

September 7, 2026

The Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development

City of Winnipeg

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Re: Opposition to declaring the former Aubrey Bus Loop (139 Aubrey Street) as surplus land for private sale.

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

I am writing as a longtime resident of the Wolseley community to strongly oppose any recommendation to declare the former Aubrey Bus Loop lands at 139 Aubrey Street as surplus for the purpose of private sale or development. Instead, I urge this committee to protect this land and transfer it permanently to the Winnipeg Parks Department to remain a 100% public asset.

Public green spaces and community gathering points are foundational to the health, well-being, and climate resilience of mature urban neighbourhoods. Statistics Canada data shows that Winnipeg has experienced one of the fastest rates of "greenness loss" among major Canadian cities, with a **37% drop in lush urban vegetation** over the past two decades. Furthermore, our inner-city and core downtown sectors face severe "green equity" gaps due to high density and concrete infrastructure.

Wolseley, as a mature Winnipeg community, reflects this green equity gap. 94% of Winnipeg's green spaces are in the suburbs. Our city centre cannot afford to lose a single square foot of public land. Once

public land is sold to private developers, it is lost to the community forever; we cannot buy it back.

I support the vision shared by many of my neighbours to transform this historic transit loop into a vibrant, accessible public park or community green space. Preserving this land for public use ensures it will continue to serve everyone in our community, fostering urban biodiversity, active living, and neighbourhood connection.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to protecting Winnipeg's public green spaces. I request that this letter be officially registered as a matter of record for the September 9, 2026, meeting.

Sincerely,

Greg Wilson

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