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Dear Ms Park:

Re: In opposition to Plan Winnipeg amendment PW 2/2003 Waverley West
Public Hearing Executive Policy Committee, 4 January, 2005

The Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba (PCWM) would like to clarify statements made in the "Reasons for the Report: Discussion", in the Plan Winnipeg Amendment - Waverley West Report by the applicant, the Director of Planning, Property and Development (PPD), December 7, 2004 [January 4, 2005 Executive Policy Committee Agenda, Exhibit 8].

Firstly, on page 5, the Director refers to a **Waverley West design charrette** hosted by the University of Manitoba in the spring of 2003. Three members of the Councils of Women took part on the understanding that their participation would not preclude their appearing in opposition to a possible Plan Winnipeg amendment at a later date.

Please note:

- The design charrette was financed by the Province of Manitoba, Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation (MHRC), which owns 1,250-acres of land in Waverley West.
- The University of Manitoba owns 300-acres of land in Waverley West.
- The design charrette was invitation-only.
- A number of staff members from the regulatory sides of both the City of Winnipeg PPD and Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs participated alongside staff from Waverley West land owners, MHRC, Ladco Company. Ltd. (which owns 740-acres) and the University of Manitoba.
- Design charrette participants were told initially that any aspect of Waverley West could be raised and discussed. Later, questions about the wisdom of Waverley West proceeding were ruled off-limits.
- The design charrette report (page 6) envisaged public open houses before deciding whether or not to proceed with a Plan Winnipeg amendment. To date, there has been no public open house or public consultation on Waverley West.
- There has never been a design charrette for Plan Winnipeg.
- There has never been a design charrette for infill housing in Winnipeg.

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Secondly, again on page 5, the Director refers to staff being involved in information- sharing meetings with PCWM.

The following meetings were all initiated by the Councils of Women:

13 May 2003, the Councils of Women invited Harry Finnigan, Director of PPD, to a Plan Winnipeg Question and Answer session.

29 July, 2003, at the request of the Councils of Women, two members met with Jacquie East and Stephen Walker to discuss the PPD's vacant lot inventory.

8 September, 2003, PCWM hosted an open meeting on Waverley West which Jacquie East attended.

Once she received their permission to do so, Jacquie East made available to us the first three of the developers' reports.

We are not aware of any initiatives that city staff have taken to encourage open communication with the community on Waverley West.

Therefore, PCWM recommends the attached motion to Executive Policy Committee.

Sincerely,

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RECOMMENDATION

Re: Plan Winnipeg amendment PW 2/2003 Waverley West
Motion Recommended by the Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba

Whereas City Council is committed to citizen engagement in political decision-making processes [Plan Winnipeg policy 2A-01];

Whereas City Council is committed to facilitating access to information in a responsive, comprehensive and transparent manner [Plan Winnipeg policy 2A-01 (i)];

Whereas City Council is committed to disseminating timely access to information [Plan Winnipeg policy 2A-01 (ii)];

Whereas City Council is committed to actively soliciting citizen input into policy formulation, political decision-making, and program development processes through meaningful public consultation [Plan Winnipeg policy 2A-01 (iii)];

Whereas Waverley West is the largest Plan Winnipeg amendment in the history of Plan Winnipeg and, if approved, will have a profound impact on future development in the City of Winnipeg;

Whereas Manitoba Housing Renewal Corporation and Ladco Company presented a copy of their Waverley West cost-benefit analysis (WW C-B) to the City's Planning, Property and Development in July 2004 and to the land development industry and the media;

Whereas the Councils of Women were given to understand that the WW C-B would be made public at least two months (three if it was over the holidays) before a Plan Winnipeg amendment public hearing to allow time for independent analysis;

Whereas although members of the Councils of Women made repeated requests, both orally and in writing, for the WW C-B for several months, a copy was not made available to the public until December 14, 2004;

Whereas there has been no meaningful public consultation on Waverley West;

Therefore be it resolved that
the Executive Policy Committee adjourn the January 4, 2005 public hearing on Plan Winnipeg amendment PW 2/2003 Waverley West until such time as the citizens of Winnipeg:

1) have at least two months access to all of the information; and

2) are actively solicited for input through meaningful public consultation on Waverley West.