



BRIAN BOWMAN
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June 12, 2018

Councillor Janice Lukes
510 Main Street – City Hall
Winnipeg MB R3B 1B9

Dear Councillor Lukes:

Thank you for your letter dated June 6, 2018 regarding new recreational amenities in Waverly West. I want to assure you and the residents of Waverly West that I remain committed to working collaboratively to build a strong and vibrant community.

I am more than happy to look into the concerns that you have raised in your letter on the City assuming operational responsibility for various public assets. However, I am disappointed that you were unable to successfully solve this problem with our City officials given that this appears to be an issue that is fundamental to the residents of your ward.

In your letter you state that the City's reluctance to assume operational responsibility for the recreational assets in question is because of a lack of City funding. I am advised by our public service officials that this is not the case. I do however, think it is fair to point out that it was your decision as the Ward Councilor to delay almost half a billion dollars of private sector housing investment and significant new property tax revenue by refusing to lift a cap on the development of new single family homes in Bridgewater Forest. This decision was against the advice of our public service and Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation and I think you will agree that this was not a particularly productive approach to support the continued development of this community.

Nevertheless, I want to assure all of the residents of Waverly West that I remain committed to ensuring that they have timely access to the recreational amenities that they deserve. I would also strongly urge you to work collaboratively with all stakeholders towards a positive outcome on this matter. Thank you again for your letter on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Brian Bowman', with a long, sweeping underline.

Brian Bowman
MAYOR
The City of Winnipeg

cc: Mr. Doug McNeil, Chief Administrative Officer, The City of Winnipeg