

Submission – Kari Stokke

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

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 1 Expropriation and Rezoning of Lemay Forest

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox

Comments

I strongly urge the council to expropriate the Lemay Forest.

Conserving forests is of paramount importance in this current age of climate crisis and threats to our Canadian identity.

In the United States, President Trump is currently gutting funding to libraries, museums and art programs. Someone lamented on social media "what does 'western civilization' even look like to these [Trump supporters] when every library, museum and park is closed?"

The reply was a devastating picture of a concrete jungle filled with cars and fast food outlets, with the caption "This is Western Culture now."

When I saw this, I immediately thought of Lemay Forest and the plan to destroy it.

This is Canada. We are known for our wilderness areas. That St Norbert has this undisturbed area of forest land is something to be treasured; very few areas of Winnipeg have such a lovely place to walk through. It is there for all people to respect, enjoy and use, in harmony with the many species of wildlife that live there.

Trees are great warriors in the battle against climate change and a community forest people can walk through is a gift. We cannot pretend not to know that destroying a forest to create a parking lot is not the direction we should be taking at this point in human history.

We must preserve this beautiful patch of land for the sake of conservation, community, and Canadian culture.

Public engagement (optional)

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

Yes