



UPCOMING EVENTS

ROTARY MEETINGS | 12:15PM – 1:15PM



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November 9, 2022 – An in-person meeting

Remembrance Day Program – An in-person meeting “Remembering Tommy Prince” with Tommy Prince Jr speaking about his father Sgt. Tommy Prince.

November 16, 2022 – A Zoom Meeting

Rotarian Izzeddin Hawamda presents “Personal Stories from Palestine”

November 23, 2022 – An in-person meeting

Hannah Owczar presents “Basic Incomes for Complicated Lives” Hannah is co-author with Evelyn Forget of “Radical Trust, Basic Income for Complicated Lives”.

November 30, 2022 – You're Invited...

To the **Outstanding Rotarian Dinner** at Tony Roma's on 656 St. James St. You order off the Menu. Members, Family and Friends are welcome. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

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December 7, 2022 – An in-person meeting

“The Annual General Meeting and Looking Ahead”, chaired by President Jeannette Brigit.

December 14, 2022 – An in-person meeting

“Joint Meeting with the Kiwanis”

November, 29, 2022 – Giving Tuesday

Join **Giving Tuesday**, the world's largest generosity movement. Everyone has something to give and every act of generosity counts. This is a great opportunity to give to our Annual Fund or your favorite Rotary Club Project.



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OCTOBER IS...

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ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

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"If we can make a difference in the life of one person in a community, it is a small yet significant step to empowering a whole community."
Loshini Naidoo

Rotary 

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved



NOVEMBER IS...

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ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

"You cannot tell a hungry child that you gave him food yesterday"
Zimbabwean Proverb

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

BECAUSE WE CARE
MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, BE THE DIFFERENCE

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TAKE ACTION: rotary.org/contribute



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IN – PERSON MEETING:

New Member Inducted – Teko L. H. Bailey

Teko brings a diverse perspective to any group he joins, combining his deep respect and love for cultures and an unwavering belief that everyone's strengths should be understood and celebrated. As a certified John Maxwell Life Coach, Teko works with small businesses to gain synergy by welcoming the individual strengths members bring to the team. With individuals, he empowers and mentors men to overcome areas of insecurity or inadequacy so they can love and lead themselves and their families well.



He currently serves as Volunteer Coordinator with the Assiniboine Park Conservancy while maintaining his board commitments to the Manitoba Conservancy for Music and Arts. Teko holds a bachelor's degree in music education and an associate's degree in community development. He has worked in countries like Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Egypt, Australia and St. Vincent, to name a few.

A lover of cultures, he enjoys eating Chinese fried rice, Jamaican jerk chicken and some good Hawaiian pulled pork. He currently resides in Winnipeg, Manitoba, with his wife and two sons.

PAUL HARRIS AWARDS:

What is a Rotary "Paul Harris recognition"?

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Why does Strini Reddy deserve a Paul Harris Award – September 14, 2022

By Rotarian Gary Dawyduk



It is my distinct pleasure to have the privilege to provide some opening words for Strini Reddy is very deservedly receiving yet another accolade for his continued service to society. Today, the Paul Harris award adds to this wonderful abundance of recognition.

Having volunteered and developed a friendship with Strini for over 30 years I know he accepts such recognition with grace and kindness, but I also know that, when a proper introduction is made of him when he speaks at meetings, hearing the long list of accomplishments causes him a little embarrassment.



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Well, Strini, with this latest award you'll have to bear more embarrassment at future speaking engagements!

However, I do understand your bashfulness in these situations. I know that for you, Strini, being lauded for your many contributions is not the point of why you do what you do. So, I will attempt, in a very personal way, to put this latest celebration of your work into a bit of context.

For most of my life, I have tried to live in a way where I help to make the world a better place. As a young man, I sought my educational foundation by studying liberal arts at the University of Winnipeg, sampling various curricula and ending up in the social sciences with a major in Religious Studies.

Through that pathway I came to learn that I am a Utopian. I believe that we can live in a world that offers harmony, opportunity, growth and equality. I learned that it's possible to build this belief on the basis of faith, or philosophy, or political philosophy, or economics, but probably most coherently on a combination of these and many other ways of understanding our world.

I also came to believe that we can make Utopia possible: amongst us, here and now, in small ways and in big ways. Humanity has the imagination to make this happen but to do so we need to act, and to act selflessly and with great determination.

Now this should not be surprising to any one of us, for we are Rotarians. The great constructs at the foundation of our organization -- such as the "4-way test" and "Service Above Self" -- inform our commitment to eradicating disease, helping those who are disadvantaged, creating better understanding among communities; in other words, as Rotarians, we aim to transform Utopian visions and values into reality.

