

Submission – Jean Clipsham

Expropriation and Rezoning of Lemay Forest (Item 1 - Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development – Notice of Motion)

Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing

I am writing to urge Winnipeg City council to vote to expropriate the lands known as LeMay forest for the following reasons:

*The Asile Ritchot orphanage and home for unwed mothers was situated on the lands of the forest and records show that over 3000 children died while at the orphanage and they were buried in the lands around the orphanage. It is also believed that 700 mothers died there and are also buried on those lands.

We in Winnipeg understand that human remains are sacred and must be protected and honoured. And expropriating this land could be an act of Reconciliation by the City.

* The LeMay forest is a riparian forest that contains original growth and is a habitat of protected species. We know that natural spaces are extremely important for human health and well-being. Only 8% of

Winnipeg is natural space and we, as a City, need to do whatever we can to preserve any spaces that are left.

* As a concerned citizen I have been disappointed by the lack of action on mitigating and adapting to climate change by the City of Winnipeg. It is time to start taking action so that Winnipeg will demonstrate that we are concerned about the health and well-being of future generations

Public engagement (optional)

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

Yes