Habitat for Humanity® Winnipeg

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Mr. John Kiernan
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Mr. Kiernan:

Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg acquired the former Sir Sam Steele School building and surrounding property at 15 Chester Street effective September 1st, 2011.

It is our understanding that the building carries a grade III heritage designation, which we wish to have removed.

Part of the building was constructed in the 1920s with an addition built in the 1950s. It has not been used as a school since 1981 and has been empty for the past number of years. An engineering report produced by Stantec in 2006 estimated that it would cost approximately $2,000,000 (in 2006 dollars) to bring the building up to code. The only significant work completed on the building since that time is the installation of a new boiler as the result of an insurance claim.

The people living near the building have regularly expressed their desire to have the building removed. It would be our intention, should this request to you be granted, to file a development plan with the city to demolish the building to make way for the construction of 18 affordable homes. We will make every effort to preserve the brick from the façade of the building and any valuable items from inside the building. We will also mount the name of the school, ideally using the archway over the door into the school, on a permanent plaque in the green space that is part of this overall development.

I will be pleased to answer questions that you or others may have regarding our request.

Sincerely,

J. A. (Sandy) Hopkins
Chief Executive Officer
Habitat for Humanity Winnipeg

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EXISTING


McCALMAN AVE
175'-1 13/16"
20'
1
(Public Space)
2
3
4
128'-2 3/8"
SSS
School
Site
234'-8 7/8"
CHESTER ST
LANE
85'-6 5/8"
106'-5 1/16"
25
24
23
261'-0"
NAIRN AVE

PROPOSED


174'-7 1/8"
20'
McCALMAN AVE
234'-8 7/8"
CHESTER ST
36
35
34
33
32
NEW PUBLIC SPACE
(Former Lane)
1
(Former Public Space)
2
3
4
New Lane
LANE
31
30
29
28
27
26
20'-6 1/16"
PUBLIC PATHWAY
25
24
23
261'-0"
NAIRN AVE