To bring all of this lofty talk home: it takes special people to make this possible. Strini Reddy is one such person; a Rotarian who, in embodying leadership, passion and dedication, and who, in acting with determination and joy, has the power to inspire others into acting much the same way. His lifelong advocacy for children, youth and the under-privileged and underserved in our society and world has been, and continues to be, an inspiration for all of us in this room and countless others outside this room.

Strini, my friend, I hope I haven't embarrassed you too much! On behalf of all of us whose lives have been touched by your actions, please come forward and accept your Paul Harris award.



ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMS:

The 2022 Mayor's Scholarship for Community Leadership:

Among the 5 Recipients, 3 MUNA participants received the Mayor's Scholarship for 2022. They are Divya Sharma, Prabhnoor Singh, and Rhea Gupta. Also Avinash Singh, from MUNA, won a Mayor's Scholarship in 2021. Divya, Prabhnoor and Avinash are on the MUNA Organizing Committee for 2023. Below are bios for Divya, Prabhnoor & Rhea.

Divya Sharma

Divya Sharma is a determined and driven young woman with a passion for giving back to our community. She graduated from Fort Richmond Collegiate and is currently pursuing Global, Political Economy through the Faculty of Arts at the University of Manitoba. Highly involved and experienced with community engagement, the public and non-profit sector, government, and student politics. Divya is the youngest member of the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation Board, Asian Women of Winnipeg Board, Winnipeg Women's Conference Committee, CanU Stories Gala Committee and Model UN Assembly (MUNA) Winnipeg Organizing Committee.



She continues to grow with Rotary through the opportunities to grow offered including, being the Leader of her Interact Club at FRC (2021-2022), RYLA, Rotary Adventures in Citizenship, Secretary and President of Model United Nations (2021 -2022). She is excited to continue her journey with Rotary through the Rotaract Club at the UofM.

As she progresses in her life Divya will continue to promote Indigenous Reconciliation, youth involvement and diversity through sharing her skills in leadership, public speaking, budgeting, and strategic planning to build strong communities for all.

She believes youth are not only the next generation but the change we aspire to see today.



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Prabhnoor Singh

Hello everyone! My name is Prabhnoor Singh, I recently graduated high school from the University of Winnipeg Collegiate (UWC) and am currently studying at the University of Manitoba, aiming to major in Political Studies. I was involved in the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) 2022 as a delegation of Switzerland. I got involved with the Rotary Club of Winnipeg and MUNA after a classmate of mine, Wells Mayes, recommended it to me as both of us would often talk about politics, global affairs, and diplomacy. After attending MUNA 2022, I was inspired to stay involved with it for upcoming years. Hence, I decided to join the organizing committee for MUNA 2023 where I have been assigned the position of Dignitaries, Awards, and Certificates.

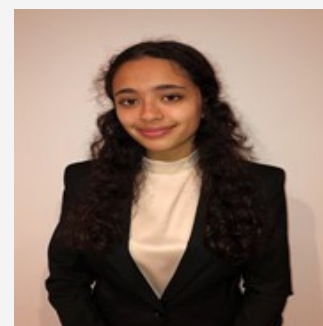


Besides MUNA, in my grade 12 high school year, I was elected as the Deputy Prime Minister for my school's student council as well as a committee member in the UWC Youth in Philanthropy Club. I also served as a Legislative Page in the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba. And currently, I am a Warrant Officer 2nd Class at 177 Royal Canadian Air Cadets Squadron where I was recently awarded the Lord Strathcona Trust Fund Medal.

In the coming years, I look forward to meeting new people, learning from their experiences, and gaining some experiences of my own! I want to stay actively involved within the community and try my best to be a dedicated and passionate young leader. I am grateful that through MUNA, I was able to connect with talented individuals that I aspire to learn from and work with on the upcoming sessions of MUNA.

Rhea Gupta

Rhea Gupta is a first-year student at the University of Manitoba, hoping to earn a general science degree and pursue medicine, potentially as a psychiatrist. Graduating from St. John's-Ravenscourt School as Class Valedictorian, she was heavily involved in debating and public speaking, placing highly at numerous national and international tournaments. In January 2021, she began "Sustaining Strength of Seniors," an initiative for seniors in the community, during which they met virtually every week for over sixty weeks. In grade 12, Rhea served as President of Project Pulse Winnipeg, a youth-led organization dedicated to sharing resources on the health sciences with high school students, which further piqued her interest in the field she wants to establish a career in. Additionally, Rhea received over \$2300 in funding to organize a project for reconciliation, which led





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her to begin the Indigenous Breakfast Program project, in which seven schools in Winnipeg's RETSD served Bannock and blueberry jam to students every week for five months. These community projects helped Rhea earn the UM BMO Financial Group Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship.

