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Deadline Extended for Upper Fort Garry

Friends of Upper Fort Garry (FUGG) announced today that the City of Winnipeg, with the agreement of Crystal Developers, has granted a two year extension to their March 31, 2008 deadline.

In December 2007, FUGG was given the deadline to raise \$10 million and to meet several other criteria. To date, \$8.2 million has been raised through a combination of public donations and government funds. All other criteria have been met.

Dr. Jerry Gray, Chair of the Friends of Upper Fort Garry is pleased with the news. Says Gray, "The public and all levels of government have demonstrated their tremendous support for this project. We have raised a total of \$8.2 million, which includes donations from the Province of Manitoba, Government of Canada and the public. It is a sign of goodwill that the extension has been granted."

Adds Gray, "The Friends of Upper Fort Garry would like to extend their deepest appreciation to the Spletzer family of Crystal Developers for agreeing to this extension."

FUGG will continue to fundraise towards building a world class interpretive park on the site. Since December, 2007, FUGG has raised more than \$5.2 million in public donations, including a \$1 million donation today by the Manitoba Métis Federation.

Notes Gray, "We invite everyone to continue to send in their donations. As we move forward in achieving our fundraising goals we'll be consulting our partners and the public to determine final plans and designs for the interpretive park."

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