

Q1 Do you have feedback for consideration when developing the Water & Waste Department budget? Submit your feedback below. All feedback will be provided to elected officials on the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment during their budget discussions. Submit your feedback by Tuesday, November 26.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	*name removed* would like to voice our opposition to the City discontinuing garbage pick-up services for charities. This would result in increased costs for our centre, and impact our ability to offer the supports and services that the women and families in our community rely on. We recommend reversing this decision for charities.	11/26/2019 9:21 PM
2	Why are we cutting the utility? Infrastructure, operational and technology cuts? Brown water? Ecoli? Boil advisory? Not my water please. This is one of the very few services that the City offers that is not overweight by beaurcracy, a very engineering, scientist-driven department. Water cannot be out at risk.	11/26/2019 6:03 PM
3	"Discontinue garbage bin collection for multi-family, charity and commercial customers" - please consider maintaining collection for charities. They are doing so much good in the city & community and many of them will not be able to afford to have private waste pick up.	11/26/2019 12:55 PM
4	Take Pride Winnipeg activities are a must fund item. They said they do 100 visits in-person to schools each year to encourage recycling initiatives well ask how much an equivalent advertising program would cost for the water and waste department.... realistically, to get the same impact as in-person visits to thousands of children, the city would have to spend over \$1 million (\$1 000 000) on an advertising campaign... so if the city is actually aiming to promote recycling and minimize improper garbage disposal and recycling issues, then the city is getting one whack of a deal in pretty much free advertising (impactful advertising) from the use of Take Pride Winnipeg	11/26/2019 6:10 AM
5	A thought regarding recommendation b. from the Solid Waste section of the Water and Waste Budget Presentation (below): "b. Discontinue garbage bin collection for multi-family, charity and commercial customers: Service level reduction using a staged approach factoring in expiring contracts. Impacted customers would select service directly through private contractors." Instead of the city stopping garbage collection (i.e. the zero expense option), could this be an opportunity for the city to generate a new revenue stream and subsequent profit? For example, why not charge businesses a rate for garbage collection. This rate could vary based on amount and type of waste, and thus be used as a method to incentivize businesses to produce less waste (which would ultimately also save the city resources in landfill operations). Further, if there are items entering the waste stream which are recyclable (or vice versa – waste entering the recycling stream) from these businesses, then they could be penalized as a financial tool to encourage proper waste and recycling system usage. There would be more value in developing this type of approach instead of just shifting the traditional waste system to another waste handling company (who in the end will be making the profit that the city could have made quite easily as a monopoly).	11/25/2019 4:55 PM
6	I like the idea of changing how Garbage pickup is done for businesses. However, I think churches, etc... should still have pickup because they can't really afford in money or in organizational resources (ex. planning) to arrange a contract with market based companies. Further, churches don't really make that much garbage... potentially garbage pickup could be reduced at churches to once a month. For multi-residential, garbage pickup probably shouldn't be cut if the goal is to promote more densification and encourage people to live in smaller spaces... this is like an extra tax to de-incentivize people from living in such units when urban sprawl is more of the issue. Potentially, the city should cut garbage service to all the urban sprawl neighborhoods or any newly planned community... going forward, it should be the responsibility of these new suburbs to arrange and pay for their own garbage pickup.	11/25/2019 4:36 PM
7	I would not want to see reduction in multi-family/dwelling waste collection left to landlords - particularly in downtown areas. This would increase rents to lower income families and seniors. Pick up services would be inconsistent and possibly adding more garbage to the street areas. It would seem that the suburbs and areas outside of multi-resident dwellings have more stops and pick ups - which would be more expensive. Multi-family dwellings (apartments and condos) are more environmentally friendly. Lets not deter downtown residents by reducing services.	11/22/2019 3:10 PM
8	-Reducing advertising is a great idea. Not cleaning water mains or degreasing sewers is not.	11/22/2019 3:34 AM
9	Winnipeg needs to urgently deal with - ie. stop - the raw sewage dumping into Lake Winnipeg. It is shocking that all 3 levels of government have allowed this incredible lake - the 10th largest freshwater lake in the world and thus a critically important global water resource - to have deteriorated to the disastrous mess it now is. Are you waiting until it's as bad as Lake Erie in the 1970s before you take action? It is shameful. Winnipeg has to do it's part - which means stopping that sewage flow into the lake NOW! Not waiting even one more year.	11/22/2019 2:05 AM

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10	I ask that you re-think the proposal to discontinue garbage pick-up from multi-family dwellings like apartments. If landlords must hire private pick-up, they will pass these costs onto tenants. Affordability in times of rapidly rising rents is already a big problem and people struggling below the poverty line tend to live in apartments. Furthermore, because apartments pool the waste of multiple households into a single point of collection, we should be rewarding the these people for the efficiency savings that their lifestyle affords -- not punishing a more sustainable lifestyle.	11/21/2019 11:44 PM
11	Cancel the water leak credit program and the toilet replacement program.	11/21/2019 8:34 PM
12	Cut the administrative overhead, but make sure spend remains the same for renewals, technology and service.	11/21/2019 5:32 PM
13	Are rates coming down with all these cuts? Where is the data to support these cuts?	11/21/2019 4:25 PM
14	Eliminating Engineer-In training budget is detrimental to the effective functioning of the department. Engineering interns provide valuable great assistance to senior employees at a much lower cost. Their work is great value for money and can ensure higher paid senior workers are working more effectively.	11/21/2019 3:36 PM
15	with the budgeting going on, I think its time to look at the supervisors pay. With all the overtime they claim to work. I think its unfair to be picking on the CUPE employees.	11/21/2019 3:07 PM
16	These cuts seem unrealistic. Are we expected to haul water by pails in a decade from now? What ever happened to doing things smarter?	11/21/2019 12:55 AM
17	Budget allocation should be in support of the publics' priorities. Today, I believe these are the priority areas: 1) safe and clean drinking water; 2) accessibility for all citizens of winnipeg - investing in the required infrastructure; 3) sustainable and environmental friendly water and waste management; and 4) effective cost management - keeping rates lower and affordable, doing more with less, and investing wisely! These priorities should drive the budgeting process and could assist to overcome contentious decisions.	11/21/2019 12:11 AM
18	Given that SLAs and customer satisfaction is relatively positive, why would the City want to cut water and wastewater services to compromise that? Also, I am a little disappointed that the Department is making cuts to its technology portfolio, especially in areas of data analytics and customer solutions. Are my rates going to be cheaper with these cuts? Or is my service going to degrade and I'll be left paying the same if not more? Such a short-sighted budget plan.	11/21/2019 12:00 AM
19	Most of the 'Implications of the Recommended Target for the Capital Budget' make it sound like they're going to cost an incredible amount of money in the mid-to-long term.	11/20/2019 9:10 PM
20	Cutting waste pickup to multi-family properties is absurd. These are the people with the lowest incomes and your going to shift the costs to them when landlords increase rent to pay for pickups.	11/20/2019 2:37 PM
21	Just a reminder - condominium corporations pay City taxes! The notion that condominiums would be exempt from garbage collection is not a solution to budget woes. We expect, like other tax paying residents of Winnipeg to receive the same services! *name removed*	11/15/2019 5:33 PM