March 8, 2023

Heritage Conservation District Designation

Dear Mayor Gillingham, Councillors Browaty, Lukes, Mayes, Orlikow and Rollins:

My husband and I support the proposed Heritage Conservation District Designation.

We have lived at since 1975 - FORTY FIVE YEARS! We obviously love the neighbourhood. It is the most unique neighbourhood in the city! We love the unique historical homes all built by different architects around 1910, the large tree canopy, the neighbourhood park, the fact that there are few driveways so you don't see mainly garages and cars when you drive down the streets. The lanes hide the cars and the garbage cans. We don't want these homes torn down, like we see on Wellington Crescent and around the rest of the city. This area is very special; we have historic walking tours that are well attended every year where people can take a stroll back in history. It would benefit the whole city to keep this very small unique area intact as much as possible.

Let me elaborate a little on our special park nestled within the homes. We, as neighbours, have spent over 10 years, using our own resources both monetary and labour, to restore it to its original splendour circa 1902. The fact that the park is surrounded by large historical homes significantly adds to the park's charm. Enderton park is now enjoyed by hundreds of people from near and far and of all ages. I have talked to many of the park goers and they do not live in the neighbourhood, but enjoy the uniqueness of the park including the *heritage homes surrounding it*. They say there isn't another park like it in Winnipeg.

I have been involved in all the meetings where the neighbours have input what they would like to see incorporated in the conservation rules. The rules are reasonable and are the result of many, many hours of input by the people living in the neighbourhood.

We surely hope that you will see fit to approve this designation for the enjoyment of the City of Winnipeg- tourism, as well as for the homeowners now and for decades (possibly a century) to come! You have an important decision which, without exaggeration, will impact this area and Winnipeg as a whole.

Barbara and Ross Parke