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The Forks Donates \$900,000 in Management Services to Upper Fort Garry

Friends of Upper Fort Garry (FUGG) announced today that The Forks North Portage Partnership will be providing a total of \$900,000 in planning and project management services over five years.

This commitment of \$180,000 per year will cover operational expenses that relate to planning, construction and administration of the Upper Fort Garry interpretive park.

Mr. Jim August, CEO of The Forks North Portage Partnership, believes this is a natural fit that reflects the historic link between The Forks and Upper Fort Garry. Says August, "There is a lot of synergy between these two sites. Our plan is to ensure that the sites continue to relate to one other to provide the best possible experience."

Dr. Jerry Gray, Chair of the Friends of Upper Fort Garry is pleased with this contribution. Adds Gray, "We are on our way to developing a world-class site and we can't do that with volunteers only. This commitment brings a level of professional management expertise to the project that will help us with the day-to-day planning and administration of the site."

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."

Donations can be made online at upperfortgarry.com, by phone or by cheque (payable to Heritage Winnipeg for Upper Fort Garry) mailed to:

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