



**2003 CUI Brownie Award
Individual Achievement – Brownfielder of the Year**
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In June 1999, the City of Winnipeg issued a proposal call asking for proponents to develop five abandoned heritage buildings in downtown Winnipeg. The buildings comprised the last intact streetscape from the 1880's, in addition to being the original "market square" location and original buildings for the Grain Exchange. Now referred to as the "Exchange District," the area has been designated a national historic site. Aware that Red River College (located in suburban Winnipeg) was considering expansion, Mr. Le Claire masterminded a response to the City on behalf of the College, to partner the City, Province and RRC and issue a Private-Public-Partnership (P3) proposal to the private sector. The proposal requested a developer team to design and build a 220,000 sq.ft. high-tech multimedia centre that would cover an entire downtown block, including the five heritage buildings. The RFP required the proponents to sensitively incorporate the heritage desires of City and Provincial authorities, be a signature design for the College, and achieve leading edge energy and sustainable targets.

Mr. Le Clair has been associated with the Accommodation Development Division of Manitoba Transportation and Government Services for the past thirty years, acting in the capacities of Director of Technical Resources, Director of Corporate Accommodation Planning, Chair of the Sustainable Development Planning and Implementation Team as well as Assistant Deputy Minister. He is now Director of Technical Resources.