

SUMMARY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S POSITION

Young people across the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region are facing concerns about affordable housing, job opportunities, and rising living costs under the WMR 20-50 Plan. The Plan's emphasis on high-density living, urban-focused development, and restrictions on suburban growth will limit their ability to achieve key life goals, such as homeownership, having a family and career advancement. Furthermore, young people recognize that they have not been adequately consulted or represented in the planning process.

KEY CONCERNS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

What Does it Mean for You?



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Young people are concerned about how the WMR 20-50 Plan will impact job opportunities. While the Plan aims to create sustainable growth, it will limit employment options in certain industries, especially for those looking to start careers in suburban or rural areas.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A major concern for young people is access to affordable housing. As they transition from education to employment, many young adults are looking to rent or buy their first home. However, the WMR 20-50 Plan's focus on high-density urban living and limitations on suburban development will restrict the availability of affordable homes.



RISING LIVING COSTS

Young people are especially sensitive to changes in living costs as they establish their family planning, careers and financial independence. The WMR 20-50 Plan's infrastructure goals and sustainability efforts will result in increased taxes, utility fees, and general living costs, further straining the budgets of young adults.



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LONGER COMMUTES AND LIMITED TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

Young professionals often face difficulties balancing affordable housing with access to employment opportunities. With the Plan limiting suburban development, many young people will have to live farther away from their workplaces, leading to longer commutes, reducing social interaction opportunities and forcing greater reliance on personal vehicles.



IMPACT ON FUTURE HOMEOWNERSHIP

Many young people aspire to buy a home, but the WMR 20-50 Plan's policies would limit their options. With a push toward high-density, multi-family housing and restrictions on suburban growth, the ability to purchase a traditional single-family home may be out of reach for many young buyers.



REDUCED FREEDOM OF CHOICE

Many young people value the ability to choose where they live, work, and build their futures. However, the WMR 20-50 Plan's regional control and zoning restrictions will limit the variety of communities and lifestyles available, particularly for those who prefer suburban or rural settings over dense urban areas.

WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE WANT

More Affordable Housing Options: Young people need access to a variety of housing types, including affordable single-family homes and diverse rental options.

Employment Opportunities Across the Region: The Plan should promote job creation in both urban and suburban areas, supporting industries that appeal to young workers.

Improved Private Transit and Infrastructure: Young people want reliable transportation that connects suburban areas with city centres, reducing the need for long commutes.

Increased Participation in Decision-Making: Young people want their voices heard in the planning process and for local governments to retain more control over development decisions.

Balanced Development Policies: The Plan should balance sustainability with the need for affordable, livable communities that suit young people's aspirations for their future.

Cancellation of Current Plan: Young People want a complete scrapping of the current WMR Plan 20-50, including the removal of all staff and contributors to the existing plan. The current plan is so fundamentally flawed that it is impossible for the existing team to create a new one.