To: Executive Policy Committee

March 12, 2024

Subject: DELEGATIONS on the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Operating and Capital Budgets

As Vice President and a long-standing member of the Commission du Musée de Saint-Boniface Museum (hereafter "the MSBM"), nominated by City Council, I am writing to express my support for the delegation appearing before the Executive Policy Committee on March 15, 2024.

The revised Core Operational Plan and Budget for the period 2024–2027 presented by the delegation reflects clear and specific actions that must be taken in order to perform urgent major restoration work to preserve this important civic museum while it continues to fulfill its essential mandate.

As a long-standing member of the Commission, as well as a member of the museum along with my family, I am privileged to witness firsthand the impact of this institution in our city. As a community member and a business owner, I am eager to see the MSBM continue to seek meaningful partnerships where possible to further its goals.

Built between 1846 and 1851, it is the oldest remaining structure in the city of Winnipeg—on its original foundation—and the largest oak log building in North America. Its restoration and preservation as an artifact in and of itself is essential. Furthermore, nestled in the heart of the Saint-Boniface historic neighbourhood, the MSBM serves as a beacon of cultural heritage, education, and enrichment for residents and visitors alike. As an institution, it must continue to adapt and operate—especially through the challenging restoration work.

Management has put a comprehensive plan before the Executive Policy Committee. I urge you to support this plan, and the institution that depends on it.

Sincerely,

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