

**Q1 Do you have feedback for consideration when developing the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Services budget? Submit your feedback below. All feedback will be provided to elected officials on the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks during their budget discussions. Submit your feedback by Thursday, November 28.**

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Budgets should not be cut and taxes should be increased. We need our services.	11/28/2019 5:04 PM
2	Not so much about the actual budget but requesting WFPS publish a chart showing a brake down of number calls per station and per truck for 2018 and onward.	11/19/2019 8:54 PM
3	<p>The residents of Waverley West would like to an explanation. According to a news release on the city's own website published October 18, 2007 titled, "WFPS releases results of Fire Commissioner's Report" it clearly states a second pumper unit was put in service at the Dalhousie station. On July 19, 2007 the Winnipeg Free Press ran an article titled, "Fire staff slated for south Winnipeg" where it was again stated that a second pumper had recently been added to the Dalhousie station to respond to newer developments. The second pumper truck, according to the article, received \$3.8M in funding from the provincial government. Fast forward a few years to the middle of the "fire hall scandal" when the Charleswood fire hall was demolished and rebuilt onsite. During construction, the WFPS hired a private contractor to build a temporary fire hall behind the construction site as to not impede response times. It was so impressive that WFPS even did a testimonial for the private company that can easily be found on YouTube. There are "firefighting construction" companies which specialize specifically in building temporary fire halls. Every other major city in Canada has installed temporary fire halls in sprawling new neighborhood, until such time a permanent fire hall can be built. You don't even have to visit our neighbors down South to learn more. Cities such as Vancouver, Calgary, Estevan, Barrie, to name a few, have all employed temporary stations. In Calgary, temporary fire halls are normally houses in new neighborhoods which can then be sold when the time comes to offset the cost of a permanent hall. Estevan purchased an old car dealership and with little renovation costs, turned it into a sparkling new fire hall. Vancouver has built fire halls into the bottom of high rise buildings and into the back of libraries. In Barrie, a fire hall has been built into an industrial plaza. Why does Winnipeg have to be different? Nobody is against building a \$14 Million fire hall but that doesn't have to be the case right off the bat. Citizens pay taxes which go towards the salaries of elected officials and public service personnel, it might be thoughtful to remember that. You serve the public, not yourselves. Sacrificing a bit of comfort (NOT SAFETY) for 3-5 years would go a long way for the average citizen living in a new development. I have always wondered why the Dalhousie fire hall has employed two fire engines full time for the last 12 years but now I realize. It is a bit disappointing though to learn that the fire engine and staffing has been available all this time but that the citizens of Waverley West couldn't enjoy this commodity thanks in part to the unwillingness to sacrifice a few years of "comfort".... For ease of information, I have included three links below.</p> <p><a href="https://winnipeg.ca/cao/media/news/nr_2007/nr_20071018.stm">https://winnipeg.ca/cao/media/news/nr_2007/nr_20071018.stm</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=winnipeg+fire+department+testimonial">https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=winnipeg+fire+department+testimonial</a> <a href="https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/skyview-ranch-fire-station-grand-opening-1.454398">https://calgary.ctvnews.ca/skyview-ranch-fire-station-grand-opening-1.454398</a> Lastly, the city is looking at closing a fire hall and eliminating 18 firefighting positions at the same time that it's keeping the one garage ambulance station on Portage Avenue open even though its assigned ambulance is only on duty 10:00-22:00 daily? Wouldn't it be financially wiser to relocate that ambulance to another nearby station that has room, and close the one garage station altogether? How much money is being spent on maintenance and/or utility bills on that station? Why wasn't this thought of years ago? But what do I know, I'm just a tax paying citizen....</p>	11/16/2019 10:00 PM