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Item No. 1 List of Historical Resources – Nomination of St. Boniface Police Station/Jail/County Courthouse, 227 Provencher Boulevard

I wish to state strong support for the St. Boniface Police Station/Jail/County Courthouse, 227 Provencher Boulevard, to be added to the List of Historical Resources.

The St. Boniface Police Station/Jail/County Courthouse, along with the neighbouring Health Unit Building and open plaza space, were designed by internationally renowned and award-winning Manitoba-born architect Étienne Gaboury, principal of Gaboury and Associates. Gaboury has been a leading designer in the city for 60 years and his resumé includes some of the city's most iconic modern structures. Mr. Gaboury has been awarded both an Order of Manitoba and an Order of Canada, recognising his architectural legacy.

This structure is representative of the post-War modernization and expansion of civic services and facilities in St. Boniface. This building, the neighbouring Health Unit Building, St. Boniface City Hall and Fire Hall formed part of a new civic plaza on Provencher Boulevard with ample open public space in the centre.

227 Provencher Boulevard is an excellent example of the Brutalist Style of architecture, one of only a handful in the City of Winnipeg. This building and the neighbouring Health Unit Building were nominated for a Massey Medal (fore-runner to the Governor General's Award) for Architecture in 1964 and winners of a Manitoba Association of Architects Award in 1965.

The building's exterior and interior have suffered little alteration and are excellent examples of modernist era buildings designed during an important and dynamic period of expansion and good design in Winnipeg.

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