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

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Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Council

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Item No. 1 Expropriation and Rezoning of Lemay Forest

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing

I support the expropriation of the Lemay Forest.

The Lemay Forest is the location of the abandoned Asile Cemetery of unmarked graves. Anecdotal stories suggest unmarked graves also exist outside the formal boundaries of the Asile Cemetery. Between 1904 and 1948, 3383 children died at the orphanage. The whole forest should remain intact out of respect for the graves, and because of The Cemeteries Act in Manitoba.

The Lemay Forest is a beautiful healthy river-bottom ecosystem and a great asset for Winnipeg's natural spaces.

The developers' plans for the property were rejected by the city. Despite this, the developer is choosing to cut the trees down, and we need that to stop.

Several levels of government have submitted a generous offer to purchase the property in order to make it into a public park.

The developer and owner ignored a federal wildlife officer's request for a pileated woodpecker cavity sweep ahead of tree cutting, thus seemingly not adhering to Federal species regulation.

The City of Winnipeg and the province of Manitoba must designate the Lemay Forest as a heritage site to begin the process of making it a protected public park.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
No