *Schachter*'s caution that tailored remedies should only be used "where it can be fairly assumed that 'the legislature would have passed the constitutionally sound part of the scheme without the unsound part' and where it is possible to precisely define the unconstitutional aspect of the law.[97] Accordingly, the importance of the remaining legislation should be considered to avoid interfering with the legislative objective of the law.[98]

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[93] At paras. 109-11.
[94] *G*, at para. 112.
[95] At para. 112, citing *Schachter*, at p. 700; *Vriend v. Alberta*, [1998] 1 S.C.R. 493, at paras. 149-50.
[96] *G*, at para. 112.
[97] *G*, at para. 114, citing *Schachter*, at p. 697; *Attorney-General for Alberta v. Attorney-General for Canada*, [1947] A.C. 503 (P.C.), at p. 518.
[98] *G*, at para. 114, citing *Schachter*, at pp. 705-15.

[79] In a similar vein, albeit a different context, L'Heureux-Dubé J. made a trenchant comment in *R. v. O'Connor* that applies equally to the tailoring of remedies:

> It is important to recognize that the *Charter* has now put into judges' hands a scalpel instead of an axe – a tool that may fashion, more carefully than ever, solutions taking into account the sometimes complementary and sometimes opposing concerns of fairness to the individual, societal interests, and the integrity of the judicial system.[99]

F. DISPOSITION

[80] I would find that the challenged gathering limits, in effect from April 17, 2021 to May 22, 2021, violated s. 2(c) of the *Charter* in a manner that cannot be justified under s. 1. Accordingly, I would allow the appeal.

[81] The parties do not seek costs.

Released: April 7, 2025 "P.D.L."

"P. Lauwers J.A."
"I agree. B. Zarnett J.A."
"I agree. R. Pomerance J.A."

[99] [1995] 4 S.C.R. 411, at para. 69.

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APPENDIX A

Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020

ONTARIO REGULATION 82/20

FORMERLY UNDER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CIVIL PROTECTION ACT

RULES FOR AREAS IN STAGE 1

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SCHEDULE 4

ORGANIZED PUBLIC EVENTS, CERTAIN GATHERINGS IN SHUTDOWN ZONE

Gatherings, Stage 1 areas

1. (1) Subject to sections 2 to 4, no person shall attend,

(a) an organized public event that is held indoors;

(b) a social gathering that is held indoors, including a social gathering associated with a gathering described in clause (d);

(c) an organized public event or social gathering that is held outdoors, including a social gathering associated with a gathering described in clause (d); or

(d) a gathering, whether indoors or outdoors, for the purposes of a wedding, a funeral or a religious service, rite or ceremony of more than 10 people.

(2) A person attending an organized public event, social gathering or a gathering for the purposes of a wedding, a funeral or a religious service, rite or ceremony shall comply with public health guidance on physical distancing.

(3) For greater certainty, subsections (1) and (2) apply with respect to an organized public event, social gathering or a gathering for the purposes of a wedding, a funeral or a religious service, rite or ceremony, even if it is held at a private dwelling.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND CIVIL PROTECTION ACT

ONTARIO REGULATION 265/21

STAY-AT-HOME ORDER

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SCHEDULE 1

Requirement to remain in residence

1. (1) Every individual shall remain at the residence at which they are currently residing at all times unless leaving their residence is necessary for one or more of the following purposes:

Work, school and child care

1. Working or volunteering where the nature of the work or volunteering requires the individual to leave their residence, including when the individual's employer has determined that the nature of the individual's work requires attendance at the workplace.

2. Attending school or a post-secondary institution.

3. Attending, obtaining or providing child care.

4. Receiving or providing training or educational services.

Obtaining goods and services

5. Obtaining food, beverages and personal care items.

6. Obtaining goods or services that are necessary for the health or safety of an individual, including vaccinations, other health care services and medications.

7. Obtaining goods, obtaining services, or performing such activities as are necessary for landscaping, gardening and the safe operation, maintenance and sanitation of households, businesses, means of transportation or other places.

8. Purchasing or picking up goods through an alternative method of sale, such as curbside pickup, from a business or place that is permitted to provide the alternative method of sale.

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9. Attending an appointment at a business or place that is permitted to be open by appointment only.

10. Obtaining services from a financial institution or cheque cashing service.

11. Obtaining government services, social services and supports, mental health support services or addictions support services.

Assisting others

12. Delivering goods or providing care or other support or assistance to an individual who requires support or assistance, or receiving such support or assistance, including,

i. providing care for an individual in a congregate care setting, and

ii. accompanying an individual who requires assistance leaving their residence for any purpose permitted under this Order.

13. Taking a child to the child's parent or guardian or to the parent or guardian's residence.

14. Taking a member of the individual's household to any place the member of the household is permitted to go under this Order.

Health, safety and legal purposes

15. Doing anything that is necessary to respond to or avoid an imminent risk to the health or safety of an individual, including,

i. protecting oneself or others from domestic violence,

ii. leaving or assisting someone in leaving unsafe living conditions, and

iii. seeking emergency assistance.

16. Exercising, including,

i. walking or moving around outdoors using an assistive mobility device, or

ii. using an outdoor recreational amenity that is permitted to be open.

17. Attending a place as required by law or in relation to the administration of justice.

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18. Exercising an Aboriginal or treaty right as recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

Multiple residences and moving

19. Travelling to another residence of the individual if,

i. the individual intends to be at the residence for less than 24 hours and is attending for one of the purposes set out in this Order, or

ii. the individual intends to reside at the residence for at least 14 days.

20. Travelling between the homes of parents, guardians or caregivers, if the individual is under their care.

21. Making arrangements to purchase or sell a residence or to begin or end a residential lease.

22. Moving residences.

Travel

23. Travelling to an airport, bus station or train station for the purpose of travelling to a destination that is outside of the Province.

Gatherings

24. Attending a gathering for the purpose of a wedding, a funeral or a religious service, rite or ceremony that is permitted by law or making necessary arrangements for the purpose of such a gathering.

25. If the individual lives alone, gathering with the members of a single household.

Animals

26. Obtaining goods or services that are necessary for the health or safety of an animal, including obtaining veterinary services.

27. Obtaining animal food or supplies.

28. Doing anything that is necessary to respond to or avoid an imminent risk to the health or safety of an animal, including protecting an animal from suffering abuse.

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29. Walking or otherwise exercising an animal.

(2) Despite subsection (1), no person shall attend a business or place that is required by law to be closed, except to the extent that temporary access to the closed business or place is permitted by law.

(3) This Order does not apply to individuals who are homeless.

(4) If this Order allows an individual to leave their residence to go to a place, it also authorizes them to return to their residence from that place.

(5) The requirement in subsection (1) to remain at an individual's residence does not prevent the individual from accessing outdoor parts of their residence, such as a backyard, or accessing indoor or outdoor common areas of the communal residences in which they reside that are open, including lobbies.

(6) For greater certainty, nothing in this Order permits a business or place to be open if it is required by law to be closed.

(7) For greater certainty, nothing in this Order permits an individual to gather with other individuals if the gathering is not permitted by law.

(8) For greater certainty, individuals may only attend an outdoor organized public event or social gathering for a purpose set out in subsection (1) if the event or gathering is permitted by law.

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APPENDIX B

Date	Legislation	Restrictions			
		Indoor Social Gathering / Public Event	Outdoor Social Gathering / Public Event	Indoor Religious Gatherings	Outdoor Religious Gatherings
April 17, 2021 - April 18, 2021	O.Reg. 82/20, Sch. 4, s. 1(1)	No person shall attend.	No person shall attend.	15 percent of room capacity.	Number that can maintain physical distancing.
April 19, 2021 - April 22, 2021	O.Reg. 82/20, Sch. 4, s. 1(1)	No person shall attend.	No person shall attend.	10 people.	10 people.
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Re: Proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law (limiting so-called “nuisance demonstrations”)

To Members of Council,

This proposed by-law would severely restrict where people can peacefully assemble and express dissent. If enacted, the City would criminalize core democratic actions and chill fundamental rights protected under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Protests become “nuisance demonstrations” not when they are unsafe or harmful, but simply because they are unwelcome to those in power. That is not a legitimate basis for limiting speech. Experience shows that peaceful protest is a necessary mechanism for accountability and change, not a threat to the public order.

I oppose this by-law in the strongest possible terms. It is a disproportionate and unnecessary restriction on freedom of expression, assembly, and association.

Sincerely,
Patrick Krawec

13 February 2026

Executive Policy Committee
Winnipeg City Council

Re: Opposition to Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

I am entirely opposed to this by-law recommendation, that the Executive Policy Committee is slated to discuss on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

It is an example of legislative over-reach, poorly crafted, and a threat to rights and freedom guaranteed under the Canadian Charter that will not likely survive a constitutional challenge.

It opens the door to the abuse of power by both police and legislative bodies, and would make illegal any public response to everything from ecological crisis to political tyranny. As for making society safer, EPC should consider it will have an opposite effect: this by-law targets people who have financial means to pay the fines, not the elements of society that have no money, and thus may act out their anger in the streets, undiluted by reason, because they have no other option.

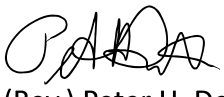
We already have legislation in place to deal with real threats to public safety and access to infrastructure. I taught at both UWinnipeg and UManitoba during both "encampments," and never once was bothered or disturbed by them. Trying to think up an umbrella by-law is not helpful in dealing with specific situations, and only risks being applied in the future to citizens exercising their democratic rights to protest the misjudgments of their political, social and commercial leadership.

It is an expression, not of concern and support for democracy, but of the slide into an authoritarian, anti-democratic future that we see elsewhere in our crisis-plagued world.

To be clear, I think the council members who have brought this forward are misguided, not fascists in the making. But they should be concerned that it will be fascists, not democrats, who celebrate the passage of this kind of legislation. Whatever good intentions might have initiated this by-law, it cannot be amended, massaged or repackaged into anything less than the threat to Canadian democracy that such legislation entails.

I wish to record my complete opposition to this by-law, and urge the EPC and City Council to discard it entirely.

Sincerely,



(Rev.) Peter H. Denton, B.A. (Hons.), M.A., M.A., M.Div., Ph.D.
Contract Academic Staff at UWinnipeg and UManitoba
Adjunct Associate Professor of History, Royal Military College of Canada
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Signed,
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Signed,
Rosalie Schott

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CANADIAN MUSLIMS

Your Voice. Your Future

Good afternoon Mayor and Members of Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

Let me begin by stating clearly that we fully support the protection of religious communities and other vulnerable institutions. Individuals must be able to attend places of worship, schools, and hospitals free from harassment, intimidation, or violence. That objective is both legitimate and important.

Our primary concern, however, is the process by which this bylaw has been developed. When a municipality proposes legislation that directly engages Charter-protected freedoms, particularly freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, robust and inclusive consultation is essential.

Consultation is the mechanism through which municipalities can identify potential issues before they crystallize into significant problems. It allows governments to recognize where definitions are unclear and where enforcement may be inconsistent. Consultation ensures that protective measures are effective and aligned with constitutional requirements.

Several aspects of the current draft illustrate why consultation is urgently required. The definition of a nuisance demonstration includes the expression of objection or disapproval toward an idea, action, person, or group based on specified characteristics. But that formulation directly engages expressive content and risks capturing lawful protest and political advocacy. The bylaw also defines intimidation in terms that rely on perceived effects and potential outcomes. While the objective of preventing intimidation is entirely legitimate, standards framed in this manner create uncertainty about what conduct is prohibited.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones around a broad range of sites, including places of worship and schools, further demonstrate the potential breadth of this legislation. In many urban areas, these zones encompass sidewalks, parks, and public streets that function as legitimate forums for lawful assembly. Bubble zone legislation of this nature can significantly restrict lawful public assembly and peaceful expression, effectively limiting the ability of individuals and groups to participate in public discourse. Without thorough consultation, there is a risk that bubble zones will be applied in a

manner that inadvertently suppresses Charter-protected rights and creates uncertainty for our enforcement authorities and the public alike.

These factors collectively indicate that the bylaw is at risk of being vague and overbroad, as well as difficult to enforce. But these are precisely the foreseeable consequences of advancing legislation without consultation with all impacted groups.

Consultation should include religious communities, civil liberties organizations, legal experts, and protest groups. Engaging these stakeholders will allow Council to clarify definitions, identify overlaps with existing regulations, and ensure that enforcement is consistent and proportionate.

The risks of proceeding without consultation have already been observed elsewhere. The City of Vaughan enacted a similar bylaw and is now subject to a Charter challenge supported by civil liberties organizations including ours, the National Council of Canadian Muslims. Winnipeg has the opportunity to take a different path, and craft legislation that is protective but also enforceable and constitutionally sound.

Our shared objective is clear: we all want to protect vulnerable communities. But the path to achieving that objective with legitimacy and durability requires requisite consultation with all impacted groups. That step must come first. Without it, the City risks enacting legislation that is vulnerable to challenge, difficult to enforce, ultimately undermines the protection it seeks to provide.

We respectfully urge Council to undertake broad consultation and return with a revised bylaw that is precise, narrowly targeted, and constitutionally defensible. Consultation at this stage will not weaken this initiative but rather will strengthen it, ensuring that Winnipeg protects its communities while respecting the rights and freedoms central to our democracy.

Thank you.

Sadaf Ahmed, PhD
Manitoba Advocacy Officer, Department of Government Affairs and Public Policy
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Signed,
Selina Kelly

Opposition to the 'Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw'

I am truly disturbed that once again Winnipeg City Council is playing fast and loose with human rights in Winnipeg. In this case, the 'Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw' is a direct attack on our charter rights that protect our freedom of expression and right to peaceful assembly.

This city council seems to be in the habit of attempting to push through a consistent message of complete disregard for human rights and civil liberties. I am seeing more and more similarities between this council and the fascism that is creeping across this continent.

