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Valentine's Day Dismissal at City Hall

OURS-Winnipeg was dismayed today, at the unexpected result at the Property and Development Committee meeting at City Hall. Citizens attended the meeting to speak to the motion requesting a public consultation process regarding the sale of the city owned golf courses.

The agenda had been accepted by the mayor's office, according to procedure. Citizens came to City Hall with the illusion they would be heard. In a very rare move, Property and Development committee chairperson Jeff Browaty, at the recommendation of Councillor Wyatt, denied public consultation based on a procedural technicality. More than 20 registered delegations were prevented from speaking to the report. A petition with nearly 6000 names could not be presented and a gallery full of citizens were sent on their way, shortly after arriving.

OURS –Winnipeg would like to thank the 20 delegations that took the time to prepare and come to City Hall as well as the supporters who filled the gallery. It is unfortunate that the presentations were not allowed to proceed at they were from citizens who cared and it would have been informative for all of us.

Democracy was hijacked today and citizens were treated disrespectfully. The OURS-Winnipeg petition will be presented at another appropriate time. We will also be looking ahead to provide another opportunity for people to present.

OURS-Winnipeg is a city wide group committed to stopping the sale of city owned golf course lands for commercial and residential development.

Councillor Jeff Browaty chaired the meeting. Committee members are Councillors Nordman, Pagtakhan, Wyatt, and Mayor Katz (ex officio).

If you are concerned about this decision, start phoning or emailing [City Council](#) today.

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