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TO: Mayor D. Burgess and
Members of City Council

FROM: Rod Sage
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SUBJECT: Enquiry No. 222 – City Council Meeting of August 20th, 2007
Maryland Avenue Walkway – 18th Street to 20th Street

This memo is provided in response to Councillor Campbell's enquiry regarding a proposed walkway on Maryland Avenue. Councillor Campbell referred to a previous enquiry with respect to the construction of a walkway on Maryland Avenue from 18th Street to 20th Street, whereby she noted that even though funds had been allocated in previous years for the project, the City had been unsuccessful in its attempt to acquire the necessary property from the adjacent land owners of the Cemetery. She enquired if it was feasible to pursue same now, given the need to construct a corner alignment.

As Council is aware, 18th Street South is under Provincial jurisdiction and the department of Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation is the traffic authority for this portion of 18th Street. Currently the Province is proposing an overall functional design study to address the safety concerns surrounding the unaligned intersections of Maryland Avenue and Lyndale Drive with 18th Street South. Once a plan has been formulated from this functional design process to address various issues (both City and Provincial), our office will determine if in fact the City requires additional land from private property owners to construct a walkway along the aforementioned portion of Maryland Avenue. At the same time, Provincial officials will begin to determine the extent of land required to correct the street alignment issues and acquire same from property owners.

This functional design study will also allow our engineering design staff to best determine the location for such a walkway as it is currently not feasible to safely construct a walkway at this intersection with the street alignment issues noted above. It may become evident through this functional design process that with the realignment of Maryland Avenue with 18th Street, sufficient right-of-way may exist to properly construct a walkway.

Should additional property be required however by the City of Brandon, our office will begin negotiations with adjacent land owners to acquire the appropriate amount of land. Our office will provide City Council with additional information as it becomes available regarding this proposed functional design study and the related walkway issues in this area of the City.

I trust this response satisfies Councillor Campbell's enquiry at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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