I have always prided myself on the history of labour strikes in Winnipeg, of the dissenting voices that have shaped this

city and province from the very beginning. Dissent and protest that have created art, culture, music, amazing organizers, water and land protectors that are known nation wide. The true creative problem solving that arises when people are able to speak freely and have open dialogue cannot exist without protest and assembly and freedom of expression.

The idea that this Bylaw will keep people safe is ridiculous when we already have laws against illegal activities, harassment and hate speech. There is nothing in this proposed bylaw that adds any measure of safety. What it does add, is an attempt to muzzle any one council does not agree with.

We see through this plan, and there is no way the citizens of Winnipeg will allow such a hostile bylaw to be passed. Knowing it would never stand up in any

court of law in Canada, I am also shocked by the incompetence and disrespect of such a bylaw being put forward in the first place.
Why does this Council insist again and again in proposing bylaws that attempt to control and coerce the population of this city? Who do you think you represent, if not us, the citizens?
We demand you immediately remove this proposal for review. It is a direct violation of our charter rights.

Thank you for your time,
Sharon Johnson
Community member and Organizer

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Signed,
Shelley Kelly

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I'm writing today in complete and utter shock over the proposed legislation to be discussed on Tuesday, February 17th, that is the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. This law would undermine the charter rights of Winnipeg's public to freedom of peaceful assembly and expression, and would harm minority groups in the city disproportionately. For these reasons I urge you to reconsider and drop this legislation.

1. Charter Rights and Freedoms

This piece of legislation as written is general enough to warrant use against nearly any protest that exists on the properties described. These include some of the historically most relevant places of protest; city buildings, university campuses, public libraries, and more. I believe this risks damaging the democratic institutions and nature of our culture, and should not be allowed to go forward.

The purpose of a protest is to be disruptive; to annoy people enough that they pay some attention to the cause. In prohibiting “nuisance” protests in some of the ways described in the by-law, activism in our city will be significantly impacted in its ability to get the public's attention. All of the hate speech oriented aspects of the bylaw are already prohibited under Canadian freedom of expression laws, and should be better policed. But if enacted, this bylaw could and would be used against all kinds of protests, not just those spewing hate.

2. Disproportionate effects of this bylaw

Not only would this legislation infringe upon the people of Winnipeg’s charter rights as stated above, but I believe it would be further weaponized against already marginalized groups (Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, etc.) to fine them into silence.

The reality is that a fine of a few hundred to a few thousand dollars is something that a large organization or private citizens with deep pockets might accept as the ‘cost of doing business’, while poorer citizens will be priced out. What this will do is limit effective protest in Winnipeg to only those who can *afford* it, which is simply undemocratic and against the spirit of our country and province.

Given the extremism taking root in the United States, I think it's more important than ever that the public's voice be heard in Winnipeg, and this by-law would restrict that right exactly when it is most important.
I implore you to reconsider the potential effects of this legislation, and who it might affect disproportionately if enacted.

Please do not silence the voice of the public you serve.

Signed,
Spencer Cook

Avrom Charach, BA P Mgr, C Mgr, FCGA, FCPA
[redacted]
Winnipeg, MB R3P 1M5

Good Morning EPC,

Re: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure Bylaw

I am writing to express my full support for the proposed bylaw restricting the locations of certain types of protests.

I could provide a long list of examples where intimidation has been used by some groups in front of hospitals, community centres, and even schools, but the drafters of this bylaw clearly understand these issues. Instead, I will share a few personal experiences—my own and those of friends—that illustrate why this bylaw is necessary.

It is my opinion, based on what I have witnessed, that these rallies are not held in front of community centres or schools to inspire meaningful change. In the instances I have observed, the protests had nothing to do with the buildings, the people inside them, or even the stated reasons for the demonstrations.

Two of the clearest examples come from the area near the Asper JCC.

On April 1, 2025, a group chose to scream and shout in front of the building because veterans of the IDF were scheduled to speak to a small group inside. This occurred precisely as hundreds of children were leaving school and daycare. Even if these protesters were upset about retired soldiers speaking, their actions in Winnipeg could not possibly influence anything happening an ocean away. These soldiers were neither officers nor politicians.

Instead, the protesters hurled insults at children, calling them “baby killers” and “murderers.” They frightened and intimidated kids under the claim that such behaviour would bring about positive change.

What follows is written not as an official representative of Folklorama, but as a concerned citizen. I have volunteered with the festival for over 40 years in many roles and have spoken with countless volunteers and pavilion patrons. That is where this comes from, not from Folklorama itself.

For more than a decade, I have observed protests—similar to the ones of the past two years—outside the Israel Pavilion. Like every pavilion, it exists to celebrate culture, not

politics, and it has no official connection to any government. Year after year, usually on Tuesday nights, protesters would arrive making the same claims they made recently.

Many times, guests on the tour buses I guided asked why this was allowed and expressed that they felt it was inappropriate. With busloads of about 50 people, it is fair to say that hundreds with no connection to the Jewish community told me their opinion that the these protests were wrong.

Fast-forward to the last two years: a non-Jewish friend and his teenage daughters were called “baby killers” in 2024 when simply trying to attend a cultural show. If that is not inappropriate and intimidating, what is?

This past year, I witnessed attendees being called the same and worse. Some were called “whores” in front of a peaceful cultural celebration. A friend of mine was told “Hamas is coming to get you.” Another friend’s 12-year-old daughter was called a “whore” in the parking lot as she walked in to see the show.

I have spoken with Holocaust survivors who say these incidents bring back memories of intimidation they experienced as children.

This pattern is not new. In the 1980s, similar tactics were used outside abortion clinics, where young girls seeking answers were screamed at and threatened.

When I was a leader of the Jewish Student Association in the 1980s, I was told I would be shot if I attended a pro-Israel event. My daughter, at age 15, serving as a youth ambassador for our pavilion, had vile words yelled at her during public appearances—something that has since happened to most of our ambassadors.

Last year, while I was guiding a bus tour, someone shouted hate at me in front of a pavilion (not the Israel Pavilion) simply because they recognized me. Over the past two years, I avoided wearing anything at Folklorama that identified me with the Israel Pavilion—including my usual small Israeli flag pin—because I did not want anyone to assume I was being political. My guests were not impressed, but of course I did not respond.

Coordinators from other pavilions have told me they believe protests should not be allowed outside any pavilion. Ambassadors from the Israel Pavilion also told me about a VIP guest at another pavilion who shouted hateful things at them in 2024. I know the situation was handled by that pavilion. Even so when I attended that pavilion the next night, and not as a member of our community, the coordinator pulled me aside, apologizing again to our ambassadors. While incidents do happen at other pavilions, they happen every single year to ours and to people from my community.

The Jewish community is accustomed to intimidation and scare tactics—but we should not have to be. And based on my interactions with the wider public, most people agree.

Although these issues have recently affected my community more directly, they can impact anyone. This bylaw will protect Muslims, people from countries some may object to, LGBTQ2S+ communities, and many others who have been targeted by protests in front of sensitive locations.

The bylaw is fair and reasonable. It allows protests in most public spaces. If people want to yell hateful things, they can do so on Portage Avenue, or in front of the Legislature or City Hall. If someone opposes vaccines, they should protest at the Health Minister's office or an MP's office—not outside hospitals. If someone objects to the existence or actions of LGBTQ2S+ people, they should direct their anger at legislators—not at churches or community centres. If someone dislikes Jews but wants to frame it as being "about Israel," they should not scream outside buildings with "Jewish" or "synagogue" in their name. They should speak to government.

I will close with two more points in support. The Government of Canada has indicated it may pass similar legislation. This does not mean you should not act. Rather, it shows that the federal government recognizes the same problem. Your own research notes at least five other cities that have passed similar laws, demonstrating that this approach is reasonable, balanced, and legal.

Please pass this bylaw and protect our citizens. Protecting the public is one of the most important responsibilities of government.

Thank you,

Avrom Charach

Executive Policy Committee, City of Winnipeg
Cc: Councillor Markus Chambers, St Norbert-Seine River.

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In particular, the proposed ByLaw targets traditional sites of political protest: City Hall; the Legislature grounds; University campuses. If we cannot mount protests there, where can we make a meaningful protest?

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Sincerely,
Thomas Kucera,
Fort Richmond



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Dr. Yaser Al Mtawa
Faculty Member at the University of Winnipeg

Re: Item. 7. ‘Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure’ bylaw

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I’m writing today as a resident of Winnipeg and constituent in River Heights to ask you not to approve the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law. This bylaw is overbroad and would restrict every Winnipeggers’ rights to freedom of expression and assembly, as guaranteed by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

I have lectured on human rights at the University of Winnipeg, University of Manitoba, York University, and George Brown College in Toronto and one thing I emphasize to students is that many of the positive social programs or policies that we take for granted in Canada, such as the right of women to vote, the right not to be fired for your sexuality, the right to be free from discrimination in housing because of your race, were not always the case. Those rights were won through the active participation of people in advocating for their rights, including through protests and rallies, protests that were often ‘not permitted’ or even viewed as ‘nuisances’ by those in power at the time. If in place in the 1910s, or 1940s, or 1960s, this bylaw would enable police and bylaw officers to fine the brave women and men who stood up for their rights against injustice and prevent them from expressing their objection and disapproval to the ideas and actions of those who would deny them rights.

Laws to prevent intimidation and violence, or discriminatory or hate-motivated speech and acts already exist. It is not clear why this bylaw would be entertained by the City except to lower the bar for enforcement, and by doing so, unfairly and unjustly curtail Charter-protected democratic expression and assembly. The Canadian Civil Liberties Association is challenging a similar bylaw in Vaughn, and the court process is ongoing. Approving the bylaw opens up the City to the potential of legal challenges, and the distinct possibility that the bylaw will be ruled unconstitutional when the Court decides the issues in the Vaughn case.

Recent events in our sister city of Minneapolis show the terrible consequences of government restrictions on freedoms. In Canada, we pride ourselves on our freedoms, even as we must recognize that we have not always lived up to the ideals in the Charter. Passing this bylaw would be a clear step backward for the City and I urge you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Yutaka Dirks

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed “Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.”

This is an anti-democratic policy. Protest, public debate and gathering are essential for a healthy functioning society.

While I understand this proposal does not ban protests outright, it essentially bans them in most of the locations where protests are most often held. Location is paramount to the entire concept of the right to protest. Cultural, religious, educational, healthcare and community institutions are very often the site of political activity and therefore people should be free to express their opposition or support at these locations. While it is important that harassment and intimidation are curtailed, there are already laws in place to address those problems. And while peoples access to these institutions should be maintained, the restriction of access during protests has not historically been an issue in Winnipeg.

This proposed bylaw is also discriminatory toward low income and marginalized communities as it is often on behalf of these groups that protests are held. In addition the punishment of a fine impacts low income people more harshly than others, including the proposed administration fee needed in order to appeal convictions.

Policies like this contribute to the ongoing polarization and isolation of people and groups in our society. Shutting down public spaces to debate and conversations and limiting people’s ability to gather as a community will lead to a less engaged and less empathetic public discourse as people further retreat to online spaces where nuance and compromise do not thrive. If we as a community want to resist hatred and chaos as some claim this policy is designed to combat, then we need to foster a healthier society where people are free to express themselves as well as listen to others without fear of suppression.

The last point I would like to make is to highlight the absurdity of the fact that under this bylaw people would not be able to protest next to the “Bloody Saturday” sculpture in front of the Pantages Theatre. Winnipeg prides itself on the courage of the general strike. Our identity as Winnipeggers is derived from the protest and actions of 1919, which would have been outlawed under this policy. This cannot be allowed to pass. Please reject this bylaw.

Thank you for your time.

Signed,
Arthur Antony

February 13, 2026

To the Executive Policy Committee of Winnipeg,

Re: Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

I am writing in support of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026 EPC meeting, urging passage of the Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. A culture of permissiveness has grown around the expression of hate towards identifiable groups over the past two years. Locally, anti-Israel protesters have routinely positioned themselves outside of a Winnipeg Jewish community centre, daycare and school complex. As I have personally witnessed and as covered widely by local media, these people customarily carry signs and shout dehumanizing slogans depicting Jewish Israelis as garbage, diseased, and deliberate killers of children.

The location of these protests alone highlights their true intent. A Jewish community centre is not the Israeli or Canadian embassy, nor is it the office of any Canadian Members of Parliament. A Jewish community centre, school or daycare is, of course, not in a position to influence Canadian foreign policy. Protests outside locations such as this—particularly where the slogans act to dehumanize an identified group of people, have one obvious purpose: to intimidate the individuals and families who attend this centre. The location of these protests also underscores a popular pretense where “anti-Zionism” is often used as a dishonest placeholder for antisemitism. It would be inconceivable for a local Jewish group to protest against the terrorist entity Hamas outside of a Muslim community centre or to imply that all Muslims are responsible for the horrors perpetrated by Hamas and, if that ever happened, I would hope that the authorities would put a prompt end to it.

As a forensic psychologist and academic in the field of violence prediction and prevention, I would also highlight more than 50 years of research indicating a causal link between dehumanizing a group of people and the commission of violence towards that identified group. Targeted violence does not happen out of nowhere. It occurs through a process of building grievances and hate and this process is facilitated by making human beings appear to be less than human and, perversely, responsible for the hatred directed against them. When cultures develop that make the expression of hate permissible and local authorities are unable or unwilling to address this, violence becomes predictable. Historical examples include the Nazi Holocaust and the Rwandan genocide. Recent examples include numerous acts of violence in Canada, the United States, Europe and Australia against Blacks, Indigenous peoples, LGBTQ individuals, Latinos, Asians, Muslims and Jews. The Bondi Beach mass murder of fifteen Jewish individuals is a particularly salient recent example with personal resonance for me. It highlights that, even in Western societies we like to consider modern and civil, these events are possible and our families are not as safe as we might have previously assumed.

The Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law is an important measure, not just for protecting the rights of diverse individuals to live in a civil society free from intimidation based on their identity. It is also important for preventing a culture of intolerance and targeted violence against citizens of this community.

