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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 Community Planners

It has come to our attention that the professional community planners we use as 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 advise our planners provide as we plan for and manage 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. We understand that the Manitoba Professional Planers 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 advise that we have come to expect and appreciate from the planners we hire.

In support of the initiative proposed by MPPI, our Planning Board has passed the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Portage la Prairie 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.

Yours truly,

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Vice Chairperson
Portage la Prairie Planning District
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