

Good Day

Thank you for your questions and concerns.

I could say my resume and activism in the community speaks for itself, instead, I will outline my stand on the abhorrent developments that claim the greenspace.

When the Ridgewood development was first proposed, a group of residents formed what is called Citizens for Charleswood Habitat Preservation (CCHP). We entered into many talks with the City and the major developer (Qualico) in order to preserve as much greenspace as possible. I sat on the committee and was involved and vocal in those negotiations. Paula Havixbeck and the developers agreed to postpone the development until the William Clement Parkway Extension was built. You can see we lost that battle as they reneged on that deal.

We did come to an agreement that the area around the ponds would not be considered part of the greenspace which the developer is required to leave. It is my understanding the agreement for this has since been reneged on. This was done with yet another Councillor from Tuxedo as our representative.

It is my position on this matter to restore and preserve greenspace in addition to that which is already allocated around the ponds. We also must have connectivity, greenways, for animals to continue to co-exist with people. These must also be planned out.

I have most recently been involved with a community group dedicated to preserving the Chapman School area and the greenspace attached. The school has no longer become an asset as part of the Pembina Trails School division and was put up for sale.

The sale initially went to a church group but was overturned by the Provincial Finance board, this was a blow to the group due to the fact that the property was awarded to a developer, Karma developments.

The fear now is that Karma will destroy every part of the greenspace in order to build condos, including cutting down some of the burr oaks that are well over 200 years old.

In speaking with the developer at one meeting, he stated they would leave 30% of the land as greenspace. As stated above, I have found that in dealing with large developers, unless it is in writing, there is no deal.

It is my intention to ensure that the development in this area will abide by the neighbourhood livability by-law and any other by-laws regarding developments. I will do everything in my power to see that this happens.

Part of my platform is to ensure responsible development. I don't hate developments nor am I against any one developer. That said, the City has

seemingly let developers run amuck in the City. Most recently one of my opponents spoke to a developer about the garbage strewn across the area. To me, the developer should have been fined. It was also brought up how the developer spent over \$130K to put in grasses and a pond. If the developer used a model of responsible development, they would not have bulldozed every piece of natural tall grass prairie, nor would they have to plant trees or create a retention pond over the natural wetlands.

Currently, Karma Developments is building a condo unit on Tuxedo and Doncaster. As I drive by the worksite I notice trees, specifically burr oaks, with mud piled against them. These trees are sensitive to such mistreatment and will die off; this is not an example of responsible development.

The Parker Wetlands is another disgraceful use of land for nothing more than political absurdity in my opinion.

There is also the land in which Kenaston Commons sits, this was industrial and forest, now it is just industrial.

I could go on and on about the atrocities against nature that have been perpetrated by developers but I'm sure you already know.

In summary, I will stand in support of more and preserved greenspace and a Master plan ensuring such. We need to ensure we have quality of life and not just quantity. We as a City should set the standard for living with nature, not setting a standard for destroying it.

Thank you