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13 February 2026

Dear Executive Policy Committee:

I am writing in response to Agenda Item: #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. As an historian of Canadian and Winnipeg histories, I am deeply concerned about the impact of the proposed bylaw on Winnipeg's long history of and on-going engagement with civil protest. Winnipeggers are leaders in forging and protecting the rights of Canadians. Winnipeg's histories of protest include the 1914 Mock Parliament in support of the women's vote, led by Nellie McClung and others, and labour action including the establishment of the first Black labour union in North America in 1917 (Order of Sleeping Car Porters) and the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike.

Protest and civil action are fundamental to what defines Winnipeg as a city. Portage and Main is not just a key intersection in Winnipeg, but a space whose histories represent Winnipeggers' fierce advocacy on behalf of the rights of all Canadians. Winnipeg was a key site of the Idle No More Movement in 2012 and, in more recent years, Winnipeggers have gathered to show support for Black Lives Matter, Trans Rights, and families impacted by the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Every year, thousands of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Winnipeggers gather on September 30th to walk in commemoration of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Winnipeg is also a Human Rights City, reflected in the institutions, committees, and educational initiatives in this city that center human rights. This includes the City of

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Winnipeg's own Human Rights Committee of Council (HRCC). The 2023-2026 HRCC Strategic Plan identifies "the establishment of Winnipeg as a Human Rights City" as one of its four core mandates.[1] The right to protest is a fundamental human right, protected in Canada by the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. Amnesty International contends that:

> [redacted]**bility to protest safely is an issue that intersects with the right to be free** [redacted]**ion. People who face inequality and discrimination, based on their age, race, gender identity and many other factors, face even more dangers to their right to protest. It is crucial that everyone can protest safely and without discrimination**.[2]

Others are better positioned to speak to the legality of the proposed bylaw and the existing laws that already allow police to address unlawful measures. As a historian and regular participant in civil action in Winnipeg, however, **I argue that the overly-broad nature of the proposed bylaw contravenes the long histories of civil action that are fundamental to who we are as Winnipeggers. Moreover, the proposed bylaw transgresses the City of Winnipeg's stated goal of establishing and promoting Winnipeg as a Human Rights City**.

Sincerely,



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[1] City of Winnipeg, *Human Rights Committee of Council Strategic Plan, 2023-2026* (September 2022), https://clkapps.winnipeg.ca/DMIS/ViewPdf.asp?SectionId=662559.
[2] Amnesty International, "Protect the Protest," https://www.amnesty.org/en/what-we-do/freedom-of-expression/protest/.

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February 13, 2026

Submission to the Executive Policy Committee
Re: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Dear Members of the Executive Policy Committee:

I am writing today not only as the President & CEO of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg, the representative body of Winnipeg's Jewish community, but as a concerned citizen, to voice my strong support of the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

This legislation is necessary and, frankly, long overdue. It reflects values most Winnipeggers, and by extension Canadians, share: that people should be able to gather in community spaces without being threatened, harassed, or intimidated.

What happened at Folklorama last year made that reality impossible to deny.

At the Israel Pavilion, hosted at the Asper Jewish Community Campus, families arrived expecting music, food, and celebration. Instead, they were met with a screaming mob outside the entrance. Guests, including children and seniors, were confronted with chants glorifying violence, young female Israeli dancers were threatened with rape, sexualized slurs were shouted at women and girls, and crowds repeatedly yelled "Hamas is coming for you" at people entering the building.

Amplified sounds of gunfire and screaming were blasted into the evening air. This occurred at the doors of a community centre that houses a fitness facility, early childhood programs, cultural programming, and serves as the beating heart of Jewish life in Winnipeg.

This was not an abstract debate, nor was it peaceful dissent. It was intimidation directed at people as they entered a community space – and this is just the tip of the iceberg.

For years, when the Campus has hosted politically charged speakers or cultural programming connected to Israel, such as the Israel Pavilion, it has attracted

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protests. And, in that time, demonstrations have escalated into rhetoric and behaviour designed to unsettle and make people feel unsafe.

The Campus is home not only to Jewish communal organizations, but also to a daycare serving toddlers, Gray Academy, a Jewish day school educating students from Junior Kindergarten through Grade 12 (approximately four to eighteen years old), and the Rady Centre fitness facility, whose patrons represent Winnipeg's diverse communities.

On any given day, toddlers are arriving for childcare, four-year-olds are beginning school, teenagers are in class, seniors are attending fitness programs, and families are gathering for cultural and recreational activities. Jewish and non-Jewish patrons alike have had to navigate shouting crowds at the doors of a building that is meant for childcare, learning, and community.

Our community's relationship with the Winnipeg Police Service is very positive. They have been there to protect our community spaces and synagogues, thereby ensuring the safety and security of our community members and the most vulnerable populations. But their presence, while appreciated, cannot be the only answer. Officers can separate groups and monitor, and respond when lines are crossed. But families should not have to run a gauntlet of threats and antisemitism to enter a building. Children should not have to ask their parents why strangers are yelling threats at them. Seniors should not feel their safety is in question while walking into a fitness class.

That is why clear, enforceable boundaries are of great importance.

This by-law does not silence protest, nor does it outlaw disagreement. It does not prevent individuals from expressing their political views. What it does is establish distance and draw a line between expression and intimidation at the doors of community spaces.

Other jurisdictions in Canada have already recognized the need for protective buffer zones around places of worship, schools, and community facilities. Winnipeg should not lag behind in taking this important action. Manitobans deserve the same basic protections.

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Opposition to this by-law will likely frame it as an "attack on free expression". It is not. The right to protest does not include the right to harass families at the entrance of a community centre. It does not include the right to threaten children. When intimidation is allowed to take root at its doors, the harm is not limited to one community. It undermines confidence in the basic promise that we can gather safely in our own community spaces.

This by-law is a measured and logical response to a documented pattern. It reflects careful consideration of similar measures adopted elsewhere. It provides clarity for law enforcement and reassurance for families. Most importantly, it signals that Winnipeg will not accept intimidation as the price of participation in community life.

Members of this Committee have an opportunity to make a powerful statement: that hate has no place at the entrances of our community spaces.

We urge you to support this by-law as a practical step toward protecting safe access, dignity, and shared Canadian values in our city.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Lieberman, President & CEO
Jewish Federation of Winnipeg

13 February 2026

Dear Mayor Gillingham and Members of the Executive Policy Committee of the City of Winnipeg:

We are writing to you in regard to the "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law" proposal to be discussed at the February 17th meeting of EPC. We write as professors, instructors, and academic librarians who work in Winnipeg's post-secondary institutions and as members of the Winnipeg community.

The proposed by-law conflicts with the mission of post-secondary educational institutions. It threatens to chill political speech beyond the University and violate Charter-protected rights to free expression and peaceful assembly.

The proposed by-law bans any obstruction of traffic or use of sound amplification without a permit from the city, and includes post-secondary institutions as sites governed by the ban. Moreover, it authorizes substantial fines for non-compliance (up to $5000 for repeat offenders). As a result, the ban would effectively block many members of our University communities from engaging in common forms of speech on our campuses, including teach-ins or other types of rallies.

Freedom of expression is essential for the mission of post-secondary educational institutions. Free debate and discussion—including peaceful acts of protest—allow for the exchange of ideas that is required for the discovery, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge. Restrictions on protest also limit the University's ability to prepare students to engage in public debate and respond to intellectual challenges. The proposed by-law would undermine this freedom of expression in a way that would compromise these core missions of the University.

The proposed by-law also threatens to substitute the judgments of city officials considering whether to permit activities that involve amplified sound or traffic disruption for those of University authorities. Campus communities have had long, ongoing, and vibrant debates around what free expression looks like on our campuses, and are best placed to continue those discussions and decisions under collegial governance processes. And the University's ability to effectively pursue and share knowledge requires maintaining distance from government interference, which is threatened by the proposed ban's imposition of political interference on University matters.

We are especially concerned about the proposed by-law's application to post-secondary institutions. But we also have serious concerns beyond our campuses. We believe the by-law will chill public expression, and penalize people for exercising their Charter rights to free expression and peaceful assembly. We also fear that the by-law may be unevenly applied to limit speech and assembly that government officials or enforcement agents disfavour.

Finally, this proposed by-law goes well beyond what has been enacted (and legally challenged) in other jurisdictions. For example, by-laws in Calgary and Toronto, to which it has been

compared, apply to far fewer spaces (childcare centres, places of worship, or schools, in Toronto; libraries and community centres in Calgary). Neither jurisdiction imposes restrictions on post-secondary educational institutions. Nor do they limit amplified speech or disruption of traffic. Instead, they simply restrict conduct that limits people's access to public space, discourages or intimidates people from accessing those spaces, or targets people on the basis of Charter protected characteristics. The restrictions proposed in the by-law before the EPC significantly exceed these restrictions.

As academic faculty, we call on the Executive Policy Committee to vote against the proposed by-law.

Sincerely,

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Public Hearings Before Committee of Human Rights

of

Winnipeg City Council

Should the IHRA working definition of antisemitism, designed to stimulate discussion, be converted into Policy?

What is the relevance to Manitoba and Canada Today - February 2026?

Respect to all delegates for their presentations;
to Committee Members;
to City Council for providing a democratic forum for citizen participation.

The IRHA - International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of antisemitism has been passed into policy by Federal and Provincial governments and organizations throughout Canada.
On March 27, 2023, the City of Winnipeg, Human Rights Committee held the only public hearings in Manitoba on this working definition conversion to policy, permitting citizens of opposing views to speak.

Five Jewish proponents, two of whom were full-time lobbyists, and a Federation Church representative, had been given time at the Human Rights Committee to ask that this working paper be converted into city of Winnipeg policy. Hearings had to be postponed. Word spread to the public. Thirteen citizens, seven Jewish, six of diverse backgrounds, submitted requests to speak in opposition. The larger numbers required Council Chambers. Deputy Mayor Markus Chambers, assisted by City Clerk Rebecca Ford, ensured a respectful and democratic process (YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtdvczD1J1I).

The conclusion of the hearings pointed to action. Neither the City nor any other body of government has taken up the call to action. This synopsis of the four hours of hearings comes from a belief that four years later, the recommendation is critical and can assist in clarification of a tangle of conflicting identifications, strengthening democratic values.
Synopsis of opposing different identifications p. 3-4;
synopsis of presentations p. 5-15;
glossary of organizational identifications of delegates p. 16-17.
Manitoba situation today p. 18

***1** *Kenneth Stern, o*riginator of the Working Paper on the IHRA, Director of the Bard Center for the Study of Hate and Human Rights project, Author, and Attorney**:** "Passing this document into policy by institutions and governments resulted in the misuse of a document created for academic discussion. The IHRA as a policy serves as a tool aimed at shielding Israel from resistance to its oppressive form of racial governance and, following its recent war on Gaza, from accusations of genocidal violence." *Antisemitism and Zionism: The Internal Operations of the IHRA Definition, 2024* Kenneth Stern identifies as a Progressive Zionist.

Different Identifications

Opponents: While the main definition is general and innocuous, the IRHA's focus on Israel is counterproductive in combating racism. We should be concerned about all discrimination and hate against all citizens. What does discrimination look like to different targeted groups? Working together is more successful to stop targeting of any group.

Proponents: Traditional anti-Semitism is the denial of the rights of Jews to live as equal members of society. The new mutation of anti-Semitism is a denial of the state of Israel as having the right to exist as an equal member of the nations. The IHRA was adopted as policy by the Federal government, the Provincial government, and dozens of organizations. It does not criminalize criticism of Israel or Jews. It stands against hate of all kinds. "From River to the Sea" is a code for the annihilation of the Jewish state.

Opponents: Israeli law states: "Only Jews have the right of self-determination." Palestinians, Indigenous to the land, do not have the same rights as Israelis. Segregation is based on race. Proponents of IRHA as policy state "claiming that the state of Israel is a racist state" is antisemitism. If I am aware of what is being done to Palestinians, and state that, I am considered antisemitic, as are Amnesty International and other human rights organizations. Calls for equality to all inhabitants between the River and the (Mediterranean) Sea is not antisemitic. It is a cry for freedom from military occupation.

Proponents IHRA is an educational tool; Criticisms of Israel are not anti-semitic. Words "context" and "may" are there. If people choose to think things are anti-semitic that is not what it says. It may be used to explore if the person has anti-Semitic intentions. It does the exact opposite of chilling free speech. Comparing the policies of modern-day Israel to the Nazi's is anti- semitic. This idea that it affects free speech is not true. It can be or may be anti-Semitism. It is up to the organization (that adopts it) to determine if it is antisemitism.

Opponents This is out of step with everything I know about racism. A good definition is clear. This IRHA definition states: "a certain perception of Jews that may be expressed as hatred of Jews". Imputing motives may be harmful. I may be nervous with a comparison of Israel to Nazi's but think it's okay to ask the question. The ambiguity of this sets up an impossible situation. IHRA is an open-ended policy for harassment and intimidation, a muzzle on necessary public discourse. For more than 50 years, we who spoke out for Palestinians were targeted, called "Self-hating Jews," "Traitors," and "So-called Jews". Anti-Palestinian racism is well documented.

Proponents You have to be a Jew to understand the pain of antisemitism. It is the most prominent form of religious hatred and bigotry. The greatest atrocity in the history of mankind is what was done to the Jews. If there is a perception of the Jewish community of antisemitism, it is antisemitism. We need court hearings, prosecutorial actions, hate crime statistics, and help in funding.

Opponent As a Palestinian witnessing our relatives and the trauma being committed I worry about my daughters. It would contribute to the ongoing oppression of Palestinian people. In school, my daughters' safety is at risk.

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Proponents were asked, "How would you address the concern that a person who has criticism of Israel is not stigmatized and vilified? How can they be heard, recognized, and validated? Would you be willing to remove the seven clauses that the opponents find objectionable?"

