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Delegation information

Committee you want to address

Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)

Item 11 Declaration of Surplus of the Former Aubrey Bus loop - 139 Aubrey St.

Support or oppose recommendations

I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing checkbox

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Comments

I have lived in Wolseley for over a decade. This is a story about the lack of daycare in our otherwise child-friendly neighbourhood.

When my eldest child needed daycare, he eventually got a spot at Cornish Child Care on Furby St. While the daycare was wonderful, it was considered by the Winnipeg School Division to be too close to our home to bus my son to Laura Secord School, but too far for the daycare to walk him there. So he had to attend first Sacre Coeur for nursery school and then Mulvey School for kindergarten. He then got into the RA Steen daycare behind the school, and could walk to Laura Secord for Grade 1. My other son went through the same rigamarole.

To be clear, I'm grateful that we found child care that was relatively close-by. But it's very disruptive for children to have to switch schools every year for three years, particularly when you *know* which school they will eventually attend (Laura Secord), but can't attend due to a lack of child care in the neighbourhood.

If a daycare could be built in the former bus loop, the kids would not only be able to play in the next-door Aubrey Park, but they could walk to school at Laura Secord. Even though my kids no longer require daycare, I can't stop thinking about all the future children and parents it would help if one could be built at this site.

I know that a daycare is presented as an option under Schedule B, but I don't trust that it will happen if the City relinquishes control of the land and it's sold to the highest bidder. Cornish Child Care on Furby St. is a wonderful example of what could be built at the site, if on a larger footprint than the former bus loop. At Cornish, there is affordable housing above the daycare and a certain number of spots are reserved for families who live there.

Also, the daycare was built in consultation with its future director, who proudly told me how she helped design its fantastic play yard (the nicest and largest one I've ever seen at a daycare). Please note that even though Aubrey Park would be next-door, the daycare would still need an enclosed play space for its younger children, so additional greenspace would need to be reserved for that purpose.

While I'm here, I'd like to strongly recommend that a dog park is not built on the site, as I don't think it would be appropriate next-door to a little-kid park (for safety reasons).

Thank you for considering my submission,

Julie

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.

Yes

Personal information

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