Agenda – Council - January 25, 2006

Report - Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development - January 10, 2006

Item No. 13 Westwood Green Park - Land Dedication Reserve
File PR-7(31)

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 18, 2006, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and submits the following to Council:

1. That an allocation be approved from the Assiniboia Community Committee Land Dedication Reserve Fund to cover any related costs up to a maximum of $4,000.00, which cannot be absorbed by the Planning, Property and Development Department.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 18, 2006, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 10, 2006, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development concurred in administrative recommendation No. 5 and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE DECISION:

On January 10, 2006, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development concurred in administrative recommendation Nos. 1 to 4.

Re: Proposed Westwood Green Park

For submission to: Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development

Original report signed by: Director of Planning, Property and Development

Report date: December 21, 2005

Recommendation(s):

1. That the City owned property, under Streets jurisdiction, identified in Misc. Plan No. 12777 as "City Property" be transferred to Parks jurisdiction.

2. That the Administration be directed to initiate an application to close the legally opened street end within the area identified as "Subject City Property" in Misc. Plan No.12777.

3. That the Administration be directed to initiate a Rezoning Application in order to rezone the property identified as "Subject City Property" in Misc. Plan No.12777 to a PR-1 Zoning District.

4. That the Administration be directed to report to the Assiniboia Community Committee with a recommendation regarding a name for the park.

5. That the Assiniboia Community Committee resolution from its meeting on December 7, 2004, *that any related costs up to a maximum of $4,000, which cannot be absorbed by the Planning, Property and Development Department, be allocated from the Assiniboia Community Committee Land Dedication Reserve fund*, be forwarded to Council.

REPORT SUMMARY

Key Issues:

- The Transportation Division of the Public Works Department has reported that neither the City owned portion under Streets jurisdiction or the legally opened street end of the Subject City Property, identified in Misc. Plan No. 12777 are required for transportation purposes.

- The Water and Waste Department has reported that they have no objections regarding this proposal to transfer the Subject City Property to Parks jurisdiction.

- It is clear that the public has utilized the Subject Property and it has been maintained by the Public Works Department as a public Park for some time. As such the Administration recommends that the Subject City Property be formally designated a Park.

Implications of the Recommendation(s):

General implications:

X	**None**
	For the organization overall and/or for other departments
	For the community and/or organizations external to the City of Winnipeg
	Involves a multi-year contract

Comment(s):

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Policy implications:

X	**No**
	Yes

Comment(s):

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Environmental implications:

X	**No**
	Yes

Comment(s):

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Human resources implications:

X	**No**
	Yes

Comment(s):

- The Parks and Open Space Division of the Public Works Department are already maintaining the Subject City Property as a Public Park.

Financial implications:

X	**Within approved current and/or capital budget**
	Current and/or capital budget adjustment required

Comment(s):

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REASON FOR THE REPORT:

At its meeting on January 10, 2005 the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development referred the matter, of the investigation whether the City-owned land on Westwood Drive at Assiniboine Avenue can be turned into a park, to the Administration for investigation and report back.

HISTORY:

At its meeting on December 7, 2004 the Assiniboia Community Committee recommended to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development that the Administration be requested to investigate whether the City-owned land on Westwood Drive at Assiniboine Avenue can be turned into a park and given the name "Westwood Green Park" or a historical name in consultation with the Ward Councillor.

Further, the Assiniboia Community Committee placed on record that any related costs, which cannot be absorbed by the Planning, Property and Development Department, be allocated from the Assiniboia Community Committee Land Dedication Reserve fund.

DISCUSSION:

The Assiniboia Community Committee has requested that the Administration investigate whether the property identified as Subject Property in the attached Misc. Plan No. 12777 can be turned into a park.

The Parks and Open Space Division of the Public Works Department are currently maintaining the Subject Property as a Public Park. The residents of the neighbourhood have been utilizing the parcel for access to the Assiniboine River and there is no reason for this to change.

The Transportation Division of the Public Works Department has reported that neither the City owned portion under Streets jurisdiction or the legally opened street end of the Subject Property, identified in Misc. Plan No. 12777 are required for transportation purposes. In addition, the Engineering Division of the Water and Waste Department has reported that they have no objections regarding this proposal.

The Administration recommends that the Subject Property be formally designated a Park. For this to occur a number of processes must be initiated. The City-owned property within the Subject Property must be transferred to Parks and Open Space jurisdiction. This process can be accomplished administratively. The Road right-of-way portion of the subject property must be legally closed. An application for this road closing would have to be initiated by the Administration. The application fees could be waived but a survey would have to be contracted to produce a Plan of Survey, which is estimated to cost $3,000. The Subject Property would have to be rezoned to a PR-1 district from its current R1-9 designation. An application for

rezoning would have to be initiated by the Administration. Again the application fees can be waived but the cost of the newspaper advertisement would be $1,000. The Public Works Department has reported that the cost of a standard green and white park sign is approximately $425.00. The Public Works Department has offered to waive this cost if they could receive enough notice to allow them to schedule the sign construction into their work schedule. As a result approximately $4,000 would be required to accomplish this matter.

