Rationale to re-distribute Dalnavert funding as per the City of Winnipeg Museums Board (CWMB)

The total amount in question is $19,500. This grant was initially awarded to Dalnavert Museum, but was put on hold and eventually (supposed to be) re-distributed because the preponderance of evidence indicated that Dalnavert did not intend operate *as a museum* for the fiscal year 2014.

The CWMB regard these funds as belonging to the City of Winnipeg Museums, who are still learning to cope with a 5% cut in funding from several years ago.

The CWMB, a citizens committee of museum experts, was created by Council in 2006 precisely to make these kinds of decisions (not recommendations) for the City -- that is, to receive the total dollar amount deemed appropriate by the City to fund its Museum assets, and to allocate grant funds in an apolitical and accountable manner, working together with the City Museums to increase the City's return on investment through partnerships, shared services and coordinated expertise.

The CWMB's (unanimous) motion to re-distribute Dalnavet funding the other City of Winnipeg Museums was made in July 2014, and was only carried after considerable research and stakeholder consultation. It was only deferred because the issue of Dalnavert's status as museum in 2014 was deemed not yet fully understood by members of Council -- the decision was not deferred because the City was reconsidering its contribution to museum funding (and looking to return the dollars initially decided to be for Dalnavert to general revenues).

The re-distribution of the $19,500 WILL make a significant impact to YOUR museums. These dollars will go towards maintenance projects, staffing, programming and extending hours of operation.