CHAIRPERSON, AND MEMBERS OF
THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

AS SOMEONE WHO HAS LIVED WITHIN SIGHT OF THE HISTORIC 'WINNIPEG CANOE CLUB' FOR 40 YEARS, AND BEEN A MEMBER MOST OF THAT TIME, I CANNOT DENY THIS IS AN EMOTIONAL MATTER FOR ME. WATCHING OUR BUILDING DETERIORATE HAS BEEN LIKE SEEING THE SLOW DEMISE OF AN OLD FRIEND.

EVEN IF THAT WERE NOT SO, I WOULD STILL STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS LARGE FOUR-STOREY BUILDING, WHICH WILL DOMINATE THE LANDSCAPE. IT IS TOTALLY INCONSISTENT WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND FROM THE LOOKS OF THE PLANS, SEEMS TO BE CRAMMED INTO AN AREA NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE IT. ONE WOULD THINK THAT THE 'RIVER VIEW', SO ARDENTLY SOUGHT-AFTER IN THE REST OF THE CITY, WOULD HAVE BEEN A PRIME FEATURE, INSTEAD OF BEING DISMISSED AS 'GREEN SPACE'.

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TENNIS COURTS IS A DISASTER. THESE ARE 'HAR-TRU' CLAY COURTS, ARGUABLY THE BEST IN THE CITY, AND AVAILABLE TO ALL - FOR FIVE DOLLARS AND A SUITABLE PAIR OF SHOES.

THE GAME ITSELF IS A LIFE SPORT, TO BE PLAYED AND ENJOYED AT ANY LEVEL BY CHILDREN AND ADULTS, SOME WELL INTO THEIR 70's AND EVEN 80'S.

TO BULL-DOZE AN EXISTING HALF-MILLION DOLLAR-PLUS SPORTING FACILITY, IN THE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE ALL, OR EVEN PARTIALLY REPLACED AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION, SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE, SEEMS SHORT-SIGHTED IN THE EXTREME.

HAVING LIVED HERE ALL MY LIFE, WITH NO INTENTION OF EVER LEAVING, I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THOSE WHO ARE ENTRUSTED TO MAKE DECISIONS ON OUR BEHALF, WILL ENSURE THAT DEVELOPERS BOW TO OUR WISHES, RATHER THAN ~~US~~ WE TO THEIR'S.

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