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Item No. 16 Trappistes Monastery Heritage Park
(St. Norbert Ward)
eFile FI-2(35)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 14, 2010, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Council Decision of January 26, 1994 designating the net sales proceeds of the rue du Monastere lands to fund the construction of a bridge to cross the La Salle River in the adjacent park be amended to allow the transfer of up to $200,000.00 of the net proceeds to help fund works on the City land at the site in conjunction with works being done by Southwood Golf Club and the Province of Manitoba. Such works may include the upgrade of the gravel road and related works as outlined by Group Action St. Norbert.

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 July 14, 2010, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS on January 26, 1994, Council approved the acquisition of certain lands from Genstar which included lands along rue du Monastere;

AND WHEREAS on January 26, 1994, Council directed the former Land Surveys and Real Estate Department to proceed with a subdivision of these lands and directed that the net sales proceeds be designated to fund the construction of a bridge to cross the La Salle River in the adjacent park;

AND WHEREAS on March 26, 2003, Council authorized the Director of Planning, Property and Development to commence marketing the subject lands for sale in accordance with the Council decision of January 27, 1994.

AND WHEREAS the City has since sold the subject lands;

AND WHEREAS early estimates for the building of a pedestrian bridge across the La Salle River make its construction cost prohibitive;

AND WHEREAS Group'Action St. Norbert, has been working with the Province of Manitoba and Southwood Golf and Country Club to develop a vision for the area that includes investments in excess of $1.5 million by the Province in the Ruins site and $2.1 million by Southwood in the adjacent public areas;

AND WHEREAS Group'Action St. Norbert believe there is an opportunity for the City of Winnipeg to significantly enhance the final result of the relocation of the Southwood Golf and Country Club and the current restoration of the adjacent Monastery Ruins to the benefit of the community by addressing the following long-standing issues:

- Improving pedestrian and cycling access to the Trappistes Monastery Park site via rue des Trappistes and rue des Ruines Des Monastere while creating longer term opportunities for connecting this area to the new Duff Roblin Provincial Park, the St. Norbert Heritage Park and La Barrière Park as well as the active transportation network in South Winnipeg,

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

- Creating the possibility for future City public transit while enabling tour bus access to the Trappistes Monastery Park site via rue des Ruines du Monastere for special events
- Enhancing Public access to the City's green corridor adjacent to the Trappistes Monastery Park and the St. Norbert Arts Centre,
- Upgrade way-finding signage on rue des Trappistes to visibly identify the area as a tourism and special event destination,
- Improving security and decrease vandalism at the site by enhancing pedestrian access, lighting and security,
- Increasing public awareness of the history and natural environment of St. Norbert and its role as the birthplace of Manitoba in 1870,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council Decision of January 26, 1994 designating the net sales proceeds of the rue du Monastere lands to fund the construction of a bridge to cross the La Salle River in the adjacent park be amended to allow the transfer of up to $200,000.00 of the net proceeds to help fund works on the City land at the site in conjunction with works being done by Southwood Golf Club and the Province of Manitoba. Such works may include the upgrade of the gravel road and related works as outlined by Group Action St. Norbert,

and submitted to Council.