

Council Communications. 1875. Item 373. August 4, 1875. Petition to Council regarding houses of ill fame.

Winnipeg, 4th August 1875

to the

Mayor and Council of the City of Winnipeg

We the undersigned Ratepayers and Residents beg to call the attention of your honorable body to the great scandal and nuisance arising from the unrestricted commerce allowed at houses of ill fame within the City limits and the great loss resulting therefrom to holders of property in the vicinity where they are located.

Some of your petitioners have purchased lots near the Portage Road with the intention of building and residing thereon but cannot do so exposing our families to such contaminations nor would you wish to do so yourselves in like case.

The flaunting of those bad characters around the neighbourhood of their houses in full sight of the high road, which is so extensively traveled by Residents and outsiders from the settlement has for some time been an ongoing nuisance and public disgrace.

We therefore pray your honorable body that they may be driven from the City and its reputation thereby preserved.

And your petitioners as bound will ever pray