

# Save John Blumberg!

The City of Winnipeg is planning to **sell 200 acres of the historic John Blumberg publicly owned golf course**, including 40+ acres of parkland *as early as late September*

Blumberg doesn't have to be sold; City Council can remove it from the surplus list. **Urgent action is required!** Sign the petition, write/call/visit your City Councillor and protest the sale, promote action via social media **#SaveJohnBlumberg**

## **Golf Courses *and* Parkland**

Under new management since 2017, Blumberg's golf course use and revenue is rebounding

Public golf courses are **affordable and accessible**, particularly for seniors and children, offering **social, physical, and mental health benefits** with golfing in summer, and cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in winter

40 unused acres allow a rare opportunity for a **new walking** park along the Assiniboine River. Public access to rivers are something that *every major city in Western Canada* enjoys and that the City of Winnipeg is seriously lacking!

## **Saving the Environment**

Large greenspaces like Blumberg are green infrastructure and must be part of our strategy to adapt to the climate change crisis; they are proven approaches for reducing climate risks such as flooding and rising temperatures, provide storm water retention and clean air, and that will provide significant long term cost savings

Blumberg also maintains biodiversity by providing necessary habitat for wildlife and endangered species

The Pandemic has shown that our current parklands, nature corridors and natural areas are highly valued by the residents of Winnipeg and more are desired

## **Fiscal Responsibility and Vision**

At 6%, the City of Winnipeg is **well below the national average** of 9% for urban parkland; the sale of John Blumberg will have a negative effect in bringing Winnipeg into line with other Canadian cities

City Council recently unanimously approved in principle the purchase of an additional 1,000 acres of greenspace; it makes no sense to start this process by selling land that is already owned

The 200 acres of the Blumberg golf course were purchased for \$1,000/acre in 1964, and will be sold for a **short term infrastructure deficit**; the City will pay significantly higher prices for any new small green spaces available around the city

The largest planned **growth of the city will be in the west**, which will make Blumberg easily accessible for the newest residents of our city

Blumberg, like Little Mountain and La Barriere, are city owned parks outside the city limits that provide needed greenspace for **present and future residents of Winnipeg and the province**

We need long-term vision for our citizens!

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