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Members of Executive Policy Committee

On February 3rd, 2020 Canad Inns appeared in delegation at the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage, and Downtown Development to reiterate our opposition to the proposed nomination to the List of Historical Resources of the Somerset Building, located at 294 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg.

The matter has now been forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee.

We were made aware that the nomination had been added to the Agenda for the upcoming EPC meeting scheduled February 11th, 2020, and immediately requested a postponement on the basis that we are unable to send a delegate on that date (I am scheduled to be in-flight at the time of the meeting). Additionally, our Corporate Leaders will be out of the country on February 18th, 2020.

On behalf of our organization, I respectfully request the item be deferred so that our delegates may be present.

We have communicated our opposition at each available opportunity, and feel strongly that the nomination is not in the best interest of either the property owners, or the community. There are outstanding questions regarding the accuracy and appropriateness of the list of Character Defining Elements as articulated in the nomination dated Dec. 20th, 2019. In addition, given the building's prominent location on a very visible corner in the SHED district we believe there are additional factors to consider including the potential economic, architectural, and safety impacts of the nomination.

We request that the members of the Executive Policy Committee be able to hear from our delegates, have a dialogue, and ask questions such that all may be fully informed prior to making a decision. Therefore, we respectfully request that the topic be deferred to the March 10th agenda.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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