

Ms. Anna Snook  
City Of St. John's  
New Gower Street  
St. John's, NL

Dear Anna,

#### COMMENTS ON THE MILLS WRIGHT REPORT

Thank you for all of your work to date in spearheading the ReImagine Churchill Square.

The Churchill Square Business Association speaks for the sixty-eight St. John's businesses and over 400 employees that work in Churchill Square. All considered, Churchill Square represents a large and important tax base for the city and a vibrant place to conduct business.

Below are comments from Charlie, Dale and I on behalf of the Churchill Square Business Association (CSBA)

#### **Recommendations:**

- **We support the "Proposed Concept Plan"**
- **Snow Clearing Commitment (Very important)**
  - Curb to curb
  - Sidewalks and Plaza

Note: This is at the top of our list. We strongly suggest that a commitment from the city is to a snow clearing protocol for Churchill Square, that includes the new expanded sidewalks and the public plaza. Not doing so will relegate these areas to being places to deposit snow..

- **Garbage Management Commitment (Very important)**
  - Proper receptacles and clear-out schedule commitment

Note: Many high school students visit Churchill Square 5 days a week during their lunch time. If we create and encourage new public space and have not thought out a garbage strategy, then this exercise is doomed. Littering is one of Churchill Squares biggest problems.

- **Trees**
  - To bet in planters with a top lip for impromptu seating

Note: We feel concrete planters will protect the trees in the winter from snowplows, plus allow for folks to gather by providing seating in the warmer months.

- **Signage at Elizabeth Ave**
  - One large sign at Elizabeth Ave to denote the location
  - A digital board that can display information
  - Individual merchant signage would not be permitted

- **Food Vendors (not referring to the farmers market)**
  - Restricted food vendors to a maximum of one
  - Condition of vehicles

Note: We would like the city to set vehicle condition guidelines so that the trucks used as do not detract from the area. One other issue is Sea Gulls, they hang out around the food truck and foul the area and as such wish that any food truck remains at the top of the lot near Elizabeth Ave. These vendors often spread out and occupy additional valuable parking stalls.

- **Permit System for Staffing**

- A provision for no charge or reduced charge parking permits for staff

With over 400 people working in Churchill Square, it is imperative that we develop a system of permits that will allow our staff to be able to park in Churchill Square.

We appreciate being a part of this especially important dialogue.

Sincerely,

Pat Thompson

**Churchill Square Business Association**