Minute No. 568
Report – Executive Policy Committee – June 7, 2006

Item No. 4 **Samuel Burland School Yard - Land Dedication Reserve**
File EP-2

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the cost to construct an asphalt pad to allow students to be active during recesses in the spring and fall, to a maximum of $5,000.00, be allocated from the Riel Land Dedication Reserve to the Samuel Burland School Parent's Association.

2. That the criteria of the Council Policy for the Land Dedication Reserve Fund be waived for any expenditures which do not qualify.

3. 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:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 7, 2006, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee and submitted the matter to Council.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 30, 2006, the Riel Community Committee recommended to the Executive Policy Committee:

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2. That the criteria of the Council Policy for the Land Dedication Reserve Fund be waived for any expenditures which do not qualify.

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and forwarded the matter to the Executive Policy Committee.

From: Sharon Wiens
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2006 6:05 PM
To: Swandel, Justin
Cc: Dan Debreuil; Arpena Babaian

Subject: Samuel Burland School Asphalt Play Area

Good Afternoon Councillor Swandel:

Further to our conversation in the foyer of City Hall today, I would like to formally request City funding for an asphalt pad to be partially located on City of Winnipeg property, on the west side of Samuel Burland School, between the school building, and the existing play structure area.

As you are aware, Samuel Burland School and its surrounding fields are adjacent to a City retention pond. This pond attracts hundreds of geese in their migration pattern each spring and fall, and results in serious health and safety concerns for students and the community who use the walkway, baseball diamond, and soccer fields.

To keep students off the feces covered fields, the school implements a “sidewalk recess” policy during this goose proliferation. Samuel Burland School does not currently have enough asphalt play space to allow students to be active during these recesses. Children need regular physically activity to be healthy.

The Samuel Burland Parents’ Association (SPBA) started fundraising for asphalt during the 2004/2005 school year, and further set aside fundraising money in 2005/2006. With financial assistance from the City of Winnipeg and Louis Riel School Division, we hope to achieve our goal - to have an asphalt pad installed next summer (the end of the 2006/2007 school year).

We anticipate this project will cost in excess of $20,000 based on quotes we received in spring 2005 from Maple Leaf Construction and Top-It Paving and Materials. These quotes were for asphalting narrow strips of land around the perimeter of the school building, as we first thought we needed to stay within school division property. We are currently in the process of securing a new drawing and we will then request new quotes from heavy construction companies.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated support of this very worthwhile endeavour.

Best regards,

Sharon Wiens

SBPA member