Monday, December 8, 2008

**His Worship, Mayor Sam Katz**
**The Executive Policy Committee**

**Dear Mayor Katz and EPC Members,**

I am writing this letter on behalf of, and with the endorsement of the Mosaic Market Business Improvement Zone. The purpose of this letter is to express our opposition at the recent funding cuts in the City of Winnipeg Budget (2007 and beyond). Specifically, those budget cuts concerning funding for the Image Route Enhancement / Streetscape Funding, earmarked for upgrades in the Winnipeg Business Improvement Zones.

The Mosaic Market BIZ is currently working with PP&D on numerous streetscape projects to repair, replace and enhance the medians and sidewalks down Main Street. As Main Street is the major feeder route to Downtown, it is imperative that it is a safe, well lit, appropriately landscaped, well designed urban space. It is necessary that Main Street is ergonomic and aesthetic not only for vehicular traffic, but just as importantly for pedestrian, cyclist and people with disabilities.

There have been some delays in establishing a process and protocol with PP&D, regarding relevant project and funding contracts, but this is not indicative of the funds not being necessary for the revitalization efforts, or of being utilized.

We are asking that these funds be reinstated in the budget.

Most Sincerely

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