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Mayor Brian Bowman
510 Main Street, Winnipeg, MB. R3B 3M2
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Re: The Bay Downtown Advisory Committee

Dear Mayor Bowman,

The Manitoba Heritage Summit Group, which is comprised of all eight Provincial Heritage Agencies, recognizes the significant historic and heritage value of the municipally designated historic structure of the [Hudson's Bay Company Building](#), erected between 1925 and 1926 by the firm of [Carter-Halls-Aldinger](#), which opened officially on 18 November 1926. A former flagship store for the Hudson's Bay Company, this six-story stone and reinforced-concrete building at the southeast corner of Memorial Boulevard and Portage Avenue in downtown Winnipeg, has been a significant historic landmark along the cultural corridor of Winnipeg for nearly one hundred years.

We commend your leadership for establishing a committee to investigate the future of this important historic resource. We would respectfully suggest that you broaden the expertise of this committee so as to ensure the best possible outcome. As advocates for heritage, the Manitoba Heritage Summit Group contains personnel with significant heritage specific knowledge, experience, and insight that would provide an invaluable contribution to the Hudson's Bay Downtown Advisory Committee.

The Manitoba Heritage Summit Group feels that it is important that representatives with heritage experience from Provincial Heritage Organizations be included in the Hudson's Bay Company Building dialogue, and therefore are requesting an invitation for representation on The Bay Downtown Advisory Board.

Thank you for your consideration of our request, and we look forward to hearing back from you regarding our request to join the Bay Downtown Advisory Board. Please email us at: info@manitobaheritagesummit.ca or call (204) 947-0559 .

Sincerely,

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