Executive Policy Committee March 10, 2023

RE: Heritage Conservation District – Crescentwood – Nick Logan

The charming homes of Crescentwood are steeped with Winnipeg's twentieth century fascinating but complex history. The movie Strike based on the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike featured the neighborhood in many scenes. As a person who grew up on Kingsway in a home that my grandparents built in 1908, I can attest to the role roles each home and original family played in our city's growth. Each home has its unique story. Those stories make us who we are.

Older districts fascinate people who appreciate the mixture of diverse architecture. Tourists or locals go on walking tours and learn about the history. Crescentwood attracts families dedicated to the restoration and maintenance of their homes. Students from the University of Manitoba regularly sketch the homes as part of their studies.

Heritage homes are better built with higher quality material then today's modern homes. Craftsmen maintain the old European stonework, carpentry, and masonry skills of the past through their work on these homes.

Peanut Park (official Enderton Park) was given to the City of Winnipeg in 1902 by Enderton on the condition the City maintain the park's gardens, walk way, grass oval and shrubbery. By 1960, the city lost interest and eliminated the gardens, fencing, water fountain, shrubbery, and amenities. In 2005 Friends of Park (all Crescentwood residents) committed to restore the park to the original 1900 features. Today it is a destination English garden park once again and with a legacy fund to support maintenance for future generations.

Periodically but consistently over time Crescentwood loses historical homes to developers replacing them with modern and less creative structures. This practice is an unnecessary waste and use of landfills. These homes can be preserved and modernized inside to suit today's lifestyles. This small neighborhood is a Winnipeg gem that needs to have its historical look and feel preserved.

We need your support with HCD to prevent the unnecessary tear down of heritage homes and our work to preserve and profile Crescentwood's century old park and homes.