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Minute No. 448
Report - Standing Policy Committee on Property and Community Services – June 28, 2010

Item No. 4 Community Incentive Grant – Winnipeg Adult Education Centre (Daniel McIntyre Ward)
eFile PR-2.6(32)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and the City Centre Community Committee and submits the following to Council:

1. That the following eligibility criteria for the Community Incentive Grant Program be waived in this instance, namely:

   A. Organization is not a non-profit organization offering sport or recreation services or is a non-profit community organization that contributes to the health and well being of the community, through the development of a sport or recreation capital project; that is accessible to the community.

2. That a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $10,000.00, funded from the Daniel McIntyre Ward allocation, be approved to the Winnipeg Adult Education Centre to assist with the cost of the Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden project, subject to the following conditions:

   A. Confirmation of other funding sources;
   B. Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the Director of Community Services; and
   C. The applicant entering into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg.

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

Pursuant to the Voting Requirements By-law No. 126/2003, any Community Incentive Grant that does not comply with the terms contained in the Community Incentive Grant Policy requires approval by two-thirds of the Members present at Council.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,

That the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and the City Centre Community Committee be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 28, 2010, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 8, 2010, the City Centre Community Committee did not concur in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommends to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

Further on June 8, 2010, Rhonda Morrissette, Teacher Librarian, Winnipeg Adult Education Centre, submitted a communication (undated), in support of the Community Incentive Grant application for the Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden project.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

ISSUE: Community Incentive Grant – Winnipeg Adult Education Centre

Critical Path: City Center Community Committee

AUTHORIZATION

Author	Department Head	CFO	CAO
M. Kowal	C. Wightman		

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Community Services Department recommends that the Community Incentive Grant application from the Winnipeg Adult Education Centre, for the Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden project, in the amount of $50,000, be denied.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Public Service review of Community Incentive Grant proponent applications is required.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Community Incentive Grant Program is funded under the Annual Capital Budget.

Project Name: Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden
Amount Requested: $50,000.00
Total Project Cost: $118,692.00

This application does not meet the following criteria approved by Council in 1996:
Organization is not a non–profit community organization offering sport or recreation services or is a non-profit community organization that contributes to the health and well-being of the community; through the development of a sport or recreation capital project; that is accessible to the community.

HISTORY

Please refer to the attachments.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** May 10, 2010

Project Name: **Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden** **First Year of Program** **2010**

Community Incentive Grant

Name of Organization: Winnipeg Adult Education Centre

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 50,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	50,000	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Enter Description Here	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Original Signed By:

Cindy Fernandes, CMA

Manager, Finance & Administrative Services

CONSULTATION

In preparing this Report there was consultation with:

- The applicant, Winnipeg Adult Education Centre

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Community Services
Division: Community Development and Recreation Services
Prepared by: M. Kowal, Recreation Technician, Community Incentive Grant Program
Date: June 1, 2010
File No.

Attachments:


Application



Evaluation


Supporting Documentation

THE CITY OF WINNIPEG
COMMUNITY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM
APPLICATION

Please refer to the "Guide to Applicants" for assistance completing this form.

1. Name of Organization: Winnipeg Adult Education Centre
2. Mailing Address: 310 Vaughan St.
   Postal Code: R3B 2N8 Phone No.: 947-1674
   Fax No: 956-5049 Email: rmorrissette@wsd1.org
3. Name of designated officials to be contacted about this application:
   Name: Rhonda Morrissette Phone (Res.): 223-1152
   Position: Teacher-librarian Phone (Bus.): 947-1674
   Name: Gary Comack Phone (Res.): 694-5189
   Position: Principal Phone (Bus.): 947-1674
4. How long has the organization been in operation? Since 1967
5. **CIGP Requested Amount** $up to $50,000.00 (Max. 50% of Total Project Cost)

LIST OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING	AMOUNT	CONFIRMED
SOURCE # 1. Winnipeg Foundation	$ 20,000	YES ☑ NO ☐
SOURCE # 2. Investor's Group	$ 10,000	YES ☑ NO ☐
SOURCE # 3. Manitoba Community Places	$ 11,500	YES ☑ NO ☐
SOURCE # 4. Magitoba Community Services Council	$ 12,000	YES ☑ NO ☐
#5 Manitoba Hydro	$ 5,000	YES ☑
Total Project Cost	$ 118,692.00	

Has this project received prior funding under the Community Incentive Grant Program? YES ☐ NO ☑

6. Name of Project: Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden
7. Location of Project: Wpg. Adult Ed. Centre / Isbister School - South side - please see attached site plan
   Preferred Start Date: May, 2010 End Date: June, 2011
8. **Detailed Project Description: Attach on separate sheets or use the reverse side of this application.**

APPLICANT SIGNATURES

I/We hereby certify that I/we am/are the authorized signing officer(s) of the applying organization and this application is accurate to the best of my/our knowledge.

