

SUBMISSION – SHELLEY SWEENEY

ITEM 16 OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT –
SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 AMENDMENTS TO THE REAL ESTATE POLICY FRAMEWORK IN SUPPORT OF
AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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Comments

I am very much opposed to the city declaring any city-owned property to be declared surplus property that has not been considered for possible park or green space use.

In particular I want 45 Archibald to be removed from the surplus properties list and 825 Taché should not be approved as surplus.

The city has already made a commitment to acquire a thousand acres of additional parkland with no plan in place to do so. Money is tight and the likelihood of the city being able to purchase parkland is very slim. We should not ever be giving away prime pieces of riverside properties. Winnipeg is the only major Western city that does not set aside the majority of the banks of its waterways for public use.

Selling 45 Archibald and 825 Taché given that they would contribute to a national park after the intention was made clear to the city is particularly egregious. We are so close to getting a master plan for green space and so close to securing a national urban park. It makes absolutely no sense to be pre-empting those two moves through this declaration. I know however that this City Council has been particularly sensitive to green space issues. It's been very heartening and provides hope to the citizens of the city.

Please revise the criteria for assessing city-owned surplus land to value waterways and natural areas so this doesn't come up again!