



Members of City of Winnipeg Council

September 25, 2024

On behalf of l'Association des résidents du Vieux Saint-Boniface, we are asking that the members of City Council vote to delete the following property 825 Taché Avenue from the list of City surplus lands under #16 Amendments to the Real Estate Policy Framework in Support of Affordable Housing as proposed to be heard at September 26, 2024 Council Meeting.

Over the last forty years, l'Association des residents du Vieux Saint-Boniface has consistently supported the planning and protection of natural lands along the Red River as riverside parkland. We have seen the City acquire and designate lands between Taché and the Red River between Provencher Boulevard and the CN Mainland. We would like to see lands north of the CN mainline between Taché and the Red River is protected and developed as park. This would permit the creation of a linear park that would link the parklands south of the CN mainline to Whittier Park.

A National Urban Park Plan has been proposed along the Red River ad Seine River. It would be short-sighted to convert existing city lands to development when there may be an opportunity for the City to tap into federal government funding to protect and develop the Red River Waterway for all citizens to enjoy.

L'Association is well aware of the need for affordable housing in Winnipeg. We are aware that there are several community organizations that are working to develop several sites for affordable housing in North and South Saint Boniface which are more appropriate to meeting individuals and families housing needs.

We believe that any portion of the land at 825 Taché should not be allowed to be developed at this time and all that these lands should be protected as future riverside parkland.

In addition we also request that the property at 545-569 Watt Street that has already been declared as surplus land be removed from the surplus land list and be preserved for future river bank Park in keeping with the desires of the community and as part of the future Urban Park.

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