The answer to these questions was a unanimous,**"No".**

1. Opposed: **1:56 - 13:00 Harold Shuster, Independent Jewish Voices (IJV)**
As a Jew, I object to a policy statement preventing political criticism of another country. This policy silences students and staff of educational institutions. The Jewish community cares about human rights for all citizens — including Palestinians. We cannot protect ourselves from anti-semitism without also condemning racist hatred against all people and religions. Israel is granted exceptional status and is protected from sanctions. IHRA is opposed by 40 human rights organizations, 600 academics, the BC Association of Indian Chiefs, and the United Nations.

2. Opposed: **16:33 Norman Rosenbaum, Civil Rights & Family Lawyer, United Jewish Peoples Order (UJPO)**
Manitoba has a Human Rights Code protecting political dissent. The IHRA definition of antisemitism is vague and contradicts the Charter of Rights and the European Union Charter. It is impossible in its ambiguity. It silences dissent, triggers punitive actions, and sets up the community for conflict and litigation. There is a chilling effect on public discussion in Manitoba.

3. **Proponent: 27 min Richard Marceau, Lawyer and Politician. former Member of Parliament/ Committee for Human Rights, Quebec Canadian Israeli & Jewish Affairs (CIJA) *2**
There is a criminal code defining hate speech and crimes. IHRA was adopted by the Canadian government in 2021. It can guide policy and cannot have criminal charges. It does not criminalize criticism of Israel or Jews. It stands against hate of all kinds.
The stated examples to the IHRA serve as illustrations of what is antisemitic. It is simply not true that the definition has been used to stifle critics.

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4. Proponent: 39-51 min Gustavo Zentner, President Jewish Federation of Winnipeg

"We are talking of human rights. There is consensus among the Jewish community, the vast majority. We must accept the views of the community that is targeted. If there is a perception of the Jewish community of antisemitism, it is antisemitism. You can't recognize things if you don't know what antisemitism is. These statements define it. These things hurt us and relegate us to second-class citizens. That is why our provincial government recognized us. It does not impede free speech. "

Winnipeg is a city of many cultures. There is consensus among the majority of the Jewish community. We must accept the views of the community that is targeted. If there is a perception of the Jewish community of antisemitism, it is antisemitism. You can't recognize things if you don't know what antisemitism is. These statements define it.

The Jewish community has a respectful and engaged communication with the Arab and Jewish communities. We celebrate and build the most vibrant and multicultural city. We stand up together against Islamaphobia. 349 universities have come together in 34 countries to debate this openly.

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*2. The assertion that this view represents the majority is challenged by Jewish individuals and Jewish groups. JFW is not an elected body. The Canadian Jewish Congress, a voting body, is now defunct. When Shimon Fogel was appointed Director of the newly formed Canadian Israel Jewish Alliance, a registered lobby group for the Jewish Federation, he asserted, "The distinctions between domestic agenda and Israel have been blurred so much it is impossible to tell one from the other." This left out dissenting voices in the Jewish community who also embraced their Jewish heritage and values of their culture. Dissenting voices of Jews are sometimes referred to as "traitors," "so-called Jews," and "self-hating Jews" by the group who identifies Israel as their birthright. The group who views Israel as their birthright is sometimes referred to as "the Establishment" by those who do not accept Israel's treatment of Palestinian people.

5. **Proponent: 51-1:10: Belle Jarniewski, Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada.**
IHRA may be used to explore if the person has anti-semitic intention. It is an educational tool. No one has ever been accused of a crime because of the IHRA definition. It does the exact opposite of chilling free speech. It shows we can criticize Israel. City councils can consider whether things that are said are legitimate if they pass the policy.

Criticisms of Israel are not anti-semitic. Words "context" and "may" are there. If people choose to think things are anti-semitic that is not what it says. You cannot sue anybody over a policy. It is never meant to be turned into legislation. Comparing the policies of modern-day Israel to the Nazi's is anti- semitic. This idea that it affects free speech is simply not true. It can be or may be anti-semitism. ***3**

6. Opposed: 1:16 - 1:30 Dr. Joel Kettner, Professor Medical School University of Manitoba; Former Chief Public Health Officer, Province of Manitoba, Jews for Social Justice, Winnipeg Chapter, United Jewish Peoples Order

My focus is on how to stop racist attitudes in health care systems. This is so out of step with everything I know about racism. A good definition is clear. What people do, what they say, and what is the impact on people. This IRHA definition states: "a certain perception of Jews that may be expressed as hatred of Jews."

Laws exist; definitions exist. Please don't pass this definition. Imputing motives could be more harmful than helpful. Hatred is not a measure. I might be nervous that someone is drawing comparisons of Israel to the Nazis…but I think it is okay to ask the question. Let's do something to avoid racism. Maybe we can strengthen, not create distractions. Go back and get some other people involved to look at "can this be improved for the city of Winnipeg".

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*3 Policy sets the Direction. Law is the enforcement.

7. **Proponent: 1:32-1:42 Adam Levy Public Relations Director for Jewish Federation of Winnipeg. Investigator of complaints of anti-semitism.**

Jews have a long and painful history of discrimination. You have to be a Jew to understand the pain of anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism is the most prominent form of religious hatred and bigotry.
We need court hearings, prosecutor actions, hate crime statistics, and help in funding to civil society organizations and human rights organizations to counter anti-Semitism. Those are just a few examples of the way the IHRA definition could be used. ***4**

8. **Opposed: 1:42 - 1:52 Wendy Boyd, Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East, Independent Jewish Voices; United Church, Multiple Human Rights Groups**

My personal experience has been a long history of Palestinians as a people facing difficulty. Academics or people anywhere in Canada declaring support for Palestinians also faced difficulty.

It's a horrible, terrible shame. Jews who criticize Israel face prejudice. IHRA sets a double standard. Israel compares to South Africa in its past behavior and policies. The media limit coverage of the Israeli government. I do not hear a voice of Palestinians. I believe people are afraid to state the situation of Palestinians.

9. **Proponent: 1:53 - 1:58 James Christie, Federation of Christian Churches, former Dean U of W faculty of theology, Ridd Institute for theology**

IHRA supports dialogue among religions to promote peace. The IHRA can be a working definition as a diagnostic tool intergovernmentally. IHRA identifies and exposes words and actions that can descend into antisemitism. It can be used as a template for confronting religious bigotry.

***4** Proponent Levy contradicts the statement of Proponent, Delegate 5 Jarniewski "never meant to be turned into legislation". He states conversion to policy would provide this. Policy guides law.

10. Opposed: 2:00-2:12 Dr.Mark Etkin, Psychiatrist, Independent Jewish Voices

I am a Jew since birth. Proponents of the IHRA do not speak for me. Palestinians are kept apart from Israelis and do not have the same rights as Israelis; segregation is based on race. Israel fits the definition of an apartheid state. The IHRA specifically states that "claiming that the state of Israel is a racist state" constitutes antisemitism. By this criterion, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International are labeled as antisemitic, as are many other civil rights organizations, both inside and outside Israel.

The IHRA is a muzzle on necessary public discourse. Muzzling is its purpose, and the reason it is being pushed through. The IHRA is a travesty of truth and justice.

11. Opposed: 2:12 Diane Zack, Independent Jewish Voices, United Jewish Peoples Order

I opposed antisemitism all my life. It is ludicrous to have to defend my identity because I became aware of the Palestinian people. How could Israel have been built on the destruction of Palestinians' homes?

For more than 50 years, we who spoke out for Palestinians were targeted, called "self-hating Jews" and "traitors." In social circles, defenders of justice and equality on other fronts did not speak up. The mainstream Jewish community had blinders on. Jewish opposition to Israeli policies is growing in North America. An increasing number of Israelis are active in struggles for justice. This IHRA definition states that taking a just stand against Israel's policies is antisemitism. It stands against rights and justice for Palestinians.

12. Opposed. 2: 23 Allen Mills, Retired Professor of political science, University of Winnipeg

My experience proves the IHRA is, in practice, an open-ended policy for harassment and intimidation.

A debate held at the U of W five years ago between Palestinians and a rabbi was hard-hitting toward both sides. One of the proponents of

the IHRA, who is here today, then responded by holding a private meeting, lobbying the head of the U of W to declare the event anti-semitism. The University came out with a declaration that it was anti-semitic. I looked at the video of the event. I approached that proponent and asked if the person would sit down with me and show me what part of the debate (which was on video) was anti-semitic. The proponent would not. I asked the University head and asked the question. They did not reply.

Recently on global news, after the burning and pillaging of Huwara, a Palestinian village, an Israeli newspaper described the Israeli settler attack on the village as a violent pogrom against Palestinians as racist. A bloodied Israeli protester declared, "This is a dictatorship ." The IHRA definition tangles criticism of Israel with antisemitism.

13. Proponent: 2:32 Irwin Cotler, Ontario: former federal Justice Canadian Government.

IHRA is against anti-Semitic stereotypes. The new anti-Semitism is a denial of the state of Israel as having the right to exist as an equal member of the nations. In my experience a Jewish student on campus who considered himself leftist felt he was seen as representing Israel and felt marginalized. The IHRA working definition is intended to be protective of free speech, including harsh criticism of Israeli policy.

14. Opposed 2:50 Jane Karpa, long term citizen of Winnipeg

The charter of rights allows me to respectfully criticize. My partner is a Jew. I oppose antisemitism. I was a believer in the good of Israel. Over time, I learned about Palestinians living under occupation and policies that have turned Israel into an apartheid state.
IHRA manipulates and gaslights us into believing criticism of Israel is antisemitic. Israel can be omnipotent without accountability. I am critical of the treatment of Palestinians living in Israel under occupation.

15. Opposed 2:53 Rubin Kantorovich, United Jewish Peoples Order

The Jewish ethnic community has a diversity of views, as do all ethnic groups and religions. My father was a Holocaust survivor in Poland. His family was sheltered by a Catholic Polish family, who would have been executed had they been discovered.

Hate laws exist. We should be concerned about all racism and hate against all citizens. In 2017, Israel passed a nation-state law: "Only Jews have the right of self-determination". Seven out of ten articles in the IHRA are about defending Israel from criticism. Yet, the Israeli defense minister declared, "The village of Huwara should be wiped out." Just as Hitler called for the extermination of Jews, this Israeli minister called for the extermination of Palestinians. If I condemn this, I am declared anti-Semitic.

IRHA is not in the interests of citizens. It is used to suppress the rights of Palestinians in the occupied territories. At the outset of COVID, Israel announced it would not be distributing vaccines to the Palestinians. MP Leah Gazan, a Jew and Indigenous woman by birth, and MP Charlie Angus criticized this. Bnai Brith smeared these two MP as antisemites. Imagine if the Canadian government announced it would not distribute vaccines to all Indigenous peoples!

UJPO rejects IHRA, the deception of Bnai Brith, and the violation of international laws. We do not need the Israeli lobby to educate us.

16. Opposed 3:03 David Weller, former Special Needs Teacher, Independent Jewish Voices

I advocate for Palestinians and all other people's human rights. Jews and other citizens believe in human rights for all people. We are not a minority of the Jewish community.
IRHA is biased and silences criticism, especially mentioning Israel. Antisemitism is discrimination, prejudice, hostility, and violence against Jews, as stated in the Jerusalem Declaration.
Supporting equality for all inhabitants between the river and the Mediterranean Sea is not antisemitic. This calls for the self-

determination of Palestinians, whether in two states, a democratic state, or any other form. It is not, as Mr. Cotler said, a God-given right for the state of Israel to exist as only a Jewish state. ***5**

Since the University of Michigan adopted the IRHA as policy this past month, a booth was closed down because it contained literature critical of Israel. The representatives of CIJA said, "Not my problem." If you adopt it, it becomes your problem to decide, not theirs.

17. Opposed 3:11 Susan White, International development for 40 years, Anti-racist educator, Lecturer of Religious Studies at University of Winnipeg, Independent Jewish Voices, CUSO International

I have been an international anti-racist activist for 40 years, including 15 years in South Africa during their liberation movement. I've worked with African and Caribbean groups fighting for independence from colonialism. I was imprisoned for being a delegate to Grenada after the US invasion. My partner is from the Black community and has been an activist for 40 years. This shows my deep understanding of racism, including anti-semitism. Racist rhetoric and actions target many people. Working together is more successful than as separate interest groups**.**

While the main definition is general and innocuous, the IRHA's focus on Israel, exemplified by 70% of its examples, is counterproductive in combating racism against all groups experiencing attacks. Anti-Palestinian racism is well documented. You might be wondering, "If I do not pass this proposal, will I be considered anti-semitic. It is hard to have the courage. Please do not adopt this as policy."

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*5. Observer, Indigenous filmmaker Darryl Nepanik, noted a quiet incident during Delegate #16 Weller. One of the four male proponents seated behind Delegate #2 Rosenbaum, said to another, "That so-called Jew!" Mr. Rosenbaum turned, quietly stated, "That person is just as much a Jew as you are." One responded quietly, "I didn't say that."

18. Proponent: 3:22 Shimon Fogel, CEO of Canadian Israel Jewish Affairs

Anti-Semitism is on the rise exponentially. The IHRA definition has been adopted by many governments, the Province of Manitoba, and the Federal Canadian government. Assaults on the Jewish state are unending. "From River to the Sea" is a code for the annihilation of the Jewish state.

The IHRA definition has been adopted by dozens of nation-states, including the Province of Manitoba and the Federal Canadian government. No one gets to define anti-semitism other than the Jewish population themselves.

Hate will not be legislated away. Education is the answer. Do the right thing and adopt the policy of the IHRA.

19. Opposed: 3:27 Bassam Hozaima, Canadian Palestinian Association of Manitoba,

I was born in a refugee camp in Gaza. I am very troubled and urge the committee to defeat this motion.

My grandparents were driven out of their homes in 1948 and forced into the Gaza Strip. We lived in inhumane conditions in the open-air prison of Gaza. Over the years, assaults have continued…this is only a glimpse into my story. The oppression, injustice, and trauma are my story. Atrocities are committed on a daily basis.

