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Subject: Monarch Life Building,

Members of the Executive Policy Committee,

Architecture is a defining element of great cities. Winnipeg is fortunate to have several architectural treasures but it is those of the modern era which are at the greatest risk.

The Monarch Life Building is a statement of Winnipeg's post-war confidence. A giant in Canadian business decided to build its headquarters in here, in Winnipeg, in the early 1960s. The design was revolutionary. The materials - marble, concrete, Tyndal stone, granite, stainless steel and glass were stunning. Winnipeggers were so engaged with it construction that bleachers were built to allow spectators to comfortably watch.

It is still a stunner and exquisite example of our architectural history. The story is important. The exterior of the building is important but so is the interior. The lobby's character defining elements - the volume of space, the lighting and original finishes - metal stone are just as important in its story and our architectural legacy.

The Worker's Compensation Board (WCB) has been a responsible caretaker of this important landmark. We must encourage the WCB to continue providing appropriate care for the building and ensure that the lobby is treated with the same respect and care they have given the building envelope. We need to protect this very special place.

Thank you,
Blair Philpott