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Executive Policy Committee
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Attention: Jo-Ann Park

RE: Disposition of Kelvin Community Centre

General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres 2006 Community Centre District Plan as presented to Executive Policy Committee included the recommendation, that the Kelvin Community Centre, except the Field House, be declared surplus to the City's requirements and be moved from the community Centre Inventory. This motion was adopted by EPC and subsequently by Council.

In making this recommendation, many factors were taken into consideration. These included an evaluation of seven indicators that were outlined in the 2004 Community Centre Task Force Report. These components were looked at with due consideration of all other criteria in order to evaluate the contributions and impact that the individual community centre has had in the community. The review focuses on the past/current operations of the centre. In this review, Kelvin Community Centre ranked 70th out of the 71 Community Centres.

Community Centres are mandated to provide recreational and leisure programming to their area residents. These needs have been and will continue to be met by the surrounding community centres.

Sincerely,

Steve Bemrose
President, GCWCC

Kelvin Community Centre	**President: Vacant**
281 Henderson Hwy.	**Phone:**
Phone: 667-9186	**Work:**

Age: 1949
Land: 4.45 acres
Sq. Ft. 9069
Population: 6395
% of Low Income: 27.7 (Average 24.7%)

Indoor Amenities:
The community centre amenities are situated on three levels.
Main Level – Office, Canteen/Kitchen, Washrooms, Change Rooms (3,882 sq. ft)
Lower Level - Multi Purpose Room, Storage Rooms (2,097 sq ft)
Upper Level - Hall (1,556 sq ft)

Field House:
6 Change rooms, Common Area, Washrooms (1,266 sq ft)

Garage: (971 sq ft)

Players Box: (268 sq ft)

Outdoor Amenities:
2 Baseball Diamonds, 2 Rinks, 2 Mini Soccer Fields, (Play Ground Equipment was dismantled in the summer of 2006 due to safety issues.)

Programs:
- Community Centre Program Report (2006) – Soccer, Hockey, Summer Youth-Drop-In, Karate (Rental), Sunday Church Service (Rental)

‣Program History – a number of factors have left the past boards struggling to program this facility for the area residents. The amenities of the centre and the design of the facility do not allow for varied programming activities and do not allow full accessibility for seniors and the handicapped. The upstairs hall also posses challenges for senior and programming for young children. The children of the Kelvin Boundary Area have for many years been served by the surrounding community centres.

‣Future Programming Opportunities – as well as being served by Bronx Park and Chalmers Community Centres, the City of Winnipeg in partnership with the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres are pursuing partnership for alternative children/youth programming opportunities with neighbour schools and other leisure facilities within the Glenelm and Chalmers Neighbourhoods.

Issues:

‣Governance – The community centre has had difficulty in maintaining an active volunteer base for many years. In 1996 the centre faced closure due to lack of volunteers and citing a lack of program participation. The community rallied when they realized the centre was about to close and a new board was elected however within months the volunteer members again dropped off. Over time the day to day management has been left to the caretaker/maintenance staff.

‣Amenities – the design of the facility is not amenable to offer many programs. The main building was built on three levels. The floor plan leaves little space for programs and is problematic to program.

‣Condition of Facilities – the facility is 57 years old and in need of upgrading. In 2004 the replacement of the centre requiring 1.6M in capital and maintenance needs (based on $176 per sq ft).

- Condition of Outdoor Facilities - the Field House is in need of some major repairs, such as a new roof and replacement of insulation. The athletic fields are in need of upgrading and could be reconfigured to better meet the needs of the surrounding community. The rinks are in good condition.

Future Plans:

Kelvin Community Centre has been declared as a surplus facility by the City of Winnipeg. The disposal of the site has been turned over to the City of Winnipeg Real Estate Division. The grounds and rinks behind the centre will be maintained as green space. A reconfiguration of the fields could be pursued, based on community needs. A new Field House could possibly be incorporated on the site along with a play site.

Boundary Alignment:

The current boundary area will be reconfigured with the boundaries of the neighbouring community centres (Bronx Park and Chalmers).