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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 consultants in private practice, do not have the "name" use protection that other design professionals do in our province and community planners in other provinces do have. We rely a great deal on the support and advise our planners provide in planning and managing development within our planning district. We need to ensure, for our own protection, that the planning profession is not misrepresented by unqualified individuals and firms.

Manitoba is one of the few provinces that does not provide legislated "name" use protection for community planners. We understand that the Manitoba Professional Planners Institute (MPPI) is proposing the government adopt a Bill that would provide "name" use protection for professional planners as well as a disciplinary process that would provide a safeguard to ensure the quality of service and advice that we have come to expect and appreciate form the planners we employ.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RPGA Planning District 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.

With best Regards,

Don Wiebe
Board Chairperson
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