

SOS / OURS WEBINAR

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

OURS-WINNIPEG PRESENTATION

“A CALL TO ACTION”

**The United Nations
Decade of Ecosystem Restoration (2021 - 2030)
states:**

**“Green spaces need to be placed at the heart of
urban planning.”**

A review of of the Winnipeg planning documents

OUR Winnipeg 2045 and Complete Communities makes

it clear that green spaces have **NOT** been placed at the
heart of urban planning in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg currently lags behind other Canadian cities and
only has 6 % parkland compared to the average of 9 % in
other Canadian cities.

GREEN SPACE MILESTONE DATES

1904 - City Council created Assiniboine Park

1960 - Metropolitan Council of Winnipeg pledged to create
1000 acres of new parks and they succeeded

2012 - City Council defeats proposal by Mayor Katz to sell
city golf courses for commercial / residential use

2020 - City parks and public golf courses have record high
use in both summer and winter during pandemic,
highlighting value of these public green spaces

2021 - City proposes repurposing or selling up to 30% of city
golf course lands with revenue going to a special
infrastructure fund

2021 - City Administration proposes 25 year planning vision
enabling a path for development on green spaces

YOUR VOICE NEEDS TO BE HEARD NOW

TIME FOR ACTION IS URGENT

Time for public input to City of Winnipeg planning documents is very limited.

1. OUR Winnipeg and Complete Communities:

1st Reading approved – Jan 28, 2021

Public Hearing date is anticipated to be in May, 2021

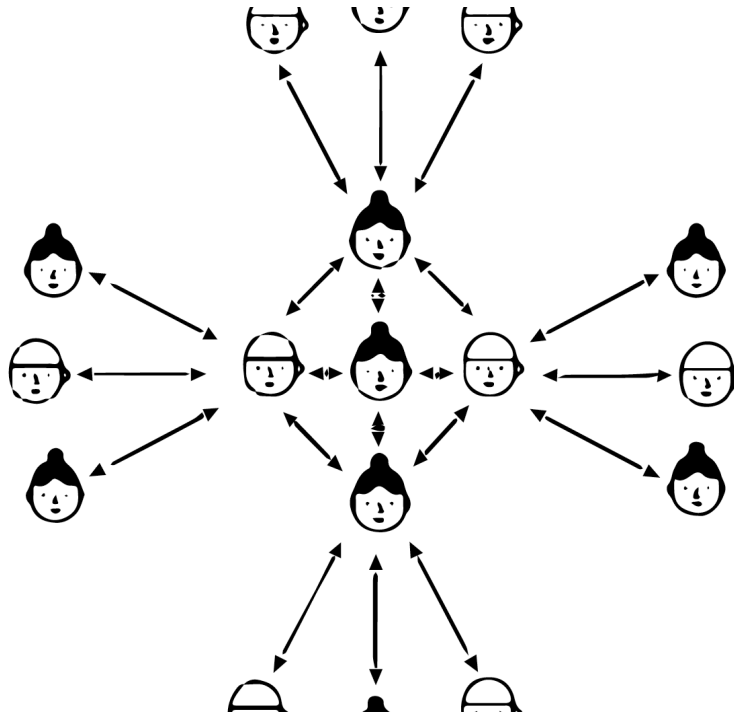
2. Repurposing up to 30% of public golf lands

Consultant Report expected in December, 2020

BE A SNOWFLAKE / GROW A SNOWFLAKE / GET A SNOWSTORM

The Snowflake Organizing Model

The snowflake is a distributed leadership model where core organizers support leaders as they in turn grow teams. There are clear roles and responsibilities, but also independence and mutual accountability. Snowflake organizing is more about coaching and feedback than about command and control.



Snowflake Organizing - You are the centre and recruit outward

We ask each green space supporter to recruit other leaders by telling their personal story about why public green spaces are important to them. New leaders are asked to recruit others. SEND ALL CONTACT INFORMATION FOR NEW SNOWFLAKE LEADERS TO OURS-WINNIPEG for information sharing.

ACTION REQUEST #1

We ask you to submit a presentation to the public hearing and support protection for urban green spaces.

Your views are important to the future of green space.

Requests for changes to the planning documents

OUR Winnipeg and Complete Communities must be presented at the public hearing.

SEND AN EMAIL TO OURS-WINNIPEG AND WE WILL INFORM YOU OF THE EXACT DATE AND TIME FOR THE PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS.

ACTION REQUEST #2

E-mail letters to the Mayor and City Councillors.

Organize your neighbours to have their views heard.

Encourage them to email the Mayor and City Councillors and tell their own story about why green spaces are important.

Sign up for OURS-Winnipeg emails as we will be posting research links that provide evidence-based policy regarding the importance of urban green spaces.

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ACTION REQUEST #3

A YEAR of POLITICAL ACTION

2022 - CITY ELECTION - A TIME FOR CHANGE

The 2022 election will be an opportunity to ensure green spaces are placed at the heart of Winnipeg urban planning decisions.

A Master Plan for Green Space must be a priority.

ORGANIZE. ORGANIZE. ORGANIZE.

Become a leader and organizer in your neighbourhood

Work to elect people who place urban green spaces at the heart of urban planning

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