IRHA would defeat the idea of safety and inclusion. I would feel threatened, marginalized, and criminalized if this were to be passed, not included. I hope and pray the Committee will not pass it.

This definition would be used in the services in Winnipeg, police services would be policing Palestinians. I graduated from University of Manitoba.

I wish I could tell my story without criticism of Israel. IHRA is soft peddled as an educational mechanism. It is a wolf in sheep's clothing.

City of Winnipeg is already leading the way to combat hate. IHRA can not be separated from the examples of protection of Israel from criticism.

As a Palestinian witnessing our relatives and the trauma being committed to them, I worry about my daughters. In school, their safety is at risk. Under this definition, many Canadians would be labelled anti-semites. It would contribute to the ongoing oppression of Palestinian people.

20. 3:38 Opposed Judith Morrow, BSW, MSW, RSW, former Inner City Community Worker, School Clinician, Filmmaker, United Jewish Peoples Order, Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME), Amnesty International

I am a Goy, a not nice word for a non-Jewish person. Racist comments about Palestinians are common. Some who stand for human rights in other areas but continue to describe in terms "Us" against "them": Israel is a "beacon of light surrounded by darkness", or refer to Palestinians as 'Terrorists'.

I travelled to Israel more than 50 years ago, stayed in the "New City" of Jerusalem with an Israeli family. I explored the "Old City," met a Palestinian Christian. A folkloric dancer who created a folkloric dance group of Israelis and Palestinians. He and his Muslim friends guided me through sacred spaces and beautiful architecture. His family, eight people in one large room, slept on benches at night, their living space in the day quiet and beautiful. His uncle lived in a room the size of a large closet. I didn't understand the problem. He walked outside of Jaffa Gate. Four Israeli youth walked by, said something insulting to me. He walked over and spoke to them. They knocked him to the sidewalk, with a swelling black eye. In Canada, now a grandfather, he and his Lebanese wife founded a church to help refugees. Fifty years later, they still encounter harsh suppression of their human rights in Ontario. Incidents such as: wiretapping of their phone, witnessing a youth waving a Palestinian flag on a highway in front of their church being immediately surrounded by police cars persist.

We're only learning the history of Canadian Indigenous peoples. Outside these doors, the effects are visible. People die on our streets. You, the human rights committee, understand racism. You feel its demeaning impacts. Culture focused only on our own view of the world leads to racist, bad things, ethnocentric thinking. "Us" vs "Them".

Ethno-culturalism is crucial to Winnipeg. You, as community leaders, are crucial. I believe in you and your ability to succeed. Soon, I hope to see Indigenous people represented here.

Question from the Chair to Proponents:

"How would you address the concern that a person who has criticism of Israel is not stigmatized and vilified? How can they be heard, recognized, and validated? Would you be willing to remove the seven clauses that the opponents find objectionable?"

Response to the questions, **"No."**

3: 54 Deputy Mayor Markus Chambers

I was highly influenced by Swiss (Catholic priest and poet), Hans Kung: *"No peace among the nations without peace among religions, no peace among religions without dialogue between religions, and no dialogue between religions without investigation of the foundations of religions."*

More discussion needs to happen between all parties. I move that we accept the motion as information with the instruction that this committee is to work with all the groups that have attended here today for more meaningful work to continue. To strengthen its policies around racism, which includes antisemitism, Islamophobia, xenophobia, hate, Indigenous racism, anti-black racism, as well as any racism against the LGBTQ two-spirited community.

Accepting the motion as information will allow work to continue working in collaboration, with all the groups that have attended here today, for more meaningful work to continue. To a greater understanding and education of what this definition represents, and how it can be useful in all or in part in addressing the rising of antisemitism, so we can continue working in collaboration, with all the groups that have attended here today, for more meaningful work.

Glossary: Identifications of Delegates from Jewish Organizations and Others Website tour May, 2025

Opponent Independent Jewish Voices (IJV), condemns antisemitism and racism in all forms, condemns the ongoing genocide of Palestinian people and advocates for justice and peace for Israelis and Palestinians. Published handbook on the detrimental impact of the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance conversion to Policy) on both Jewish and Palestinian communities.

Opponent United Jewish Peoples Order (UJPO), entering its 100th year, identifies with Jewish history and culture and organizes for the protection of human rights and social justice for all. It opposes racism, oppression, and Israel's military occupation. It supports Palestinians to achieve justice.

Opponent Jews for Social Justice, a network of 63 organizations pursuing social justice from a Jewish perspective.

Opponent Canadian Palestinian Association of Manitoba ensures that Palestinian stories, voices, memories, and truths are acknowledged within the broader human rights narrative. It serves as an advocate for Palestinians in Manitoba, promoting intellectual freedom and cultural events of the Palestinian people. All are welcome to attend.

Organizations named by Opponent Delegates as informing their view: Amnesty International, United Church, Canadian University Services Overseas, Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East

Proponent Winnipeg Jewish Federation supports Israel 'in every way we know' and 'all things Jewish'. Partners include the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and Birthright Israel Canada. Founded in 1929, the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg played a key role in the establishment of Israel. As part of its charity work, JFW funds programs that give free first-time trips to Israel to Jews and influencers. All political

parties have had members take advantage of these free trips. JFW donates to selected others and has charitable tax status.

Proponent Canadian Israel Jewish Affairs (CIJA), a registered lobby for the Jewish Federation. Full-time staff use "strategic, advocacy-based research, polling, and analysis" with "wide experience in conducting missions to Israel for Canadian influencers and decision-makers." The Quebec branch focuses on fighting antisemitism, strengthening Canada-Israel ties, and lobbying groups like Quebec's National Assembly, promoting education (e.g. IHRA adoption), and fostering business/ academic links.

Proponent Western Canadian Jewish Heritage Centre houses a research library preserving, documenting, and interpreting Jewish history; including the 'mutated' version defined by Delegate #13 Cotler, teaches groups and schools about antisemitism. Initially supported by volunteers and donors from the United Jewish People's Order (UJPO), there is no room in the schedule for speakers who show empathy to Palestinians, so identities diverge.

Proponent Federation of Christian Churches: Believes in the deity of Jesus Christ; his miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit; his sinless life; his ascension to the right hand of the Father; and his personal imminent return.

Proponent Bnai Brith Referred to by Delegate #15 Kantorovich, supports Jewish nationalism and patrols social media and mobilizes actions to protect against anything critical of Israel and supportive of Palestinians. Identifies the land of Israel as the birthright of all Jews. Does not recognize the Palestinians as a people so believes they have no the right of return.

Honest Reporting active in Manitoba, is an Israeli media advocacy group monitoring anti-Israeli news, such as support for Palestinian people or their culture. Manitoba chapter assists the above organizations by also searching online accounts to detect expressions of empathy for Palestinians or postings critical of Israel. They post news and visit individuals and heads of organizations seen as guilty of anti-Israel postings.

Current relevance in Manitoba and Canada

The Fragile Line Between Protecting Communities and Criminalizing Dissent

Prosecutorial independence is one of the quiet pillars of Canada's constitutional democracy. When prosecutors are influenced—directly or indirectly—by political actors or advocacy groups, public trust in the justice system begins to erode. Manitoba's recent announcement of partnership with the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) to train the provincial Prosecutions Branch on hate crimes puts that principle at risk. It opens the door to political advocacy, shaping decisions about who is charged and for what.

At the center of this concern is the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism. Created which was envisioned as a tool to promote discussion by open ended questions. References to Israel were added, and, this has been adopted by governments and institutions as if it were a legal standard. Several of its examples link criticism of Israel to antisemitism, depending on "context." Civil liberties groups, academic associations, and many Jewish organizations have warned that this ambiguity can be used to mix political dissent with hate.

CIJA is a registered political advocacy organization with clear positions on Israel-Palestine and strong support for the IHRA definition. When such an organization helps shape prosecutorial training, the line between advocacy and state power blurs. Even if prosecutors remain impartial, the appearance of influence alone undermines confidence in the justice system.

This risk becomes sharper when viewed alongside international developments. The International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants for leaders of both Hamas and the Israeli government. Canada has pledged support for the ICC's processes, regardless of the outcomes. Yet under an expansive reading of the IHRA definition, public discussion of these same legal findings could be framed as antisemitic. A democracy cannot champion international justice abroad while chilling debate about it at home.

Proposed expansions of "bubble zone" legislation add another layer of concern. While intended to protect community institutions from harassment, these laws can unintentionally restrict peaceful political protest—especially when political events are hosted in community centers. When an event celebrates military action in Gaza, complete with promotional imagery of armed soldiers, citizens must be free to protest without fear of criminal sanction. The location of a political event should not determine whether dissent is legal.

Meanwhile, Manitobans who expressed empathy for Palestinians—sometimes through nothing more than a social media post—have faced online vilification, professional consequences, vandalism, and threats. When government policy begins to mirror the social pressure to silence certain viewpoints, democratic debate suffers.

Winnipeg's Human Rights Committee recommended broader dialogue on discrimination affecting many communities. That conversation never occurred. Instead, Manitoba moved toward a narrower, more punitive approach to speech—one that risks deepening division rather than fostering safety.

Democratic backsliding rarely arrives all at once. It comes through incremental shifts: vague definitions, expanded enforcement powers, and partnerships that place advocacy groups close to prosecutorial authority. It comes when governments decide that protecting the public requires restricting the public's voice. It comes when dissent becomes suspect.

Manitoba faces urgent challenges—homelessness, inequality, and the unfinished work of truth and reconciliation. Meeting them requires a democratic culture capable of disagreement, empathy, and open debate. It requires institutions trusted to act impartially. And it requires vigilance whenever the state's power to prosecute intersects with political advocacy.

Protecting communities from hate is essential. But it must never come at the cost of criminalizing political expression. The line between the two is thin, and it is ours to defend.

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

On behalf of the Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties (MARL), I'm writing to you today to express my shock and alarm at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. It is for this reason that we are in opposition to the proposed bylaw.

This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment.

Since 1978 MARL has continued to support the rights of the marginalized in our province through education and advocacy. It is unfortunate that the present malaise of denying the weakest in our society their legal right to peacefully protest is now being proposed in our province - a province once known for its progressive stance and civil rights and liberties.

If passed, we are concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

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The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) has expressed concerns that broad rules such as these may unfairly restrict Charter-protected peaceful demonstrations and free speech, and that such laws often harm marginalized groups who rely on protest to advocate for social change.

This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy.

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Signed,
Madrin Macgillivray

Letter: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

I was been born and raised here in Winnipeg. I have fondly participated in local cultural and political events since I was a child. Many of our events (Pride Parade, Folklorama, Critical Mass, etc.) are are ultimately driven by the desire to raise-up and celebrate marginalised groups. Events like these are one of the reasons I am proud to be part of the city.

However, I am deeply concerned that this proposed by-law will have far-reaching consequences that ultimately suppress and silence the voices which we claim to protect. Peaceful demonstrations are one of the few impactful avenues that less-privelaged people can pursue to make their voices heard in a democratic manner. If passed, this by-law would not only greatly stifle the effectiveness of said demonstrations, but would also select for those who can afford to lose hundreds or thousands in fees.

Blatant violations of our rights and freedoms like this by-law are merely the top of a slippery slope. After all, the current situation in the United States (abuse, intimidation, detention, deportation, and murder of coloured people) didn't happen overnight: it began gradually. I urge the Executive Policy Committee: please, do not give this by-law another thought if you wish protect our marginalised groups and our democracy.

"Rights which are only grated conditionally are no rights at all".

Signed,

Michael McMahon

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This by-law would limit the fundamental freedoms Winnipeggers have used to advocate for many social and policy changes that we currently enjoy as a community, and even as a nation. From vigils and rallies to round dances, public demonstrations have been used to help win rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, racialized and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, as well as protections for the environment. These are events that allow communities to grieve, gather together, connect with others and take action for their lives and the lives of the people they love.

If passed, I am concerned that this by-law could not only infringe on constitutional rights, but silence marginalized communities' voices, lead to police overreach, and result in inadequate options for responding to hate. The City's proposed "Safe Access" by-law would not do anything to further prevent property damage, hate crimes, or violence from taking place—acts that are already criminal. Instead, peaceful protests would be severely limited. This type of draconian and undemocratic curtailing of the freedom of expression has no place in the City of Winnipeg, which has been striving towards the status of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) "Human Rights City" since 2018.

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This is an issue of protecting freedom of expression and association, a crucial cornerstone of a free and fair democracy. Given the alarming suppression of rights and freedoms we are witnessing in

the U.S., I urge you to remember your legal obligations to uphold the Charter and protect our democracy. People are afraid. We need the government to honour our dignity and our lives.

I implore you to drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Signed,

Nadya Langelotz
R3G 1X3
Winnipeg, MB

His Worship Mayor Gillingham
Councillors Browaty, Duncan, Eadie, Lukes, and Santos

RE: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Greetings!

I am writing to compliment you all on your most recent move to promote our fair city - this by-law to suppress protests in the community the Canadian Museum for Human Rights calls home will definitely put us ALL on the map!

Sure, it will be for being one of the most hypocritical cities north of the U.S. - Canada border. So what! As long as they get the name right, eh?

Smart remarks aside, this is one of the dumber ideas I've seen the City of Winnipeg look at. Stop embarrassing our community and drop further consideration of the proposed demonstrations bylaw.

Regards,

Rob Kristjansson
(he/him)
West Broadway
Winnipeg, Canada

Cc: Sherri Rollins, Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry Councillor
Uzoma Asagwara, Union Station MLA
Leah Gazan, MP

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CANADIAN MUSLIMS

Your Voice. Your Future

Good afternoon Mayor and Members of Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

Let me begin by stating clearly that we fully support the protection of religious communities and other vulnerable institutions. Individuals must be able to attend places of worship, schools, and hospitals free from harassment, intimidation, or violence. That objective is both legitimate and important.

Our primary concern, however, is the process by which this bylaw has been developed. When a municipality proposes legislation that directly engages Charter-protected freedoms, particularly freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, robust and inclusive consultation is essential.

