From: Steve West
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2021 3:55 PM
To:
Cc: M
Subject: Re: Sale of City-owned Property – 409 Mulvey Avenue East (Fort Rouge – East Fort Garry Ward)

Mayor Bowman and members of Executive Policy Committee,

Thank you, Councillor Rollins, for your response and your efforts on this important matter.

To Mayor Bowman and the balance of EPC members, as I note below in the email trail, public land is an irreplaceable asset that acts as a hub for recreation and healthy living. Most of the property at 409 Mulvey Avenue East would be subject to private development if it is sold, with serious and irrevocable consequences for citizens using these public lands for recreation. I respectfully request that you support Councillor Rollins' position this coming Thursday on preserving this important public parkland and multi-use path for future generations to enjoy.

The pandemic has certainly taught us to appreciate public green space, which is, on a per capita basis, very scarce in Corydon-Osborne.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steve West

On May 13, 2021, at 10:13 AM, Rollins, Sherri wrote:

Hi Steve,
I appeared at committee, and will continue all the way up to council rejecting the public service recommendation. Namely:

1) This property was put before council in 2012/13 with other properties that were not greenspace, known as the now infamous "land swap deal". A deal so shady, it gave rise to the current Independent Fairness Commissioner regime.
2) I regret to be able to report that when the 409 mulvey report when posted on Friday, publicly, did not have the report of the Independent Fairness Commissioner attached. So residents who likely never saw this land posted, couldn't see that the fairness commissioner found that there are issues within the fairness report;
3) Greenspace/parkland was never publicly posted back in 2012/13 (something the independent fairness commissioner reports on):
4) Departments such as Fire, Transit, have used the surface parking lot 1 for years; administration say the land is at once, "light industrial "however it's a park requiring 2/3 vote at council. This is after it was deemed surplus.
5) The report redirects any money from the sale of the park, that would be otherwise dedicated to parks in Fort Rouge East Fort Garry Ward; The money known as "land dedication reserve" to Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service);

The vote, following my along with Shirley Forsyth's presentation (which was excellent) at PP&D did not results in a motion, three were proposed, all of them were failed. It comes to EPC next week, and then council, I sit on both.
I do not support the 2/3 vote; I reject administrations recommendations that supports not only the sale, but taking money away from the ward redirecting to WFPS.
I've separated these for reasons I feel is self-explanatory as a matter of tactics.
Happy to discuss, and I thank-you for reaching out.
Its an irksome matter. At a time where I have a greenspace, biodiversity amendment within Our Winnipeg/Complete Communities, I feel it somewhat ironic this is happening in my own backyard.
Sherri

From: Steve West
Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 9:23 AM
To: CLK-CityClerks <CityClerks@winnipeg.ca>
Cc: Rollins, Sherri
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His Worship Mayor Brian Bowman and members of Executive Policy Committee:

On May 18 your committee will consider the sale of the subject property.

I respectfully urge you to ensure that the Donald Riverside Park at 409 Mulvey East is maintained in its entirety as parkland, and as a multi-use pathway.

The subject area is the largest parkland in the Corydon-Osborne area, adjacent to the Osborne Rapid Transit station. It is a riverside park, a serene and priceless public amenity. In total it is 5.11 hectares and has 1,258 meters of trails on it as part of the South Winnipeg Parkway (formerly the Churchill Riverbank Parkway). Parklands are exceedingly scarce in the Osborne Village area, one of the most densely populated neighbourhoods in Canada.

Furthermore, the South Winnipeg Parkway is a crucial link in the north-south active transportation corridor, one of few facilities where cyclists can safely travel from the multi-use paths of the suburbs into the downtown and beyond. The pathway is used extensively by commuting cyclists, walkers and runners and is therefore critical to the efficacy of the City's investments in active transportation for the health of citizens and the planet. Closing this pathway would be akin to closing Donald Street itself.

Public land is an irreplaceable asset that acts as a hub for recreation and healthy living, and most of this subject property would be lost in to development if it is sold. Please act to preserve this important parkland for future generations to enjoy.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important matter.

Yours truly,

Stephen West