From: Earl Harrison
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2008 9:35 AM
To: Park, Jo-Ann

Subject: March 12th EPC debate concerning the site of Upper Fort Garry

Dear Ms. Park:

I am writing to you in your capacity as Clerk of Winnipeg's Executive Policy Committee concerning the matter of the site of Upper Fort Garry, which I understand is to come before the EPC on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. I ask that this correspondence be included as part of the public record.

As I said in an earlier e-mail concerning to Carlos Gameiro, Clerk of the Downtown Committee, I am appalled that the city of Winnipeg would even consider allowing a commercial venture to outweight the importance of protecting and developing the site of Upper Fort Garry. I think allowing for that possibility was a mistake and was contrary to the kind of government Winnipeg deserves.

I am not suggesting that commercial ventures are unimportant. I believe, however, that there are other values which should have priority in some situations. In my opinion, the situation having to do with Upper Fort Garry is one such case. I therefore hope that the earlier decisions which neglect those values will be overturned.

The site of UIpper Fort Garry is a very important part of Winnipeg's heritage. Sad to say, it has been neglected over the years. I believe is should now be given the attention and honor that it deserves.

The motion passed earlier by Council having to do with the site in question imposed on the Friends of Upper Fort Garry an almost impossible to meet deadline in order to avoid commercial development of the site. I believe the thrust of that motion represents poor judgment and poor leadership. I therefore urge that the motion be rescinded, and I further urge that the City of Winnipeg commit itself to developing the site of Upper Fort Garry in a way that respects and honors its importance as part of Winnipeg's heritage.

Respectfully yours,

Earl Harrison