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Ms Jo-Ann Park
Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee
510 Main St.
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Dear Mayor Katz and Committee Members:

Re: Waverley West – Urgently Needed

I am fortunate with my business to be able to travel to Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver regularly. It is extremely important in my opinion that this city remains dynamic, with the ability to attract young people to our vibrant city. To do this, we need lots of affordable housing which starts with affordable building lots. I feel that it is imperative that the City move forward as quickly as possible with approval of the Waverley West development.

From my travels, our older city core has gone through tremendous renewal over the past five years. There is little doubt in my mind that The City of Winnipeg has a far more outstanding city centre than Calgary or Edmonton from a restored historical perspective.

I urge you to consider the negative effect the cancellation or delay of Waverley West will have on attracting young families to our city, not to mention the loss of jobs through possible relocation west in the housing sector.

Yours Sincerely,

Ross Robinson
President

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