PLAN WINNIPEG PUBLIC HEARING

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

WAVERLEY WEST PROPOSAL

January 5, 2005

I am here today representing the Rural Municipality of Ritchot. Our municipality is located immediately south and partly west of the City of Winnipeg. The municipality is comprised of three main communities, which are Ile des Chenes, Ste. Agathe and St. Adolphe. It also has rural community areas, which are Grande-Pointe, Howden and the Waverley Road area. Ritchot is extensively involved with Capital Region initiatives. I am the mayor of the municipality and today I address you on behalf of the council.

I do not wish to take up much of your time and to state it simply, Ritchot supports the City of Winnipeg's proposal to develop the Waverley Road West.

We believe that the more development carried on, in and around Winnipeg itself, is a benefit to the whole Capital Region. The more affordable housing built in the region, the better it is to attract new businesses and industries requiring a highly skilled work force.

Further, it is our opinion that any development within the capital region will benefit not only the city but also the region as a whole. Waverley West will be an asset to Winnipeg as it competes for future economic development with other major cities in the country.

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In closing, I would like to say the Rural Municipality of Ritchot will also someday proceed with developing the southern portion of Waverley located in our municipality. When that time comes it is our hope that the City of Winnipeg will be supportive of our endeavors.

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