

We regret to inform you that the **Mayoralty Candidate Forum planned for Tuesday, October 9, 2018, "Achieving a Sustainable Quality of Life in Winnipeg" has been cancelled.**

It is now more important than ever to contact your candidates with questions to help them become more aware of your concerns about greenspace. Remember that every candidate contacted or letter written counts. Thank you to those who have contacted their candidates and to candidates that have responded.

A letter template and email addresses can be found on [OURS-Winnipeg 2018 election page](#) as well as candidate questions and supporting information. Please send us a copy of the candidate responses you have received so we can compile them to share.

The City of Winnipeg needs to develop an urban vision by enacting a Master Plan for Green Space that reflects the intrinsic cultural, economic and ecological value of our natural assets and that includes:

- 1. An Urban River Corridor Plan that includes all rivers and streams**
- 2. An Urban Parks Plan**
- 3. A Comprehensive Urban Forest Management Plan**
- 4. Accessible green space and natural areas for all**

(The current Recreation and Parks Strategy being developed by the city is not as encompassing as a city-wide plan for all types of green space, forest and waterways. For example, the recreation and parks initiative would not consider green spaces such as Parker lands, or city owned golf courses which are zoned as park land.)

Good planning for healthy green space benefits us all and often creates lower cost solutions to environmental concerns.

Green Space Matters and [Green spaces are important enough to be an election issue in Winnipeg.](#)

Sincerely,
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