



June 24, 2014

### **Resolution to Support the Appeal of the Davern Sidewalk**

Whereas the City of St Paul's Historic Preservation Committee ruled that the Davern Farm House at 1173 Davern Street, should not have a sidewalk installed on the property;

Whereas the Transportation Committee of the Highland District Council hosted a public meeting with the property owner and the City of St Paul regarding the need for a sidewalk, and the options for different designs on June 10, 2014;

Whereas the Shepard Davern Task Force identified a Davern Hill sidewalk as one of the needs of the community that lives below the hill;

Whereas Public Works is appealing the decision of the HPC to the City Council;

Whereas this is a very unique property in the City of Saint Paul, with 417 feet of sidewalk to remove snow from, and no other residential property owner in the City has this much sidewalk to maintain;

Be it resolved, that the Highland District Council supports the City of St Paul's Public Works appeal of the HPC vote, with the provision that the city broaden the departments involved to find a creative solution to reduce the liability of the current residents which may/may not include a combination bike lane and pedestrian lane on the street, to reduce the significant assessment and ongoing snow removal burden that would be borne by a single property owner.

Adopted on June 24, 2014

By the Highland District Council Board of Directors