July 15, 2020 – Presentation to EPC at City Hall

Delegation for Item 12 – Infrastructure Projects for Federal & Provincial Funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program

St. James Assiniboia 55+ Centre

I am here with a few hats on and I will not take a lot of time – you are busy. I strongly urge acceptance of the report from Public Service (item 12) and its recommendation in its entirety.

I am chair of the St James Assiniboia 55+ Centre Capital Campaign/Relocation Committee

- the Civic Centre in West Winnipeg needs upgrading, updating.
- Our Centre has been a part of the renovation plan for about 10 years.

It is time to get it done.

Today, the Civic Centre is closed and phase 1 of the work has started

- Building Systems Upgrade.

In the end, the Civic Centre will be an Age Friendly, multi generational facility.

The demographics in West Winnipeg show we need a recreation facility for all ages.

And as a Centre, there are additional monies ($350,000)

- from the Winnipeg Foundation and
- Enabling Accessibility Fund
- They are time sensitive.

This project is ready to continue.

- There is a consultant in place for phase 1.
- We have preliminary drawings for the next phase.
- Our Centre needs to move out of our current location as it is needed by Winnipeg Regional Health Authority for expansion of the PRIME program for the frail living in community - another much needed outreach program in Winnipeg.

Help us stay healthy, active and in our own community. Support the Public Service Report

Now, with my other hat (Executive Director of the Manitoba Association of Senior Centres) I am in regular contact with older adults in South Winnipeg

- the Pembina Active Living group has a membership of 500+. They have no fixed address.
- Winnipeg Chinese Seniors Association in South Winnipeg – I met with them earlier this week
    - they are connecting with 1000 + members) – no fixed address.

This report from Public Service also refers to the South Winnipeg Recreation Campus – Phase 1 People of all ages need a place to meet, to connect. This campus must move forward.

Due to COVID,

- you/we need to jump start our economy.

Supporting item 12 from the Public Service will do that

AND it will assist healthy living, age friendly connections in multigenerational facilities in Winnipeg.

Thank you for your time.

Presented by Connie Newman, Chair
St James Assiniboia 55+ Centre
AND
Executive Director of the Manitoba Association of Senior Centres