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Minister Ron Lemieux
Minister of Local Government
Legislative Building
Room 301 – 450 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

September 21, 2012

Re: Name Use Protection for Professional Community Planners

Dear Minister Lemieux:

Professional Community Planners that are members of our Association and employed by the City of Winnipeg currently do not have the "name" use protection that other design professionals do in our province and community planners have in other provinces.

We are aware that Manitoba is one of the few provinces that do not provide legislated "name" protection for community planners. Saskatchewan has had professional recognition legislation in effect since the 1970's and Ontario since the 1990's. 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 professional planners provide to their clients.

In support of the initiative proposed by MPPI, the WAPSO Board has passed the following resolution:

Whereas professional planners perform a critical and highly trusted service to our City and,

Whereas Manitoba has no legislated "name" use protection for qualified professional planners and

Whereas "name" legislation will protect the public interest by ensuring that qualified professional planners are practicing planning in Manitoba

Be it resolved that WAPSO 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,

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Cc MPPI

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