To strengthen her knowledge of the consensus and negotiation process, as well as learn more about global issues, Rhea enrolled herself in the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) in 2021, playing the role of Ireland. Nearing the event, Rhea received the opportunity to serve as Chair of one of the committees, which she nervously, but excitedly, accepted. This turned out to be an incredibly rewarding experience, as she facilitated engrossing discussions on potential amendments to the text, gaining experience in both sides of the debate process. She is extremely thankful to the Rotary Club of Winnipeg for the confidence and awareness that Model UN instilled in her.

FUNDRAISING & FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH:

Our Club contributed about \$35,000 to three Global Grant projects in South Africa, Bangladesh and Democratic Republic of Congo. These funds were matched by additional funds provided by the Rotary Foundation and District Grants of about \$80,000.



To qualify for additional matching grants from the Rotary Foundation, and our District, our Club must contribute a minimum of US\$50 per member to the Rotary Annual Fund by March 2023.

There are several ways for you to make a donation to the Annual Fund of Rotary International. The easiest way to make a donation is to go on-line to "rotary.org" and click on "DONATE" and follow the links. You can make a one-time annual donation or set-up a monthly donation of \$10 or more.

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Eva Vida at

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**The Permanent Endowment Fund – Explained or
"Where does the \$45,000 come from each year?"
by PEF President Glen Torgerson**





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It is important that members of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg understand the crucial role that The Permanent Endowment Fund provides to our Club. First of all let me tell you a little bit about the origin of The Permanent Endowment Fund of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg; hereinafter referred to as the PEF.

Only a few people in this Club had the pleasure of knowing Rotarian Tommy Sill. Small in stature but very big in character. Tommy was an accountant by profession and a very good one. He was a strong advocate of the idea of Endowment Funds for charitable purposes and fostered the idea of the Winnipeg Rotary Club having its own Endowment Fund, which would provide a reliable and growing source of funding to Club Projects. He put up \$5000 as the first deposit to the fund and worked with a number of other Rotarians to develop the idea and to work out the mechanics of its operation.

Believe me, back in 1967 \$5000 was a lot of money. As an aside; very few, if any, Rotarians realized how well off Tommy was, he certainly did not live an extravagant lifestyle. However, Tommy's strong belief in Endowment funds was characterized by his estate establishing the Sill Foundation; with some \$26 million in assets and with a directive to help Communities and Charitable Organizations establish endowment funds.

Rotary International has banned any competing endowment funds to The Rotary Foundation, but it grandfathered existing such funds; so the Rotary Club of Winnipeg was allowed to keep the PEF operational.

The Rotary Club itself owns the assets of the PEF; with the Club Board being in control. The PEF Contributors elect an Executive from amongst its Contributors, and sets up PEF Committees all of whom have to be approved by the Rotary Club Board. The Club's current President and Treasurer are part of the PEF Board.

It was determined that a Rotarian from our Club had to contribute, or commit to contribute over time, at least \$500 to the fund, in order to be classed as a Contributor. Contributors are invited to the PEF Annual Meeting and could be elected to PEF Committees or the PEF Board. Once elected by fellow Contributors, they would be recommended to the Club Board and would have to be approved by that Board.

A President, a Treasurer, an Executive Board and an Investment Committee are so put in place. Thanks to Tommy Sill, and many other Rotarians who have contributed directly, or through bequests; the PEF currently earns about \$45,000 annually for the Community Services Fund. As Per Tommy's guidance, the Corpus of the Fund is not to be encroached, and the bulk of the income [95% or more], is paid out annually. The aim of the PEF is to safely provide income to the Community Services Fund and as such about 40% of current fund assets are invested in a ladder of GIC's and 60%, in largely high paying dividend stocks.

The actual investments are held with RBC Wealth Management through the Office of Wade Wealth Management and Rotarian Frank Wade.



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That is the dry bones of the PEF. But what is really important is the impact this endowment has on our Club's charitable activities. It is a vital component! If we can keep building these assets, our Club will be all the stronger.

We need more current Club Members to participate, with the same fervour and commitment that the current Contributors feel. It is so important that we maintain and build this vital cog in our Rotary Club of Winnipeg.

