Theme 1: Climate Action & Municipal Infrastructure

Climate Action Plan & Community Energy Investment Roadmap

Examined the city's strategic framework to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2050. It breaks down sector-specific municipal targets for transportation, compact residential infill development, deep energy building retrofits, and landfill gas collection efficiency. The report also includes a national jurisdictional scan that evaluates Winnipeg’s carbon accounting and policy maturity alongside municipal peers like Ottawa, Edmonton, and Calgary.

Theme 2: Interjurisdictional Advocacy & National Frameworks

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Briefing Note – Wildfire Response

Outlines strategic policy stances regarding the federal government's reactive response to cyclical wildfire crises. It focuses on the uncompensated humanitarian, medical, and housing burdens placed on "receiving cities" like Winnipeg and Thompson that absorb thousands of displaced northern evacuees. The brief urges the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to lobby for a proactive, streamlined federal funding framework that bypasses traditional interjurisdictional red tape.

Response Mandate to National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)

Refutes a misconception within the Federation of Canadian Municipalities that responding to systemic violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA individuals is strictly a federal concern. It asserts that because municipal governments manage frontline urban networks like streets, housing, policing, and public transit, they are closest to where residents encounter violence. The text frames the Calls for Justice as legal and moral imperatives to eliminate interjurisdictional neglect and protect Section 7 Charter rights.

Theme 3: Age-Friendly Initiatives

Age Friendly - Climate Lens

Examined how changing environmental parameters directly threaten the physical safety, physiological health, and independence of older adults in Winnipeg. It highlights heightened risks from extreme summer heatwaves amplified by urban heat islands, alongside severe winter mobility barriers caused by snow and ice accumulation on pedestrian pathways. The paper calls for integrating climate adaptation planning, such as accessible cooling spaces and tree canopy expansion, directly into age-friendly municipal policies.

Age Friendly Survey Questionnaire

Developed a diagnostic community feedback questionnaire designed to collect the lived experiences of older adults across Winnipeg. It utilizes age and sector-based demographic tracking to audit municipal service categories like year-round transit navigation, housing affordability, and community connection. The data gathered from this public instrument is intended to directly inform and shape the development of the city's upcoming Age-Friendly Action Plan. The survey is based on the World Health Organization’s 8 pillars for an Age-Friendly City.

Canadian Muslim Women’s Institute (CMWI)

Did an in-depth community engagement session with the Canadian Muslim Women’s Institute. In a group setting, I worked through our Age-Friendly survey to hear what the community needed. The biggest take-aways were that the costs of Winnipeg Transit is too high for many community members, they wish for access to light-duty volunteer opportunities, and wished for an increase in benches in public parks.

South Winnipeg Consultation

In conjunction with Councillor Lukes and Councillor Chambers, hosted an Age-Friendly consultation for South Winnipeg older-adults. The biggest take away was access to transportation to and from medical appointments, and the need to develop a more accessible way to learn about and utilize City of Winnipeg resources. A move away from online resources and a push towards print and over the phone sharing was recommended.

Portage Common Consultation

Final consultation of the internship took place at Portage Commons. Heard from older-adults living within the facility. The biggest issues raised were accessibility of transit though both Transit+ schedules and lack of accessible bus stops, conditions of sidewalks surrounding the area, and safety concerns regarding local encampments.

Dr. Michelle Porter Event

Dr. Michelle Porter, the Director of the Centre for Aging gave a presentation and Q & A session at Norberry-Glenlee Community Center. This offers an opportunity for members of the community to hear what work is being done in academia regarding Age-Friendly initiatives, as well as converse with Dr. Porter, a leading expert in Age-Friendly matters.

Theme 4: Equity, Inclusion & 2SLGBTQIA+ Modernization

Collaboration with Rainbow Resource Centre & Probe Research

This report synthesized baseline statistical data collected by Probe Research regarding the systemic safety and discrimination gaps encountered by gender-diverse Winnipeggers. It details critical metrics showing that only 52% of queer residents feel safe walking their neighborhoods at night, while 37% report experiencing daily active harassment. The report outlines clear policy recommendations for 2026, including hosting a community dialogue forum, drafting facility buffer zone policies, and implementing an institutional trans-inclusive language standard.

Collaboration with Rainbow Resource Centre Speaker Series

In collaboration with Rainbow Resource Center, supported a speaker series event at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. The Probe Research findings were discussed, as well as two multidisciplinary panels speaking on Queer issues in Winnipeg. Gaps in the survey were highlighted as well, as well as the health of the Queer community.

National Film Board & Rainbow Resource Centre "Parade" Documentary Screening

In conjunction with the National Film Board and Rainbow Resource Center, the Human Rights Committee of Council hosted a film screening of the Queer film “Parade”. The event was hosted at Gas Station Arts Centre. After the screening there was a lively Q & A with Director Noam Gonick.

Theme 5: Food Security & Green Infrastructure

Winnipeg Food Council Work Plan

The report contextualizes local food insecurity trends, noting a 97% spike in provincial food bank usage between 2021 and 2025. It reviews operational models for food intervention, including localized Urban Agriculture grants and a joint Food Rescue Pilot Project that intercepts safe food from landfills. The text summarizes feedback from a joint committee learning event and outlines 2026 priorities for targeting food programming into designated food deserts.

Winnipeg Food Council Climate Lens

This document details a transitional strategic phase framing municipal food systems as functional green infrastructure services for climate adaptation. It outlines 2026 mandates for utilizing urban agriculture in stormwater management, expanding household food waste diversion to lower landfill methane emissions, and providing $11,300 in community garden grants. The document balances these climate mitigation efforts with human rights goals to secure administrative accountability and long-term food access.

Food Security Part 2 Event

In conjunction with Harvest Manitoba, we hosted an exciting event to continue the conversation on food security in Winnipeg. The event was capped off with a lively dot-mocracy that covered Short Term, Medium Term, and Long Term initiatives that the City could put into action to increase food security for residents. A complete What We Heard report is in the works.