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ITEM 9 - REPORT – EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE – DECEMBER 4, 2024 – Naawi-Oodena – 24-month Update

Delegation information

Committee you want to address

Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)

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Support or oppose recommendations

I am opposed to the recommendations

Register as a delegation

Via zoom

Comments

9. Naawi... For years, we have been told that many new homes will be built on this former military base. The public has seen plans. Will we be forced by the current owners to wait 10 more years? The City and Ottawa say the need for new homes is urgent. Did they make a huge error by not including stage completion dates in the contract? This project must follow many, many pages of consultation rules. Respect for all who dissent could easily delay 'fisrt-occupancy' by a decade. Since Ottawa no longer owns the land, it may be too late to speed things up. Does the city have any influence over the joint committee? For 12 years, the city has not permitted the building of 2000 homes near Parker Ave. There are other large tracts of land across Winnipeg that should have homes built on them. Why are local media silent on this? If we need more homes, why not simply approve the permits for the projects already fully engineered? This reminds me of the problems that were in the headlines in 2010-2012, when a few folks in Plans approval failed to do their job in a timely manner. Until a Councilor stepped in, it was common for a subdivision to wait over a year for a simple permit. Why have all the failures to issue permits not been investigated by the city auditor? Everyone says we need more homes now, but we seem to be doing nothing on those projects.