Consultation is the mechanism through which municipalities can identify potential issues before they crystallize into significant problems. It allows governments to recognize where definitions are unclear and where enforcement may be inconsistent. Consultation ensures that protective measures are effective and aligned with constitutional requirements.

Several aspects of the current draft illustrate why consultation is urgently required. The definition of a nuisance demonstration includes the expression of objection or disapproval toward an idea, action, person, or group based on specified characteristics. But that formulation directly engages expressive content and risks capturing lawful protest and political advocacy. The bylaw also defines intimidation in terms that rely on perceived effects and potential outcomes. While the objective of preventing intimidation is entirely legitimate, standards framed in this manner create uncertainty about what conduct is prohibited.

The proposed 100-metre buffer zones around a broad range of sites, including places of worship and schools, further demonstrate the potential breadth of this legislation. In many urban areas, these zones encompass sidewalks, parks, and public streets that function as legitimate forums for lawful assembly. Bubble zone legislation of this nature can significantly restrict lawful public assembly and peaceful expression, effectively limiting the ability of individuals and groups to participate in public discourse. Without thorough consultation, there is a risk that bubble zones will be applied in a

manner that inadvertently suppresses Charter-protected rights and creates uncertainty for our enforcement authorities and the public alike.

These factors collectively indicate that the bylaw is at risk of being vague and overbroad, as well as difficult to enforce. But these are precisely the foreseeable consequences of advancing legislation without consultation with all impacted groups.

Consultation should include religious communities, civil liberties organizations, legal experts, and protest groups. Engaging these stakeholders will allow Council to clarify definitions, identify overlaps with existing regulations, and ensure that enforcement is consistent and proportionate.

The risks of proceeding without consultation have already been observed elsewhere. The City of Vaughan enacted a similar bylaw and is now subject to a Charter challenge supported by civil liberties organizations including ours, the National Council of Canadian Muslims. Winnipeg has the opportunity to take a different path, and craft legislation that is protective but also enforceable and constitutionally sound.

Our shared objective is clear: we all want to protect vulnerable communities. But the path to achieving that objective with legitimacy and durability requires requisite consultation with all impacted groups. That step must come first. Without it, the City risks enacting legislation that is vulnerable to challenge, difficult to enforce, ultimately undermines the protection it seeks to provide.

We respectfully urge Council to undertake broad consultation and return with a revised bylaw that is precise, narrowly targeted, and constitutionally defensible. Consultation at this stage will not weaken this initiative but rather will strengthen it, ensuring that Winnipeg protects its communities while respecting the rights and freedoms central to our democracy.

Thank you.

Sadaf Ahmed, PhD
Manitoba Advocacy Officer, Department of Government Affairs and Public Policy
National Council of Canadian Muslims

April 1, 2025
5:18 PM

Submitted by Uriel Jelin



“Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law”

Correcting the Record

Andrew Kohan — February 17th, 2026

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(c) the use of amplifiers or microphones without an applicable permit issued by the City;

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“The definition of a "nuisance demonstration" is incredibly broad/vague and the choice to use a list with "or" means that you don't need all the parts of the definition present - effectively meaning that the protest/demonstration doesn't have to actually be obstructive or intimidating to get caught up here. If the bylaw passes, something like quietly holding a protest sign on public property within 100m of a wide array of buildings is now going to be [prohibited] at all times and subject to escalating fines.”

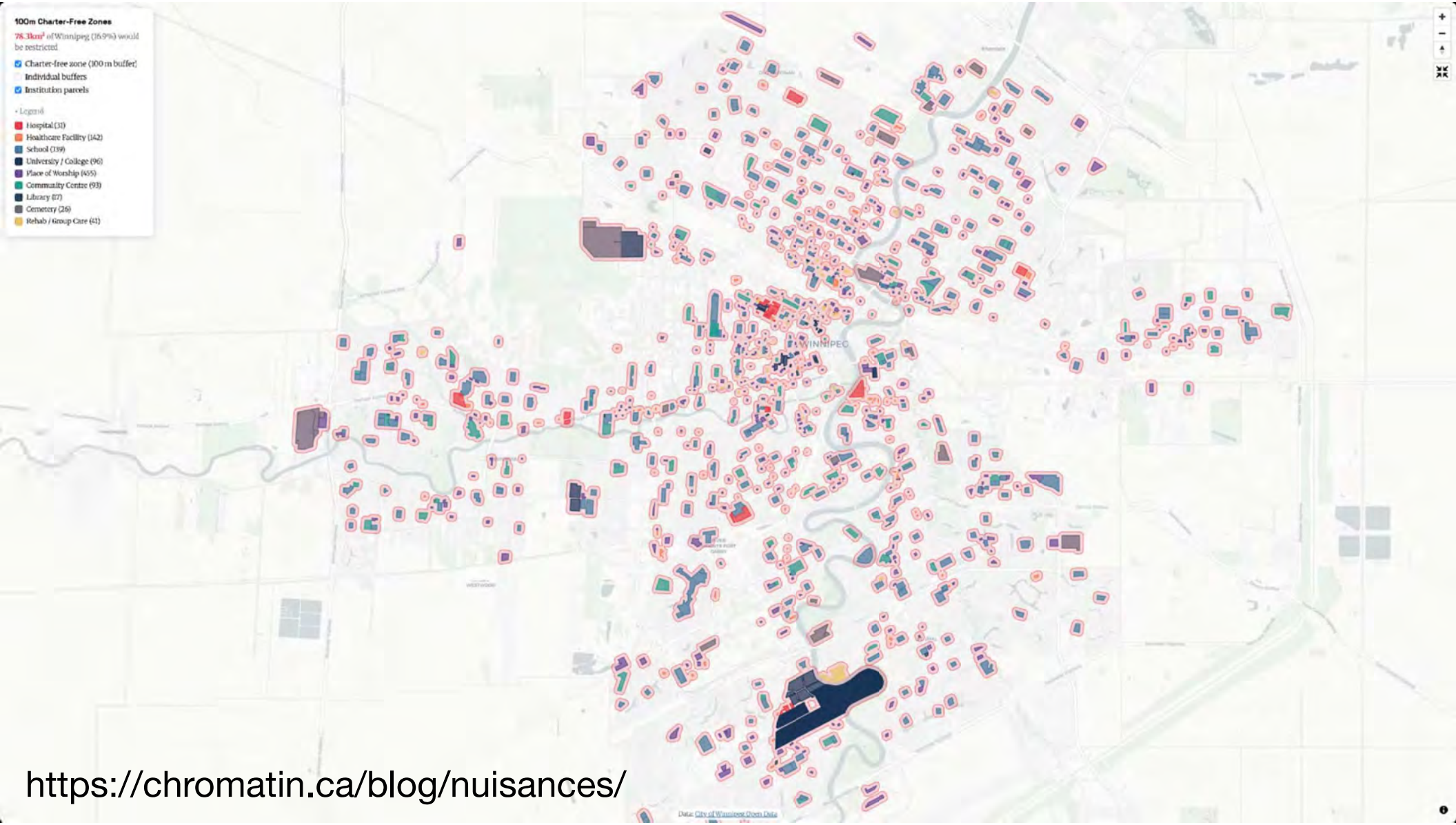
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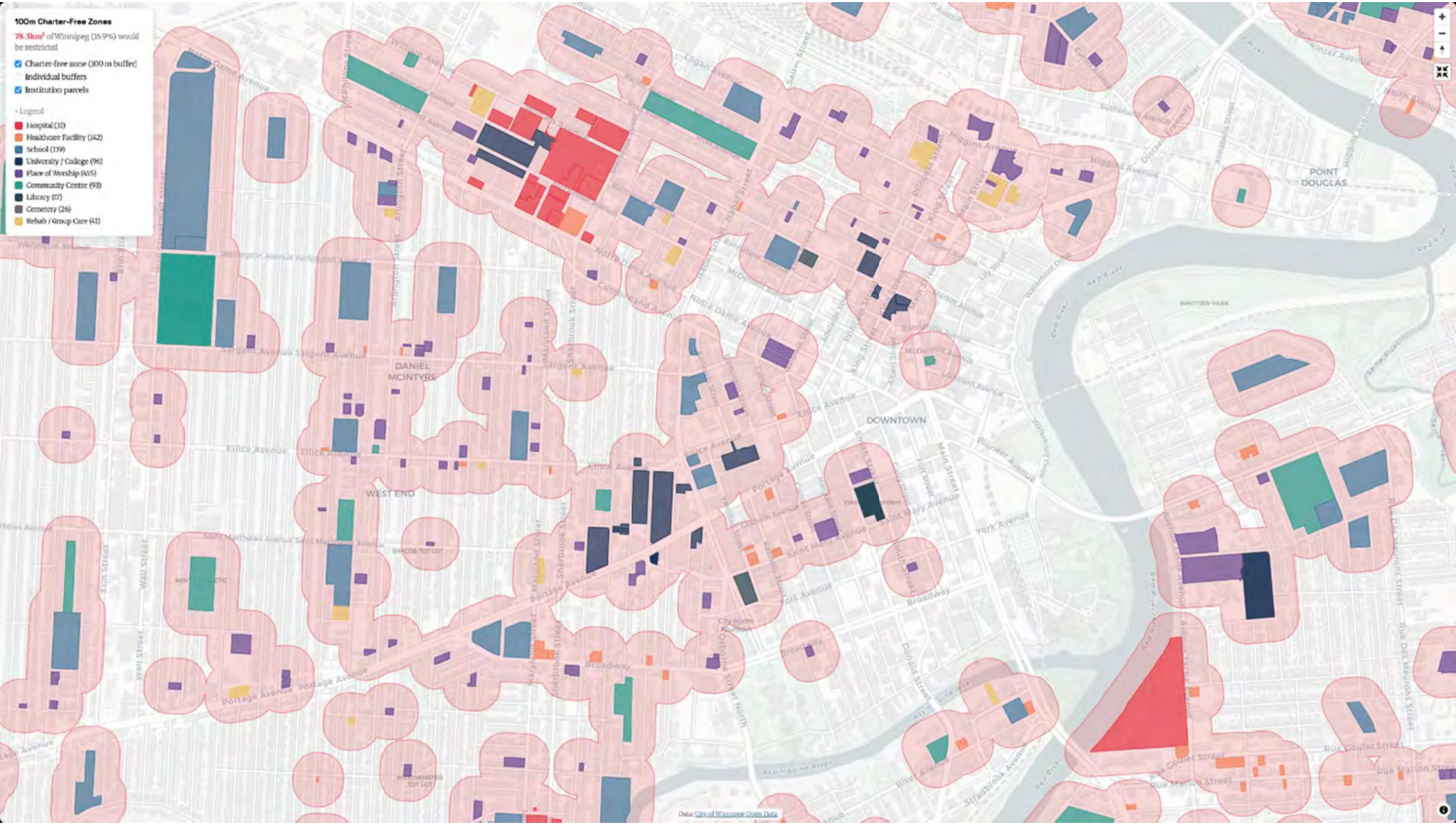
(a) cemetery, where the City is the registered owner;
(b) community centre;
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(d) cultural centre;
(e) healthcare facility;
(f) hospital;
(g) independent school;
(h) library;
(i) neighbourhood rehabilitation home;
(j) place of worship;
(k) post-secondary institution; or
(l) public school;

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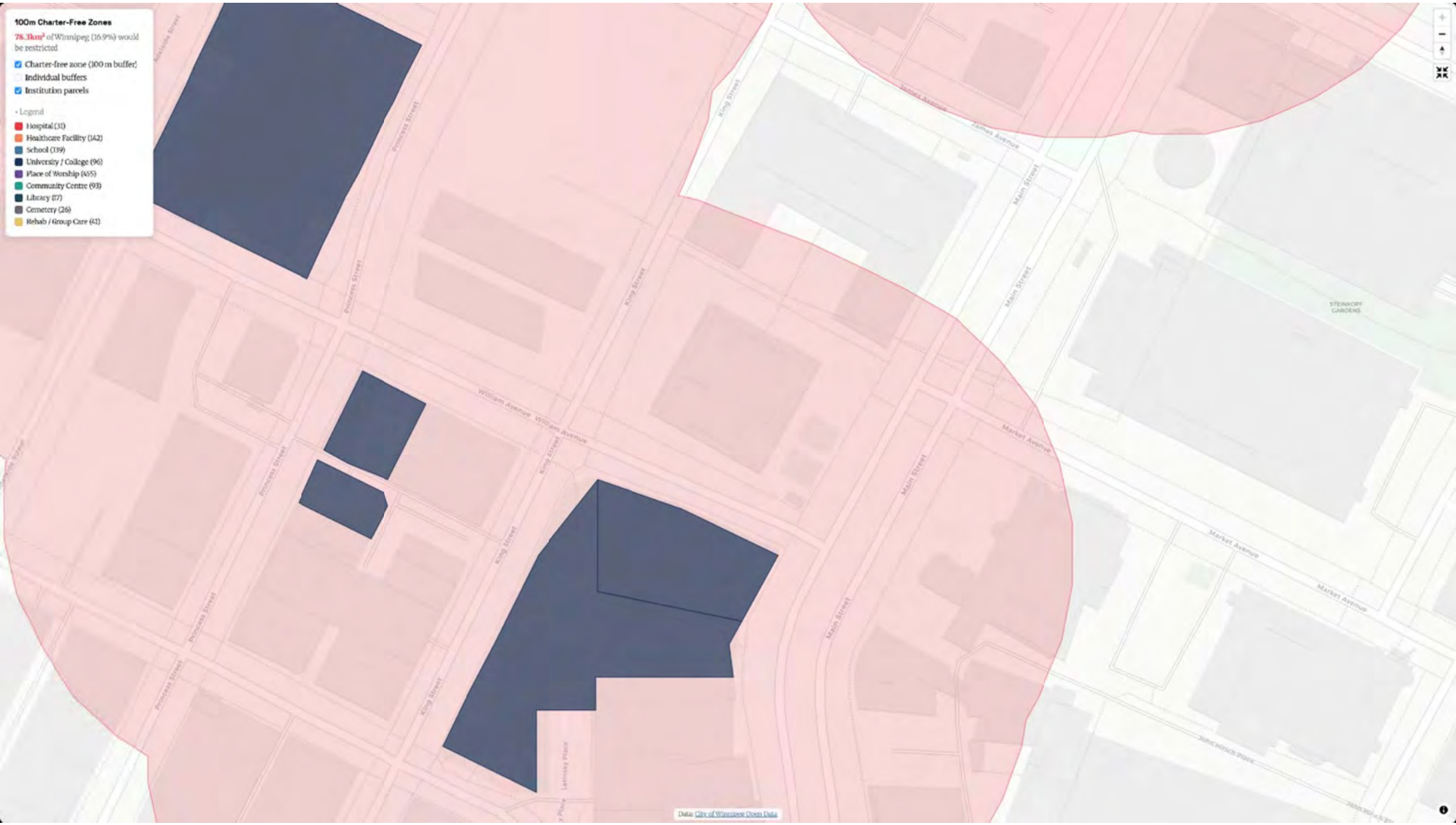
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https://chromatin.ca/blog/nuisances/


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OPEN UNTIL 12
Roslyn Rd



AARON EPP / FREE PRESS

More than 100 people gathered at the intersection of Roslyn Road and Osborne Street to remember Rosalie Tennison and promote safe roadways.

