THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

**Office of the President and Vice-Chancellor**

March 13, 2007

Executive Policy Committee
The City of Winnipeg
510 Main Street
Winnipeg, MB
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**Re: Support for Sherbrook Pool and Surrounding Future Development**

The University of Winnipeg is actively working in partnership with the Spence Neighbourhood to reach out to our inner city community with innovative educational programming and facilities. As the University's campus is expanded, the area just North of Portage Avenue between Young and Sherbrook Streets will see major re-development in the near future to make way for the new Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex. We recognize that though the redevelopment will benefit the community in many ways, from green space to public demonstration labs, the neighbourhood is concerned about the loss of the roller rink as one of the few low cost recreational facilities in the immediate area. The University is actively engaged in efforts to upgrade existing, and create new, recreational facilities in our neighbourhood.

The Sherbrook Pool is a crucial anchor for recreational activity in the community and for future recreational development. It is our understanding that the Friends of Sherbrook Pool (FOSP) is looking for funding to hire a consultant to determine the best way to improve the sustainability of the pool. This person could also lay the groundwork for exploring ways to expand the use of the pool to create a synergy of recreational facilities in the area. We fully endorse funding for the FOSP project and the University is committed to finding ways to coordinate University resources and volunteers with programs at the pool, and at whatever other recreation facilities are developed. The

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University of Winnipeg fully recognizes the need for recreational opportunities and facilities in the inner city and supports the community as it takes steps to ensure that the Sherbrook Pool is not only maintained but expanded.

Thank you for considering the Friends of Sherbrook Pool request for funding.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lloyd Axworthy
President & Vice Chancellor
The University of Winnipeg

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