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Subject: My Objection to the Selling of Parkland Near Winnipeg Transit Osborne Station

Greetings

I do not think it is a good idea to sell the parkland near Transit's Osborne Station. The pandemic has shown us how valuable parks are to us living in urban neighbourhoods.

I can appreciate the desire for infill housing and the development of active infrastructure. These are taking place and should continue to do so without overlooking the need for more spaces for people to gather outdoors, sit quietly and to simply walk through. We are seeing new developments along Wellington Crescent where old historical properties are being replaced with multi-unit dwellings. I know this is very emotional, but I also understand there isn't the funds to maintain these once grand structures. The risks to health are too great to let our emotions get in the way.

This is not the case with the parkland being considered as something to sell. Personally I think we should focus on fixing issues like empty businesses on Osborne, Corydon and downtown. There are many apartments boarded up and closed down for various reasons. Doing something about this will go a long way to creating new development without compromising the potential of having more and improved park spaces.

Hopefully EPC and Council will seriously consider not selling this parkland and do something to help create a peaceful haven among the hustle and bustle of the neighbourhood.

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