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Written Submission: Item 11 – Declaration of Surplus of the Former Aubrey Bus Loop
– 139 Aubrey

ATTN: City of Winnipeg Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development

I grew up in Wolseley and lived away for 20 years, most recently in Geneva, Switzerland. I moved back to Winnipeg in 2024 specifically to settle in and invest in the community where I grew up. In 2025, I purchased a house at 42 Lipton St., which backs onto Aubrey Park / Bus Loop.

I am strongly opposed to this land being declared surplus and respectfully request that the land be transferred to the Department of Parks.

My reasons include:

1. Community and Equity: Parks benefit everyone in the neighbourhood, especially residents living in apartments who may have less access to private outdoor space.
2. Climate and Mature Trees: The mature trees on this land contribute to Winnipeg's urban canopy and support the objectives of Winnipeg's Climate Action Plan.
3. Indigenous Land-Based Education: As a teacher, I believe we need parkland and accessible green spaces where students can participate in Indigenous land-based education.
4. Protecting Winnipeg's Green Space: Green space is one of Winnipeg's defining features and should be cherished and protected.
5. Suitability for Development: This land is not well suited to other projects due to the lack of parking and supporting infrastructure.

Thank you for considering my submission and my concerns regarding the future of this important community green space.

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