

I in support of Item No.1 Expropriation and rezoning of Lemay Forest.

However, I would exclude the house at 823 Lemay Avenue as it is an established home in an established neighbourhood and there is no need to remove it. The developer had sought to include this residence as part of the Lemay Forest and tried to get permission to raze it to provide road access to the land.

We have stood up and fought for the Lemay Forest too many times. Offers have been made and rejected by the developer.

The Lemay Forest is a high quality, **ecologically significant grade A-B river bottom forest**, wetland and grassland habitat that supports **biodiversity, watershed health** and provides an ecological corridor for **safe access and the movement of species**.

Preserving the Lemay Forest aligns with the goals in the **20-year Urban Forest Strategy** and **Winnipeg's Climate Action Plan**, which includes increasing Winnipeg's urban canopy from 17% to 24% by 2065, which translates to planting 17,000 trees per year.

The Lemay Forest must be protected! It houses 18,000+ trees, wildlife and historical artifacts from previous holders of these sacred spaces.

Recently it was discovered that there are over 3000 souls buried at or near the former Asile Cemetery on that land. This should be a sacred preserve that is never developed. It was never intended for development, was never accessible, was never serviced and was zoned RR5. In the spirit of reconciliation, and to preserve the resting place of over 3000 souls, please support this motion.

The developer has already cut down over an acre of trees, and at a recent hearing of the Municipal Board promised to continue cutting down the trees to prepare the land for a development that has not, and should not be approved.

Our trees protect our environment and are commonly recognized as the lungs of the planet. This is a treasure that you cannot allow to be desecrated.

Please save this forest and vote yes on this motion.

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