Club members should also be aware that The Memorial Fund was established as a way to remember those who have passed; through a contribution to the PEF. A tax receipt recognizes the contribution to the Memorial Fund, and a Remembrance Note is sent to the Family of the deceased. The Memorial Fund assets are co-mingled with the PEF funds.

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HONOURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (HIP):

Collecting Winter Coats and Boots, Skates and Books & Magazines for 5 Indigenous Northern Manitoba communities.



The Rotary **Honouring Indigenous Peoples** Committee received requests from five Northern Manitoba Indigenous Communities for winter boots and coats, skates and books and magazines.

Through the leadership and contacts of Strini Reddy a large amount of winter clothing, skates and books were collected. Several School Divisions mobilized their students to assist with the collection and packing of materials for shipping by road and air.



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The donated goods were dropped off at the Louis Riel School Division sub-office and their staff and students helped us to pack the boxes. There were an estimated 150 boxes packed so far.

Our club purchased a large supply of boots and coats to supplement the donations. Thanks to Rtn John Melnick and my daughter, Vijay, for their invaluable assistance with this task.

A big thank you to everyone who assisted with this project.

PEACE DAYS 365:

BE THE CHANGE 2022

REPORT BY RANY JEYARATNAM

On October 29, 2022, Winnipeg Peace Builders Toastmasters and Winnipeg Connector Partnership hosted the 5th Annual "Be the Change" event at Knox United Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba. It was facilitated by the Rotary Club of Winnipeg Peace Builder Committee and Success Skills Centre. The Winnipeg Peace Builders Toastmasters club is sponsored by Rotarians and Toastmasters to increase their impact for members of both organizations. The goal of this event is "Bringing people from all nations together to create an atmosphere of cultural unity in diversity, while building self-confidence for equal opportunity, justice and PEACE".



Every year, this event brings together Immigrants and Refugees to celebrate Peace Days 365 festival with diverse people from different cultures and professions to share presentations and stories through poetry, music and dance for Peace, Compassion and Love. Dmitry Rabinovich, President of Winnipeg Peace Builders Toastmasters opened the event. Brent Jorowski, Co-Chair, brought greetings from Rotary Club of Winnipeg Peace Builder Committee while Michael Bayer, Director, brought greetings from District 64 Toastmasters. The keynote speaker was Stephen Clark, a Toastmaster who spoke about "Understanding Group Dynamics in our Society and Organizations". Other speakers were Toastmaster, Ken Hartz, who shared his 50 years experience in professional sales, and Olubunmmi Kolawole whose session covered "You are what you eat".



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During the event, participants had the opportunity to enjoy the colorful activities, delicious ethnic snacks from different countries such as Ethiopian – Samosas, Nigerian – Puff-puff, Sri Lankan – Chickpea Vadai, Ukrainian – Perogies, and also cakes and Coffee. Starting with a poem recitation – a love story from the Bangladesh community member, to music from One voice Winnipeg, Journey from Ukraine to Canada story by 2 Ukrainian sisters, Nigerian Traditional drum, Bhangra by Winnipeg Punjabi Arts Academy, dances by Ethiopian Community and Tamil Community group, the event turned out to be a mini Folklorama. There were various visitation booths set up by organizations including Altered Mind Inc., Immigrant Centre, Knox Employment Entry, Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council Inc., NEEDS Inc., The Excell Empowerment Centre, Success Skills Centre, District 64 Toastmasters Club, Key Club Toastmasters, Winnipeg Peace Builders Toastmasters Club, and Rotary Club of Winnipeg Peace Builders.

The event was a success, thanks to the sponsor, Rotary Club of Winnipeg Peace Builders Committee, the event planning committee, various volunteers, and activities supporters including Real Estate Expert – Eyob Abebe who sponsored the Ethiopian dancers, Habesha Restaurant that donated Samosa, Impress Printer supporting the flier design, Mohan Tenuwara – Winnipeg Artist, Craftbii and two anonymous supporters who donated the door prices.

This event was open to the public and approximately 100 people were in attendance. It started at 2:00 pm and ended by 4:30 pm officially, but more than half of the audience stayed till 5:30 pm to continue networking and enjoy the ethnic snacks, tea and coffee.

See you in 2023!!!!

Youth Nuclear Peace Day of Action – October 14, 2022 at the CMHR

Below are two reports by Avinash Singh and David Newman on the day-long event.

