February 12, 2024

Dear members of the Executive Policy Committee:

I'm writing in support of Heritage Winnipeg's request for an increase in funding.

Heritage Winnipeg has been instrumental in bringing awareness to our city's history, advocating for the preservation and repurposing of built heritage, and keeping Winnipeggers informed on current issues surrounding historical buildings, interactive tours, and other events with relevance to the history of the city.

Doors Open Winnipeg, hosted by Heritage Winnipeg annually, is a unique, free event that puts together a host of museums, buildings, and areas that can be toured in order further the understanding of Winnipeg's history. No other organization in the city devotes the amount of effort and coordination to a single historical event that Heritage Winnipeg does.

The Millenium Centre, which Heritage Winnipeg maintains, is a 114 year-old building that requires a significant amount of maintenance to keep operational. Heritage Winnipeg needs monetary support in order to keep the building up to the standards of over a century later. As the prices for materials and labour continue to rise in price, yet Heritage Winnipeg's budget continues to stagnate.

With the 150th anniversary of Winnipeg's incorporation, now, more than ever, organizations like Heritage Winnipeg need to be supported by the City of Winnipeg. It's in part because of them and the work they do that we can look back and get an accurate portrayal of the last century and a half. And I have no doubt that allowing them to continue, through necessary increases in funding, will ensure that history is accurately portrayed a century and a half from now.



Kenneth Ingram
President, North West Winnipeg Historical Society

MANITOBA FILM & MUSIC | MUSIQUE ET FILM MANITOBA

February 16, 2024

Executive Policy Committee
City of Winnipeg
510 Main Street
Winnipeg, MB R3B 1B9

Dear Committee:

As Manitoba's film commission, we know there are many reasons why Manitoba is an attractive filming destination for national and international productions and major studios. There is our acclaimed film and video tax credit; our experienced producers, crew and acting talent; the new infrastructure and flights now available; and, importantly, our camera-ready film locations.

The Exchange District, with its 360-degree views of late 19th-century/early 20th-century architecture, is the location that sets Manitoba apart from many other filming destinations. It is featured prominently in our marketing materials and highlighted in conversations with international production studios. It is often our "ta-da!" moment in a meeting or on a scout. The district's significance to the film industry is particularly interesting when you realize that film and TV production brings approximately $1-million every day to Manitoba's economy.

Manitoba Film & Music attributes the sustainability of the Exchange District to, in large part, Heritage Winnipeg. The organization's efforts and advocacy have helped—and continue to help—protect this important historical neighbourhood not just for the film industry, but for all Manitobans who continue to view and utilize these buildings from our past, preserving the cultural heritage of our city for generations to come.

Manitoba Film & Music is very keen to support Heritage Winnipeg in keeping our past alive and to show the world all that Manitoba has to offer through film.

Best regards,

Lynne Skromeda
CEO & Film Commissioner
Manitoba Film & Music

NORTH EAST WINNIPEG
HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
Formed 2010

'To Record and Preserve the Histories of East Kildonan, North Kildonan and Elmwood for Present and Future Generations.'
We respect the history of All.

February 29th, 2024

His Worship Mayor S. Gillingham, Chairperson
Executive Policy Committee
510 Main Street
WINNIPEG, Manitoba
R3B 1B9

Mayor Gillingham:

On behalf of the North East Winnipeg Historical Society, Inc., I am writing this letter in support of Heritage Winnipeg and all the organizations in the city and province who work tirelessly to preserve, revitalize and restore buildings, neighbourhoods and houses of historic significance for future generations.

For the past number of years the grant monies allocated by the City of Winnipeg have remained the same, despite increased costs, such as rent, utilities and advertising associated to the work Heritage Winnipeg does.

We urge you to consider increasing the funds available to Heritage Winnipeg when you are approving the next City Budget so they may continue their valuable efforts to protect these important landmarks before they are lost forever.

Yours truly,

Jim Smith,
President & Historian/Archivist
North East Winnipeg Historical Society, Inc.

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