Centre du patrimoine

Le 24 janvier 2025

DEVIS

Calcul des salaires et énumération des tâches :

– Cheffe, secteur généalogique et patrimoine ancestral : 306 $ par jour pour la recherche en archives, les recherches généalogiques et la rédaction d'un rapport

- 7 jours x 306 = 2 142 $

– Archiviste en chef : 328 $ par jour pour la recherche et gestion des archives, son travail de supervision de la numérisation et la rédaction d'un rapport

- 7 jours x 328 $ = 2 296 $

– Directrice générale : 386 $ par jour pour réviser le projet, effectuer des travaux de recherche en archives, et compiler les données historiques brutes reliées au projet, ainsi que tout appui administratif et la rédaction d'un rapport

- 7 jours x 386 $ = 2702 $

Sous-total : 7140 $

Estimation des coûts de numérisation :

3,50 $ par photo x 500 = 1750 $

***Total :** 8890 $

**Le coût total du devis s'élève à 8 640 $, incluant les salaires pour la recherche, la gestion des archives et la rédaction des rapports, ainsi que les coûts estimés pour la numérisation des photos. Le coût final pourrait être plus élevé, en raison du nombre total d'images à numériser, notamment pour les registres de sépultures et le registre des enfants, qui reste présentement inconnu.*

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Dear Councillor Markus Chambers,

The Coalition to Save Lemay Forest is a community of Winnipeg and Manitoba residents as well as Non-Government Agencies advocating for the protection of the 22-acre Lemay Forest in St. Norbert.

The Lemay Forest is an environmentally sensitive and biodiverse intact mature riparian forest, one of the last in Winnipeg. A 2020 biological land survey in a sample plot identified a 237-year-old green ash tree. The Lemay Forest supports provincial and federal species of concern including the Canada warbler, Eastern-wood pewee, little brown bats and the federally protected barred owl, which all rely on healthy mature forest stands to survive. The Lemay Forest mature trees capable of providing this kind of habitat feature are difficult to replace taking decades to reach the required size and softness. The pileated woodpecker nesting cavities in the Lemay Forest are federally protected. Destroying a nest cavity contravenes the Federal Migratory Bird Reg 2022.

The ecological services are **extensive** such as reduction in ambient air temperature, soil stabilization, carbon sequestration, storm water retention and rich wildlife habitat.

For well over 40 years, long before the current landowner acquired the Lemay Forest land, the Indigenous community has come together in spiritual practices for ceremony and sweat lodges to heal from the many societal wounds that have been inflicted upon them. These sacred spaces, rich in integrity and spiritual significance have been deeply impacted by the recent destruction of well over 1 acre of mature dense forest. The sweat lodges, once nestled within towering, mature trees and thriving wildlife now stand in the wake of significant environmental loss.

This tract of land is culturally important to the Red River Métis heritage, it is the home of the Asile Ritchot orphanage which operated between 1904-1948. The latest archival research shared that as many as 3300+ babies and young children died at the Asile and likely the majority of these children were buried in the cemetery in common graves in the Lemay

Forest behind the Asile. These deaths would have included Métis children and possibly children from unwed mothers placed at the Asile from residential schools.

On behalf of the Save Lemay Forest community and many NGO supporters, we are asking and seeking the financial support to fund the research and digitization of the Asile Ritchot Cemetery at the Société Historique de Saint-Boniface registers in order for the province of Manitoba to conduct the necessary work as soon as possible to protect the history of St. Norbert, and to ensure the harms of the past are acknowledged and the children of the Asile Ritchot are honored and remembered. These registers are the only source that would provide the number of children who passed through the Asile and perished while they were in care.

The quote from la Société Historique de Saint-Boniface for staff and archivist's time to research, digitize and compile reports is attached. The total for this work to be completed is $8890.00.

The City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba have the power to designate the Lemay Forest land a heritage site, therefore, this is the most important first step that must be accomplished without delay.

If necessary, The Coalition to Save Lemay Forest is prepared to help fund this crucial research.

Many thanks,

The Coalition to Save Lemay Forest team and its supporters.