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APPENDIX A
JURISDICTIONAL SCAN - PROTECTING VULNERABLE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE - BY-LAW CONTENT (v.December 2025)

	Vaughan, ON	Brampton, ON	Calgary, AB	Toronto, ON	Oakville, ON
BY-LAW #	143-2024	173-2024	17M2023	488-2025	2025-088
BY-LAW NAME	Protecting Vulnerable Social Infrastructure By-Law	Protecting Places of Worship from Nuisance Demonstrations By-law	Safe and Inclusive Access By-law	City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 743, Streets and Sidewalks, Use of, to provide access to Social Infrastructure	Safe Access to Places of Worship By-law
DATE PASSED	June 25, 2024	November 20, 2024	March 14, 2023	May 22, 2025	May 12, 2025
BY-LAW SCOPE (TYPES OF FACILITIES)	Childcare centres, congregate care facilities, hospitals, schools, places of worship	Places of worship	Recreation facilities (city operated swimming pool, hockey or skating rink, fitness centre or gym) Libraries	Places of worship, schools, childcare centres	Places of worship
BY-LAW SCOPE (TYPES OF BEHAVIOURS)	Behaviour, whether it is intended or not, that is likely, on an objective standard, to cause a reasonable Person to be intimidated, meaning that they are either concerned for their safety or security, or they are unable to access Vulnerable Social Infrastructure. For greater certainty, intimidation can be caused by, but not only by, actions or expressions that incite hatred, violence, intolerance or discrimination	Behaviour, whether it is intended or not, that is likely, on an objective standard, to cause a reasonable Person to be intimidated, meaning that they are either concerned for their safety or security, or they are unable to access any Place of Worship. For greater certainty, intimidation can be caused by, but not only by, actions or expressions that incite hatred, violence, intolerance or discrimination	N/A	No person shall: (1) perform or attempt to perform an act of discouragement concerning a person's attendance at, use of, or attempts to attend or use Social Infrastructure; (2) persistently request that a person refrain from accessing Social Infrastructure; (3) obstruct, hinder or interfere or attempt to obstruct, hinder or interfere with another person's access of or attempt to access Social Infrastructure; or (4) express an objection or disapproval towards any person based on race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, religion/creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status, disability or the receipt of public assistance by any means, including graphic, verbal, or written means.	Specified Protest Activity means a person(s) engaging in any of the following: (a) advise or persuade, or attempt to advise or persuade, a person to refrain from accessing a place of worship; (b) persistently request that a person refrain from accessing a place of worship; (c) physically interfere with or attempt to physically interfere with a person accessing a place of worship; (d) repeatedly approach, accompany or follow a person accessing a place of worship; or (e) intimidate or attempt to intimidate a person or otherwise do or say anything that could reasonably be expected to cause concern for a person's physical or mental safety when accessing a place of worship.

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BY-LAW SCOPE (TYPES OF DEMONSTRATIONS)	Nuisance Demonstration means one or more Persons, publicly and in person, protesting against something or expressing views on any issue, in any manner, whether it is intended or not, that is likely, on an objective standard, to cause a reasonable Person to be intimidated, meaning that they are either concerned for their safety or security, or they are unable to access Vulnerable Social Infrastructure. For greater certainty, intimidation can be caused by, but not only by, actions or expressions that incite hatred, violence, intolerance or discrimination	Nuisance demonstration means one or more Persons, publicly and in person, protesting against something or expressing views on any issue, in any manner, whether it is intended or not, that is likely, on an objective standard, to cause a reasonable Person to be intimidated, meaning that they are either concerned for their safety or security, or they are unable to access any Place of Worship. For greater certainty, intimidation can be caused by, but not only by, actions or expressions that incite hatred, violence, intolerance or discrimination	Specified protest means an expression of objection or disapproval towards an idea or action related to race, religious beliefs, colour, gender, gender identity, gender expression, physical disability, mental disability, age, ancestry, place of origin, marital status, source of income, family status or sexual orientation by any means, including graphic, verbal, or written means, but does not include messaging at an event scheduled by a recreation facility.	N/A	Specified Protest Activity means a person(s) engaging in any of the following: (a) advise or persuade, or attempt to advise or persuade, a person to refrain from accessing a place of worship; (b) persistently request that a person refrain from accessing a place of worship; (c) physically interfere with or attempt to physically interfere with a person accessing a place of worship; (d) repeatedly approach, accompany or follow a person accessing a place of worship; or (e) intimidate or attempt to intimidate a person or otherwise do or say anything that could reasonably be expected to cause concern for a person's physical or mental safety when accessing a place of worship.
DISTANCE RESTRICTION	Within 100 metres	Within 100 metres	Within 100 metres	Within 50 metres	Within 50 metres
DISTANCE REFERENCE POINT	Property line	Property line	Facility entrance Inside facilities	Boundaries of property on which Social Infrastructure is located	Boundaries of the property line
PENALTIES	Minimum Fine: $500 Maximum Fine: $100,000 Continuing Offence: minimum of $500/day; maximum of $10,000/day Administrative Penalty: $750	Minimum Fine: $500 Maximum Fine: $100,000 Continuing Offence: minimum of $500/day; maximum of $10,000/day Administrative Penalty: TBD	Maximum fine: $10,000 Imprisonment: 1 year	Maximum & minimum fines not defined in by-law 488-2025. Penalties are issued pursuant to Ontario's *Provincial Offences Act,* which were identified as up to $5,000.	Minimum Fine: $25,000 Maximum Fine: $50,000 Administrative Penalty, First Offence: $300 Administrative Penalty, Second Offence: $400 Administrative Penalty, Third Offence: $500
APPEAL OPTION (FINES)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LEGAL AUTHORITY CITED	Municipal Act Provincial Offences Act Administrative Monetary Penalties By-Law	Municipal Act Community Safety & Policing Act, 2019 Provincial Offences Act Administrative Penalty (Non-Parking) By-Law (218-2019)	Municipal Government Act Human Rights Act Peace Officer Act Provincial Offences Procedure Act	Courts of Justice Act City of Toronto Act Provincial Offences Act	Municipal Act Administrative Penalties for Non-Parking Violations and Orders By-Law
EXCEPTIONS	Peaceful gatherings, protests, or demonstrations including activities that occur as part of labour union strikes	Labour union strike Protesting against foreign governments	Nil	Labour disputes	Labour action
ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY	City enforcement services; York Regional Police	City by-law officers; Peel Regional Police; Ontario Provincial Police	By-law enforcement officers; peace officers; Calgary Police Service	Enforcement officer; police officer	Any person authorized by Oakville to enforce by-laws, Municipal Law Enforcement Officers, police officers, provincial offences officers

SOURCES:

Vaughan, ON https://www.vaughan.ca/sites/default/files/2024-06/143-2024.pdf?file-verison=1765306847886

Brampton, ON https://www.brampton.ca/EN/City-Hall/Bylaws/All%20Bylaws/Protecting%20Places%20of%20Worship%20from%20Public%20Nuisance%20Demonstrations%20By-law%20173-2024.pdf

Calgary, AB https://www.calgary.ca/bylaws/safe-and-inclusive-access-bylaw.html

Toronto, ON https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/bylaws/2025/law0488.pdf

Oakville, ON https://bylaws.oakville.ca/bylaws-all/2025-088

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“There are some fairly clear and significant concerns in terms of compliance with the constitutional protections afforded in the Charter. Section 2 is directly implicated in terms of its protection of freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.”

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“If a bylaw like this one is going to be seen as justifiable, in terms of the legal test for justification, it's got to have a pressing and substantial legislative goal and there has to be proportionality (a rational connection, minimally impairing, and a balance re the harms of the law) between the objective and the means used to achieve it.”

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“Is it even necessary given the broad range of protections and police powers available to address actual threats to physical safety? It's arguably an attack on peaceful protests that might be considered disruptive or offensive to some. There's a huge difference between feeling or being uncomfortable and feeling or being unsafe - this seems to land in the tension between the two.”

You should have questions

Submission to the Executive Policy Committee

Re: Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Submitted by: Amanda Mondaca, resident of Daniel McIntyre Ward, R3G 1X4

Introduction

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

I am writing as a resident of the Daniel McIntyre ward to express my serious concerns regarding the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law, which would restrict Charter-protected freedoms of expression and peaceful assembly. I urge the Committee to carefully consider the legal, social, and practical implications before advancing this by-law.

Constitutional and Legal Concerns

Peaceful assembly and freedom of expression are protected under section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Any municipal by-law limiting these rights must be demonstrably justified, proportionate, and minimally impairing.

- Broad restrictions on civic participation risk infringing Charter rights and could expose the City to costly legal challenges.
- Existing criminal laws already address violence, harassment, intimidation, property damage, and hate-motivated offenses. Clear evidence is required to justify additional restrictions.

Existing Protections and Redundancy

- Winnipeg already has robust criminal and municipal protections against harassment, intimidation, and violence, including hospital buffer zones and anti-harassment bylaws.
- Peaceful protests are already regulated to prevent interference with patients, staff, and vulnerable spaces.
- The proposed by-law duplicates these protections without clear justification, creating unnecessary restrictions on lawful civic engagement.

- Past experience shows that peaceful demonstrations in Winnipeg, including near hospitals and public spaces, have occurred with virtually no incidents, demonstrating that existing protections are effective.

Impact on Civic Engagement and Local Residents

This by-law would limit freedoms Winnipeggers have historically used to advocate for social and policy changes — from vigils and rallies to round dances. Public demonstrations have helped secure rights for workers and tenants, Indigenous, Black, racialized, and 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, and protections for the environment.

- Large portions of Winnipeg, including areas within Daniel McIntyre, could fall within 100-metre exclusion zones, significantly limiting where residents may gather.

- Community events, cultural gatherings, and awareness campaigns could be unintentionally restricted, affecting small organizations and local businesses that rely on public spaces.

- Residents without access to private venues, including marginalized and Indigenous communities, may be disproportionately affected.

- Campus and youth-led protests could also be restricted, limiting student engagement in social and political issues, which are essential for teaching civic responsibility and fostering democratic participation.

Operational and Procedural Concerns

- The by-law's vague definitions, including terms like "nuisance demonstration," raise questions about enforceability, consistency, and officer training.

- Broad powers could set a precedent for future councils, potentially extending restrictions to lawful civic participation beyond the current intent.

- It is unclear what consultations were undertaken with civil liberties organizations, Indigenous leadership, community groups, or residents before advancing this proposal.

Civic, Cultural, and Democratic Importance

- Peaceful protest is a cornerstone of democracy and a tool for public accountability.

- Public demonstrations educate and engage residents, including youth, in civic life. Maintaining open public spaces for lawful, peaceful assembly strengthens civic literacy, democratic engagement, and community cohesion, all of which are essential for a healthy city.

- Limiting access to public spaces would disproportionately impact cultural traditions, Indigenous ceremonies, and civic advocacy.

- Cities that have adopted similar restrictions elsewhere have faced public backlash and legal challenges, demonstrating the risks of proceeding without careful justification.

Recommendation

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Executive Policy Committee:

1. Recognize the serious constitutional, procedural, operational, and social concerns associated with this by-law.

2. Drop further consideration of the proposed Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law.

Thank you for considering this submission. I would appreciate confirmation that it has been received and included in the EPC agenda.

Sincerely,

Amanda Mondaca

R3G 1X4

February 14th, 2026

Dear Executive Policy Committee Member,

I'm writing to you today to express my alarm and great disappointment at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure by-law that would greatly restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly. I

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Respectfully,

Candice Bodnaruk

Righting Relations

Winnipeg Circle
Winnipeg, MB

Monday, February 16

City of Winnipeg
Executive Policy Committee
Winnipeg, MB

RIGHTINGRELATIONS
Adult Education for Social Change

Re: Agenda Item #7 safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law

Dear Executive Policy Committee,

Righting Relations is writing to you today to express our concern, alarm, and oppostion at the City of Winnipeg's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-Law that would restrict our Charter-protected rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

It is for this reason that we, Righting Relations Inc. are opposed to the proposed bylaw.

Righting Relations carries an Oath to Turtle Island and it states "That we bear true covenant to the First Peoples of this Land." This proposed by-law directly infringes on the the Truth and Reconciliation's 94 Calls to Action and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2 Spirit People's 231 Calls to Justice by reinforcing harmful stereotypes that are often placed upon Indigenous people who assert their rights to demonstrate and their freedom of expression through peaceful assembly, this also could cause excessive harm to our relatives who are unhoused here, on the streets of Winnipeg.

