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

Dear Minister Lemieux;

Re: Name Use Protection for Professional

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 mange development within our Planning District. 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.

The Brandon & Area Planning District offers our support of the initiative proposed by MPPI as indicate by our signatures below.

Thank you for your consideration and anticipated support for the proposed "name" use protection legislation.

Yours truly,

Reeve Jim Boyd
RM of Elton

Reeve Reg Atkinson
RM of Cornwallis

Mayor Shari Decter Hirst
City of Brandon