

## **Information about the February 14 - Property and Development Committee Meeting at City Hall February 7, 2012**

[OURS-Winnipeg](#) would like to advise that a motion to request public consultation regarding the sale of the seven City-owned golf courses is on the agenda of the Tuesday, February 14, Property and Development Committee Meeting at City Hall at 510 Main Street. The meeting begins at 9:00 am.

Organizations/Individuals wishing to speak must register in advance by **Tuesday, February 7 by 4:30 pm**. Registration details below. **Speakers are encouraged to register by February 7 to ensure they will be included**. Contact Jo-Ann Park at the City Clerk's office to confirm if you can still be included past this date. If unable to appear in person you may email your comments to Jo-Ann Park [jpark@winnipeg.ca](mailto:jpark@winnipeg.ca). It is beneficial to have your comments as part of the public record. In your response make sure you have considered the recommendation from the City Centre Community Committee on public consultation regarding the present / future uses of golf courses. (Motion is at end of this document).

OURS-Winnipeg is committed to stopping the sale of city owned golf courses and requests timely public consultation to protect our natural urban environment. To achieve this OURS is looking to have a well-rounded slate of presenters representing all seven golf course areas from ski clubs, golf leagues, health concerns, environment, OUR Winnipeg planning document, educational use of golf course greenspace, value of green space to urban environment, health and ecological benefits of nature areas, lack of public consultation, urban planning, budget etc.

The meeting will be chaired by Jeff Browaty. Committee members are Councillors Nordman, Pagtakhan, Wyatt, and Mayor Katz (ex officio). The golf courses for sale include Windsor Park and Canoe Club in St. Vital, Tuxedo, Crescent Drive in Fort Garry, Harbour View in North Kildonan, Kildonan Park in West Kildonan, and John Blumberg in Headingley.

We have an opportunity to speak of our concerns about the sale of the City Owned Golf Courses for commercial and residential development, without public consultation and to protect our greenspace. This is timely as it is before the upcoming March budget.

The city clerk's office has advised that having experts or a couple of people representing a group is very effective. Even better is to have the people sitting in the gallery.

**Observers** to the meeting are welcome and do not need not register.

### **To email a response:**

Email responses will be included in the public record. In your responses make sure you have considered the motion (below) from the City Centre Community Committee. The motion notes public green spaces, the city plan, and requests public consultation regarding the present / future uses of golf courses. Email comments to Jo-Ann Park, City Clerk's Office [jpark@winnipeg.ca](mailto:jpark@winnipeg.ca)

### **In Person Registration Details:**

Presentations/comments may be submitted by email and will be included in the public record. They must be emailed to City Clerk's office to Jo-Ann Park at [jpark@winnipeg.ca](mailto:jpark@winnipeg.ca)

Oral presentations should be no more than 10 minutes in length, concise is best; a couple of minutes. Joanne Park of City Clerk's office would prefer requests occur by email making reference to the agenda item (below). The meeting starts at 9:00 am. The text could also be submitted to City Clerk's office.

Suggested wording *“Please register me to make a presentation to the City of Winnipeg Property and Development Committee meeting on Feb.14, 2012 regarding the City Centre Community Committee motion of Jan.31, 2012 requesting a thorough public consultation process regarding present and alternative uses of golf courses.”*

Registration of speakers must occur by 4:30 pm on Tuesday, February 7. The good news is that after people register they have until the 14<sup>th</sup> to prepare. Joanne’s email is [jpark@winnipeg.ca](mailto:jpark@winnipeg.ca) Phone 986-3732. For problems with registration call 311.

**Tuesday, January 31 - City Centre Community Committee Motion** On Tuesday January 31, the following motion was passed at the City Centre Community Committee meeting.

**OURS-WINNIPEG COMMITTEE MOTION**

City of Winnipeg / City Centre Community Committee Jan.31, 2012

Moved by: Councillor Orlikow \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: Councillor Gerbasi \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS OurWinnipeg states that “public spaces are valued as essential to the urban fabric, encouraging and promoting healthy lifestyles, cleaner environments, connectivity, recreation, community pride and urban beautification..”

WHEREAS the key direction provided in OurWinnipeg for Parks, Places and Open Spaces is “to focus the future efforts for acquisition, design, development, operation, use and promotion of our Parks and Open Spaces within the context of the City’s Complete Communities Direction Strategy.”

WHEREAS OurWinnipeg provides direction that the City of Winnipeg provides “leadership by coordinating and collaborating with strategic partners to determine the most effective and efficient means of providing and maintaining recreational spaces.”

WHEREAS City of Winnipeg golf courses are listed in OurWinnipeg as major open spaces.

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has consulted developers and golf course operators about options for Winnipeg golf course/green space but have not provided the same opportunity to the public.

WHEREAS there are numerous alternative public uses for the green space available, other than just golf and development, that will enhance the lives of all Winnipeggers

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg conduct a thorough public consultation process, which includes community and non-profit organizations as well as all interested stakeholders and citizens, regarding present and alternative uses of golf courses.