Summary by Avinash Singh

- Date: Oct 14, all day 9:00am – 4:00pm
- Held at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights
- Approx. 70 students + 20 observers total (90 participants in all.
- Anna Ikeda [UN Rep for Disarmament, SGI] was a guest speaker

Independent, non-politically affiliated, MB Senator Marilou McPhedran was keynote speaker





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- Students presented their research on groups and organizations working towards nuclear disarmament nationally, and internationally
- Students brainstormed actions they could take after the summit to advance nuclear disarmament in their schools and communities, incl. an idea for a school equivalent of the ICAN Cities Appeal / Pledge
- We had the interactive exhibit panels for students to learn and discuss the various components of nuclear weapons (a shared SGI, ICAN, IPPNW initiative)
- Follows the first-ever Youth Nuclear Peace Summit in 2019 which Rotary D5550 World Peace Partners made possible

Report by David Newman:

Avinash Singh was one of the lead organizers of the Youth Nuclear Peace Day of Action October 14, 2022 at Canadian Museum for Human Rights. It was an enormous success. Nine high schools participated in this day-long event. Students from each school assisted by teachers prepared presentations about nuclear weapon abolition. DG Fred Wright brought greetings from D5550. He and Taiseer Shareif Chair of D5550 World Peace Partners and member of our club along with Brenda and David Newman and Gary Senft co-Chair of our club's Peace Builder committee and Keynote speaker Senator Marilou McPhedran spent the whole day mixing with the students and teachers.



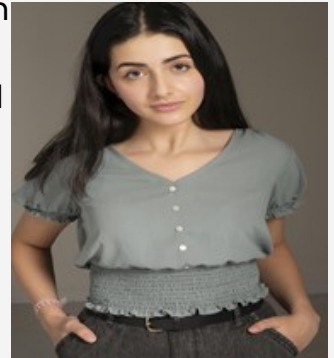
From left to right:
David & Brenda Newman, Taiseer Shareif, Senator Marilou McPhedran, District Governor Fred Wright, and Co-Chair Maureen Brouwer

Avinash is a full time student at the University of Manitoba and one of the leaders of MUNA working with two high school student Co-Chairs to help organize MUNA 2023 for the first time ever, at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Avinash along with River East high school student were leaders of Youth Nuclear Peace Summit in October 2019 in 2021 both led the ICAN Cities Appeal in Winnipeg that caused the City of Winnipeg to endorse the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Our club helped in that process with several of our members being advisors and by our club endorsing that Treaty as an example for the city to do the same.



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Rooj Ali who just graduated from River East Collegiate is now attending the University of Toronto. Our club and D5550 World Peace Partners supported her financially to attend the International Conference in Vienna that gathered civil society representatives of countries who signed and ratified the **Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**. She will be presenting to our club on this life changing experience. Both Rooj from Vienna and Avinash from Canada played critical roles assisting Senator McPhedran who attended the conference. She was the only Canadian Parliamentarian to attend and did so at her own expense. The government of Canada chose not to even attend as an observer despite being urged to do so by the Senator and civil society supporters of the Treaty who are asking Canada to sign and ratify the treaty.



An additional note: **Rooj, a River East Collegiate graduate, was recently awarded a Gold Medal** by the River East Transcona School Division. She has also participated in our MUNA program.

LINKS:

FANE Quarterly Report for Rohingya Global Grant "Female Adolescent-centred Non-formal Education (FANE) project in Bangladesh.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y6NyYgIsVaO9TUH5sik8mZSMfZeyCdF5/view>

<https://www.crric.org/crric/rohingya-global-grant-project/>

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Ripple Effect (Guatemala) Quarterly Report for the period of July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022 This is a District 5550 program. Individual Clubs are invited to support and participate in the Ripple Effect program.

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050018/en-ca/files/sitepage/ripple-effect-program/2022-3rd-quarter-report/rep-quarterly-report-july-1-2022-to-september.pdf>

Podcast: Humans, on Rights with Stuart Murray, former head of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/humans-on-rights/id1551694152>



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1000 Survival Gardens and Hippo Roller Project in South Africa:

<https://1000survivalgardens.com/rotaryprogressreport.pdf>

State of the Inner City Reports

Molly McCracken, Manitoba Director at the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives spoke to us on September 21st. about the State of the Inner City Reports. She sent along links to the following Reports.

Here is a copy of the [State of the Inner City report 2022](#) – about the just recovery.

Here is a copy of the [State of the Inner City report 2020](#) – describing how community organizations responded.

And here is "[Winnipeg at a Crossroads: Alternative Municipal Budget 2022](#)" – a fully costed budget for the City of Winnipeg written by 27 local experts on a wide variety of key issues at the City.

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