



Greening of UCiM Project Update Report

April 14, 2024

This report is for the time frame of November 2023 to April 2024. Please see the Accountability Report (October 2023) on the website for what we did for the first 7 months of this project.

Things we have done since November 2023!

Applied for many, many more **grants**!

More Climate Change **videos** produced! Doug Purdey as Santa was a hit!

Talked to the **politicians** many more times, and with new people since the provincial government changed in the Fall!

Set up a **Thank you** card process!

Sent out an **appeal letter** for donations and pledges from the congregation!

Engaged with the congregation on **forum** Sundays in February to answer questions about the project!

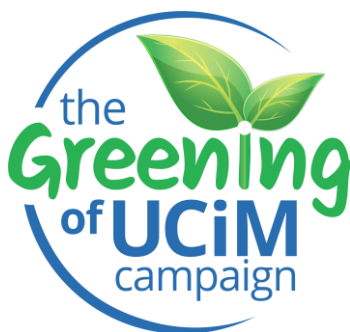
Celebrated being Green with a fun finger food **potluck** on St. Patrick's Day!

Visited, discussed with, and received donations from our renters!

Organized more **fundraising** for the Spring! – Time and Talent, concert, walkathon, quilting weekend

Launched a successful **phone tree** campaign to answer member questions about the Project!

Got front page coverage for our project in **Free Press** Community News in April 2024!



In discussion with United Church of Canada to apply for a **loan** of up to \$150,000 (a source of interest-free bridge financing between paying contractors and receiving promised grants that come in after project completion)

Received confirmation in March 2024 from Markus Chambers that the City of Winnipeg will donate **\$20,000** to our project!

Currently updating **quotations** from several geothermal contractors!

We have now **secured \$301,688** (confirmed or high probability) towards our current estimated goal of \$415,000!!!!!!! (as of March 31, 2024)

We celebrate all these achievements! **We are so close to the finish line now!** As we reported earlier, the change in Provincial government and a shift in priorities for the Federal government had an impact on our expectations and timing for government funding. We continue to strongly advocate for funding which meets our timelines. If there is a need to discuss funding and timelines for the completion of the project, a Congregational Meeting can be called quickly.

We are excited about the fundraising events we are hosting this Spring, including the amazing Time and Talent Auction we had April 13 where we raised approximately \$14,000!

Donations and pledges continue to be welcomed and needed. Visit the website (ucim.org) or contact the office (ucm@ucim.org 204.256.7002).

If you have questions, ideas or want to get involved in any way, please contact Erin Crawford, Greening Steering Committee Chair through the office.

The Greening Steering Committee

Financials as of March 30, 2024

Project Costs (2023 estimates and contingency) **\$414,225**

Revenues

Grants

Secured & High Probability **\$90,000**

Donations, Fund Raising & Pledges

In the bank **\$190,682**

Pledged **\$ 21,336**

TOTAL Secured/High Probability

\$302,018

Still to Raise

Grants/Donations **\$ 97,207**

Fundraising **\$ 15,000**