In regards to the naming of the park, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development should direct the Administration (Parks and Open Space Division of the Public Works Department) to report to the Assiniboia Community Committee with a recommendation regarding a name for the park as per the Council Policy C159 - Guidelines for Naming of Parks.

Financial Impact Statement

Date: December 15, 2005

Project Name:
Proposed Westwood Green Park

First Year of Program 2006

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Identify)	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus, Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ 4,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ 4,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	4,000	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments:
Sufficient funding is available in the Assiniboia Community Land Dedication Reserve fund.

"Original signed by"
Mike McGinn, CA
Manager of Finance

IN PREPARING THIS REPORT, THERE WAS CONSULTATION WITH AND CONCURRENCE BY:

Transportation Division of the Public Works Department

Engineering Division of the Water and Waste Department

Parks and Open Space Division of the Public Works Department

THIS REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

Planning, Property and Development Department
Division: Planning and Land Use
Prepared by: Kevin Nixon, Park Strategic Planner
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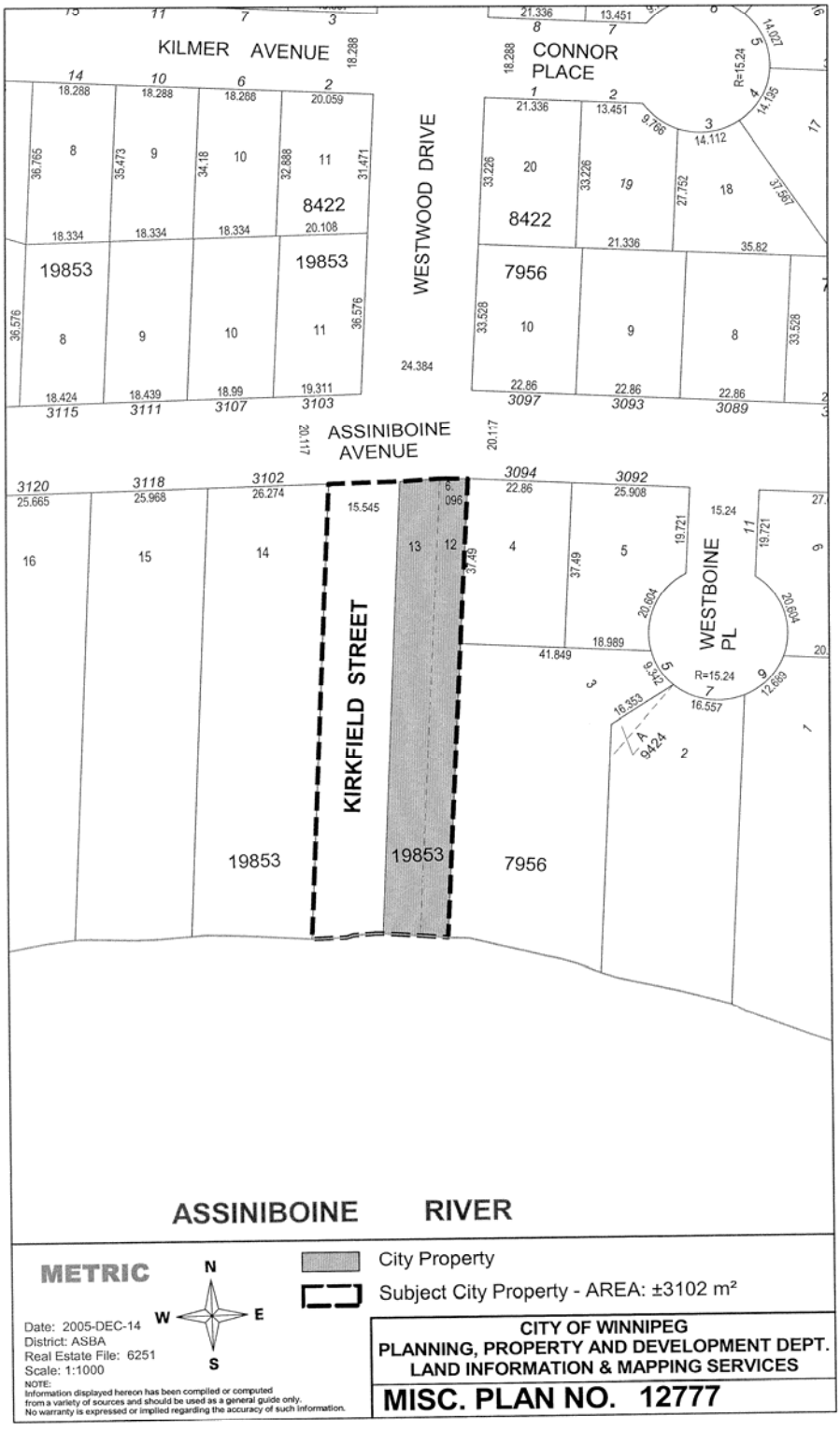
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City Property
Subject City Property - AREA: ±3102 m²
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MISC. PLAN NO. 12777