

SUBMISSION – CLAUDETTE TOUPIN

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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Council

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Item 16 - Amendments to the Real Estate Policy Framework in Support of Affordable Housing

Support or oppose recommendations

I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments

On behalf of l'Association des résidents du Vieux Saint-Boniface, I am asking that the members of City Council vote to delete the following properties - 825 Tache Avenue and 545-569 Watt Street from the list of City surplus lands under the Amendments to the Real Estate Policy Framework in Support of Affordable Housing.

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 Tache and the Red River between Provencher Boulevard and the CN Mainland as parkland. We would like to see lands north of the CN mainline between Tache and the Red River be 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 the whole of 825 Tache and 545-569 Watt Street should not be allowed to be developed at this time and that these lands should be protected as future riverside parkland.

Claudette Toupin, Secretary of l'Association des residents du Vieux Saint-Boniface

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.

Yes