It is very concerning that this proposed by-law is going to be discussed during a time when our relatives from the south are experiencing brutal violence and murder at the hands of decision makers, the act of prohibiting "nuisance" demonstrations is an echo of what is happening in the United States of America with I.C.E. destructively using the power of authority, law and policy to carry out their genocidal mission. You will be silencing voices, removing community members, stripping autonomy and encouraging prejudice and discrimination.

In short this proposed by law is a step towards dictatorship and goes against every value the City of Winnipeg holds. As well, this being framed as a public safety issue is absurd as its enforcement will inevitably cause more escalation and violence. The proposed by-law may also restrict how we can respond to acts of hate and discrimination in public schools, in the health care system, and at work. It will only ensure a specific demographic of people will be served and marginalized people will continue to experience excessive harm, violence and be murdered.

Righting Relations is committed to uprooting systems of oppression in all forms, within ourselves, within our networks, and within our society.

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February 15, 2026

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RE: Agenda Item #7 Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing *in support* of Agenda Item #7 at the February 17, 2026, EPC meeting, urging passage of the Safe and Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. This measure is a necessary step to protect essential community institutions and ensure Winnipeg remains a safe and welcoming city for all.

This is not a merely abstract plea. My own experiences as a Jewish Winnipegger facing harassment at my community safehavens show me that risks of rising Jew-hatred in the city make this By-law necessary.

My children attend Gray Academy of Jewish Education, and my family regularly attends events at the Rady JCC. On a couple of occasions over the past two years, when visiting the campus, anti-Israel protestors stood at the building, chanting slogans at passersby. One of these incidents was during Folklorama, an event where Winnipeggers enjoy celebrating the diversity of the city's communities; the other was during the evening when my daughter was performing in a school play at the Rady. At the latter event, I, myself, was called a "genocider" and a "baby killer" as I walked into the building by the anti-Israel protestors.

The Asper/Rady campus is a space for Jewish Winnipeggers to feel safe as Jews. The building is also welcoming to non-Jews, but serves as a safehaven for members of the community.

While it was clear to me that the protesters aimed mainly to intimidate Jews and others going to the community centre, the police present did not do anything to enforce existing harassment laws.

I believe that protest is a right enshrined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and I agree with this very much. As a scholar and academic, I believe strongly in the values of free speech, academic freedom, and the reasonable debate of ideas that are part of living in a democratic society.

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However, community safehavens need protection when freedom to protest is being misused to harass a minority community. This is *not* fair and legitimate democratic protest. This is *not* an instance of expressing political speech to a government agency capable of responding adequately and politically to the demands of the protestors. The experiences I faced were instances of intimidation, harassment, bullying, and persecution of Jewish Winnipeggers.

These are the reasons why I support the passage of the By-law.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for undersanding my experiences.

Sincerely,

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JOHN HUMPHREY CENTRE
for PEACE and HUMAN RIGHTS

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February 17, 2026

RE: Submission Opposing Agenda Item #7 – Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law

Executive Policy Committee, City of Winnipeg

Dear Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

On behalf of the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights, I am writing to express our opposition to Agenda Item #7: the proposed "Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law."

For more than three decades, the John Humphrey Centre has worked alongside community partners across the Prairies to advance human rights, strengthen inclusive public dialogue, and support community-led responses to systemic inequities. We have engaged extensively with frontline workers, grassroots advocates, and people with lived experience of poverty, homelessness, racism, and criminalization in public spaces.

We write today to vouch for the credibility and integrity of the frontline workers and community advocates raising concerns about this proposed by-law. These individuals and organizations bring evidence-informed knowledge rooted in daily work with those most affected by exclusionary policies. Their perspectives are grounded in lived reality, not abstraction, and deserve serious and respectful consideration.

Public space is a cornerstone of democratic life. The ability to gather, assemble, speak, and protest peacefully is protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and is fundamental to a healthy civic culture. The proposed by-law's broad and undefined language—particularly terms such as "nuisance demonstrations"—creates significant risk of overreach. Its geographic scope and associated financial penalties may have a chilling effect on lawful protest and civic participation.



Public space bylaws and enforcement-driven responses often disproportionately impact those who are already marginalized—particularly Indigenous peoples, people living in poverty, and individuals experiencing homelessness. Policies framed as neutral can produce inequitable outcomes in practice, reinforcing patterns of surveillance, displacement, and exclusion.

Race, gender, disability, and socioeconomic status intersect in ways that shape who is most likely to experience police contact and punitive enforcement. Expanding discretionary enforcement powers without clear safeguards risks deepening systemic inequities.

Dignity, voice, and meaningful participation must be at the centre of policy development—especially when policies affect public presence and civic expression. When individuals and communities feel unheard, further restrictions on assembly and protest can compound mistrust and erode relationships between residents and municipal leadership.

We recognize the importance of ensuring safe access to health and social infrastructure. However, responses must be proportionate, narrowly tailored, and developed in meaningful consultation with those most affected. Approaches that rely primarily on fines and expanded police powers—particularly penalties of up to $5,000—risk criminalizing participation in civic life and disproportionately impacting individuals and communities with fewer resources.

We respectfully urge the Executive Policy Committee to:

1. Pause the advancement of this by-law to allow for broader community consultation, particularly with Indigenous leadership, civil liberties organizations, frontline service providers, and people with lived experience.
2. Clarify and narrow language that could unintentionally restrict constitutionally protected peaceful assembly.
3. Conduct a human rights and equity impact assessment prior to enactment.
4. Ensure that any measures adopted uphold dignity, democratic participation, and equitable treatment.



The health of a city is measured not only by safety, but by how it protects the rights, voice, and humanity of all who call it home. We ask that the concerns raised by frontline workers and community advocates be heard with seriousness and care.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law statement

Gustavo Zentner, CIJA – February 17, 2026

Good morning, Your Worship and Members of the Executive Policy Committee.
Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak today.
My name is Gustavo Zentner, and I am here on behalf of the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA), the advocacy agency of the Jewish Federations of Canada–UIA.
CIJA represents Jewish Canadians nationally, and here in Winnipeg, through the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg.

We welcome this Committee's consideration of the Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law. City staff and the Legal Department have done careful, thoughtful work. This is a critical step in making Winnipeg a city where everyone can feel safe. And we endorse the By-law.

For over two years, Jewish communities across Canada, as well as in Winnipeg, have faced repeated protests targeting places of worship, schools, and community institutions. These are spaces serving children, seniors, and other vulnerable individuals.
While protest is a fundamental right, these demonstrations have often become intimidating. Families attending religious services, cultural programs, or educational activities should not have to fear going about their daily lives.

Winnipeg is proud of Folklorama, celebrating multiculturalism and community. Yet, for years, visitors to the Israel Pavilion at the Asper Jewish Community Campus have faced harassment and intimidation, even during what should be a joyous celebration.
The protests have featured deeply antisemitic slogans and chants, such as "From the River to the Sea," "Go Back to Europe," "Hamas is Coming For You", and "Intifada Revolution," all of which promote hatred and incite violence, without consequence.

This past summer was no exception. Parents, grandparents, and visitors asked me: *"Why should families feel unsafe while celebrating culture?"*, *"Why can't the government or police do more to protect us?", "Who will be targeted next?".*

These are urgent, heartfelt appeals, not rhetorical questions.

And while the Winnipeg Police Service has done a tremendous job of supporting and providing reassurance to the community, the reality is that these threats and protests have been a strain on police resources.

Canada's promise, the promise that drew me and so many others to this country, is founded on justice, equality, democracy, respect. That promise guarantees the right to practice faith, raise children, and celebrate heritage safely.

But fear is now part of daily life for too many. Families hesitate before attending services or programs. Children feel anxiety walking near community centers. Seniors feel unsafe in spaces that should offer comfort and connection.

The toll is real, tangible, and lasting.

Freedoms of expression and assembly are fundamental, but not absolute. Cities like Calgary, Toronto, Brampton, and Vaughan have defined safe perimeters around vulnerable institutions, balancing freedom of expression with public safety.

Section 1 of the Charter allows reasonable limits to protect the safety and well-being of others. Instituting such a by-law will ensure Charter rights are protected and protecting those looking to use vulnerable institutions.

Today, I met with many fellow Winnipeggers and heard a range of perspectives. While people may approach this issue differently, that must not come at the expense of acknowledging the very real challenges our community is facing.

Yesterday, we were notified that our submissions will be taken 'as information' to inform focus around safety. References were made to Bill C-9, the Combatting Hate Act, which, with proposed amendments, we support. As a law-abiding community, we look to elected officials to pass legislation and work with all levels of government and law enforcement to protect our community and all communities. Accepting our submissions as information and waiting for other governments does not protect us.

Our shared values and way of life in Canada are at stake. Intimidation, hate, and intolerance weaken democracy, keep families at home, and undermine shared responsibilities. This is not about restricting lawful protest. It is about ensuring that demonstrations do not intimidate children, disrupt religious practice, or prevent residents from safely accessing community spaces.

Manitoba must not become a home for hate.
Every Winnipegger deserves to live free from fear and harassment.
Protecting vulnerable institutions strengthens democracy, it does not weaken it.
We urge this Committee to advance these measures with urgency, clarity, and accountability, in partnership with community stakeholders and consistent with the Charter.

The time to act is now.

Thank you for your time, attention, and commitment to keeping Winnipeg safe for all.
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Gustavo Zentner
Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA)

Dear EPC members,
I'm writing in full support of the recommended item #7 Safe Access to Vulnerable Infrastructure By-law.

Though the process may have been less than the hoped for broad consultation, and some improvements must be made, the urgency and critical importance of said By-law to tackle the real and present danger to vulnerable communities is essential. I would have attended in person but as a targeted member of the Jewish community I do not feel safe to be amongst a throng of Jew Haters.

Since Oct 7/23, my family and I have personally experienced multiple violations of existing laws and by-laws by so called Islamist pro Palestine woke left protesters and followers demonstrating their upside down inversions of free speech. We have been harassed, intimidated, confronted entering Jewish businesses, community centres, places of worship, schools, had our synagogue sprayed with hate speech and Nazi symbols, been followed, stalked, had our home targeted with our doors banged on and our mezuzah taken note of. A relative had their front window shot out, while a neighbour walking their dog had a gun pointed at them by a drive by. NO Winnipeg citizen, visitor, tourist, should ever be exposed to such anti Canadian values under any pretext and false claims to free speech and fake civil liberties cries.

Jew hate minimally, is racism. Our community members, visitors and friends are all equally supposed to be a protected by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Manitoba Human Rights Code and Federal and Civil laws. Enforcement has been patchy and weak, resources are underfunded. Post Oct.7/23, the city has complained at exponential escalating costs to police bad actors/protestors holding both tax payers and Jews hostage.

Freedoms don't come without responsibility, respect and accountability. Free Speech is not unlimited. It has been said by legal minds that Canadian common Law has ruled that "individuals should not be hostage to the message the protesters wish to send them. The right of freedom of expression does not include the right to a captive audience. That freedom of expression assumes an ability in the listener not to listen but turn away if one wishes". We could not look away because they invaded our personal spaces. When identifiable protected vulnerable individuals and/or groups are held hostage by encampments, physical safety boundary blurring, invasion of personal, commercial, cultural, spiritual, leisure, living space, property lines, overtaking of civic infrastructure, with electronic loud speakers P.A.'s, megaphones, spewing hateful modern twists on ancient blood libel Islamist Genocidal propaganda resplendent with visuals and scripted robotic Jihadist chants; I dare anyone not to hear the vitriol and hate. I dare anyone to look away. I dare anyone to remain silent. The 3 monkey approach resulted in the Holocaust. Jews don't have a choice to look away!

When and if enacted, Bill C-9 will only enhance existing laws, but fails to create safer spaces. Hence new tools are needed to augment the fostering of Safer spaces by creating distances required to keep haters and those that would do us harm away. It is a harm reduction By-law.

Failure to pass the spirit and intent of this By- law, will be recorded as a wholesale colossal systemic institutional failure to remember the lessons of history. There is no basis for selective Jew hate, speech and actions. Words matter as they lead to action. Allowing bad actors to act badly with impunity escalates more bad action.

The opposition to this proposed Vulnerable Infrastructure "Safety" and 'Security" By- law wrongly proclaim todays Antizionist protests are essential like the 1919 general strike! To conjure such sacred hallowed ground for worker rights and freedoms and a honest living wage as synonymous to flaunting ancient vile blood libel Jew hate as desirable free speech…is

Outrageous outlandish and absurd! They forget the true history which would indicate the movement was built on many Zionist's backs to the success for all Canadian labourers. How does spewing targeted hate speech at protected minority Indiginous groups serve the greater good for all Canadians?

It is disappointing and somewhat ironic that AMC Grand Chief Kyra Wilson chooses this moment to comment on eliminating potential protections for the Indigenous Jewish peoples communities and Institutions and that she knows more than we do about fighting Jew hate. Her narrow focus on valid First Nation Treaty rights excludes the intentionality of also protecting other Manitoban's personal safety rights. I note her letter only has 4 of 63 chiefs in Manitoba signing her letter of concern, that she wishes to sit with council and not others to improve the proposition. She implies by her suppositions that all protests are equal and should be protected. Clearly she hasn't faced down Jew hater so called protesters. I invite her to attend any and all that we have been subjected to, then we can sit down and talk.
Hate speech is not Free speech. Alleged protests containing hate speech are not peaceful. Hate speech is violence. It is undeserving of protection.
Post Oct.7/23,The type of vitriolic protests, harassment, intimidation etc. that Jews face daily are not the same. If she wants to get to know us better, she can call.

It is unfortunate that the city's legal department failed to first properly broadly consult.
It is a sign of cowardice and pandering to bullies, that councillor Duncan lost his grit and caved at first blush with what Winnipeg Jews have had to contend with since Oct.7/23. Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater.

Please move this Bylaw forward to council for improvements. This buffer By-Law is critical to offer all minority communities protections against thugs and populists.

Judy Plotkin
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