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The Honourable Ron Lemieux
Minister of Local Government
Province of Manitoba
301 Legislative Building
450 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

Dear Minister Lemieux;

Re: Name Use Protection for Professional Community Planners

It has come to our attention that the professional community planners we employ as staff and consultants in private practice currently do not have the "name" use protection that other design professionals do in our province and that community planners have in other provinces. We rely a great deal on the support and advice our planners provide as we plan for and manage development within our municipalities, planning districts and the Capital Region. As well, we need to ensure for our own protection that the planning profession is not misrepresented by unqualified individuals and firms.

We are aware that Manitoba is one of the few provinces that do not provide legislated "name" use protection for community planners. Saskatchewan has had professional recognition legislation in effect since the 1970s and Ontario since the mid-1990s. We understand that the Manitoba Professional Planners Institute (MPPI) is proposing that the government adopt a Bill that would provide "name" use protection for professional planners and a disciplinary process that would provide a safeguard to ensure the quality of service and advice that we have come to expect and appreciate from the planners we employ.

In support of the initiative proposed by MPPI, The Partnership of the Manitoba Capital Region has passed the following resolution:

Whereas, professional community planners provide a critical and highly trusted service to our municipalities, planning districts and The Partnership of the Manitoba Capital Region; and,

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Whereas, Manitoba has no legislated “name” use protection for qualified professional community planners;

Be it resolved that the Partnership of the Manitoba Capital Region supports the legislative initiative of the Government of Manitoba and the Manitoba Professional Planners Institute for “name” use protection as “registered professional planners”.

Thank you for your consideration of our resolution and anticipated support for the proposed “name” use protection legislation.

Yours truly,

Grant Nordman, Chair
Partnership of the Manitoba Capital Region