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Message:
I would like to go on record with the Executive Policy Committee of the City of Winnipeg Council in support of the motion to be bought to EPC on Nov 8, 2017 as agenda item #5 which supports the Along Wilkes Alignment as the only viable option for the east/west connectio of Sterling Lyon Parkway to the proposed extension of the William R. Clement Parkway.

I have been a resident at the above address on McCreary Rd for the past 30 years. I have watch the area mature from from wheat fields outside my from window and across the street to buffalo in the area of Fort Whyte to now a string of impressive residences. This south Wilkes area will continue to grow and take on new character, but a major highway running through its very center is not the way we want to see this maturation to happen. In fact, the proposed highway would destroy what we have been working on to develop for my time in the area for the past thirty years and many others at earlier time who have contributed to creating a truly unique environment in the City of Winnipeg.

Not so surprisingly, many people whom I have talked with over the are familiar with the area now of concern to the South Wilkes Community Association, and all that this area has to offer. When I tell people where I live, it is not uncommon to hear them say that is an area of Winnipeg they sometimes visit on a Sunday drive.

Certainly, those directly impacted by destruction of their homes and facing displacement by the proposed roadway would want to preserve their way of life in our community, and carefully chose this area in which to live and raise their children for their desire of a rural setting. And those of us not directly impacted through loss of our homes do not wish to see our property values plummet due to the presence of a major highway very close to our living rooms and bedrooms. But it must be recognized that equally important to all of us, and something that does impact on all of us in the south Wilkes community, is loss of the social and physical integrity of the area if the proposed highway development were to be approved. For many of us, this would represent the demise of a life long dream to locate ourselves exactly in the kind of area that south Wilkes has to offer.

On a larger scale, this southwest corner of Winnipeg is unique in this city. With twinning of Wilkes, it will remain so and continue to develop I believe in remarkable ways to eventually become a pride of the city. We, all of us Winnipegers, owe it to ourselves to preserve what is beautiful and appreciated, and to keep adding to this city those achievements that we can be proud of, that we did right and point to as ours. This is what keeps us here and keeps us going day-in and day-out. Preserving the integrity of the south Wilkes area would represent on of those achievements, and we can do it because twining Wilkes is a viable alternative to destroying people's lives and ending the vision we have for our community.