SIGNATURE	TITLE/POSITION	DATE
R. Morrissette	Teacher-librarian	April 29, 2010
G. Comack	PRINCIPAL	APRIL 30. 2010

Winnipeg

COMMUNITY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM
APPLICATION EVALUATION

Applicant:	**Winnipeg Adult Education Centre**	Total Project Cost:	**$118,692.00**
Project Description:	**Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden**	Grant Requested:	**$50,000.00**
		Maximum Allowed:	**$59,346.00**
Date of Application:	**May 10, 2010**		
		% of Total Project Cost:	**42.1 %**

Funding Source	Amount	Confirmed
Winnipeg Foundation	$20,000.00	Yes
Investors Group	$10,000.00	Yes
Manitoba Community Places Program	$11,500.00	Yes
Manitoba Community Services Council	$12,000.00	Yes
Manitoba Hydro	$5,000.00	Yes
Total	$58,500.00	

Meets Program Eligibility and Selection Criteria		Yes	No
1 a)	Organization is a non-profit community organization offering sport or recreation services or is a non-profit community organization that contributes to the health and well being of the community;		X
b)	through the development of a sport or recreation capital project;	X	
c)	that is accessible to the community;	X	
2	Makes a significant contribution to the long-term benefit of the community at large in terms of improved facilities.	X	
3	Does not compete with or duplicate other community facilities.	X	
4	Benefits the community a large and remains accessible to all members of the community.	X	
5	Includes confirmation of sufficient resources to maintain and operate completed projects.	X	
6	Clearly articulates a plan of activities including projected work schedules, material, labour, equipment and other project requirements. Project leads to the completion of a substantial physical product.	X	
7	Is feasible within the project management capabilities of the applicant.	X	
8	Total project funding is confirmed.	X	
9	Does not include any funds from the City.	X	

Criteria Exceptions:

Organization is not a non-profit community organization offering sport or recreation services or is a non-profit community organization that contributes to the health and well being of the community; through the development of a sport or recreation capital project; that is accessible to the community.

Department Financial Implications:

Departmental Recommendations:

That this application be denied.

Prepared By: Community Services Department

Date: **May 10, 2010**

Application Evaluation Revised September 25, 2003

WINNIPEG ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE

310 Vaughan Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2N8
Telephone 947 - 1674
Fax 956 – 5049

G. Comack, B.A.,B.Ed. Principal | J. Tardiff, B.A., B.Ed. Vice-Principal | M. Quinsey, B.Ed. Vice-Principal | J. Deitz, B. PE., C. Ed., P. B. C. E. Vice-Principal

April 29, 2010

Request for Support:
Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden

Agency Information

Name of organization: **Children's Heritage Fund**
Charitable registration**: #88886-0590- RR 0001**
Address: **Winnipeg Adult Education Centre (W.A.E.C.), 310 Vaughan St.**
Postal code: **R3B 2N8** Telephone: **947-1674** Fax: **956-5049**
Year established: **1967** Web site: http://www.wsd1.org/waec
Number of employees: Full-time **74** Part-time **24 (EAL Evening Program)**
Primary contacts:
Rhonda Morrissette, Teacher-libriarian rmorrissette@wsd1.org
Gary Comack, Principal gcomack@wsd1.org

Brief description of the Winnipeg Adult Education Centre:

The Winnipeg Adult Education Center Mission Statement is "WAEC provides students with the opportunities to achieve academic success and personal growth in a mature adult and supportive environment."

Opened in 1967 as part of The Winnipeg School Division, WAEC provides adults with an opportunity to graduate or improve their academic preparation for post secondary pursuits. Since then, WAEC has grown to currently offer a variety of programs for over 2200 adults each year. The student body represents a cultural and economic diversity that includes large numbers of Aboriginal peoples, immigrants, refugees, unemployed and the working poor, all of whom try to improve their academic status (in most cases while working and meeting family obligations) and graduate with a high school diploma. To enhance student success, many adaptations have been made to courses and scheduling; provision of academic supports and counseling; and multiple intake points. However, students identify the supportive staff and welcoming atmosphere as major reasons for their success. Staff are known to consistently go 'the extra mile' to afford students the opportunity to succeed.

Governing Body

The Winnipeg School Division

Mission Statement

In recognition that Canada is the heart, soul, and spirit of the First People, the Winnipeg School Division (WSD) and the Winnipeg Adult Education Centre (WAEC) wish to construct a permanent outdoor representation of "The Medicine Wheel". This symbol of welcome and healing will promote acceptance and understanding for all Canadians; revitalize the greening of downtown and fit in with the Downtown Green Spaces strategy.

Project Description

The Medicine Wheel and its teachings resonates with the central idea of hope and opportunity so preciously sought after by all Canadians; both First Peoples and those who emigrated here from other lands. The Medicine Wheel's circular path represents the life journey of all people from the beginning of their lives through to the wisdom of all our Elders, and inherent in this is the paramount importance of knowledge achieved through education, experience and humility. The four cardinal directions, which point to all directions of the earth, capture the central belief that all of humanity is connected through spirit no matter from whence they came.

As importantly, the Medicine Wheel is about healing and wellness, recognizing that healing can only be achieved through kindness, temperance and an acceptance of difference.

Finally, the Medicine Wheel as a symbol of hope extends and offers the possibility of a brighter future for all Canadians. This innovative one-of-a-kind structure will be the first permanent and sustainable "Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden" in all of Canada. It will be installed and landscaped in a way that will be inviting to all WAEC students, visiting students, educators and the Winnipeg downtown community. Staff and students will be integrating Medicine Wheel teachings into curriculum for indoor and outdoor activities.

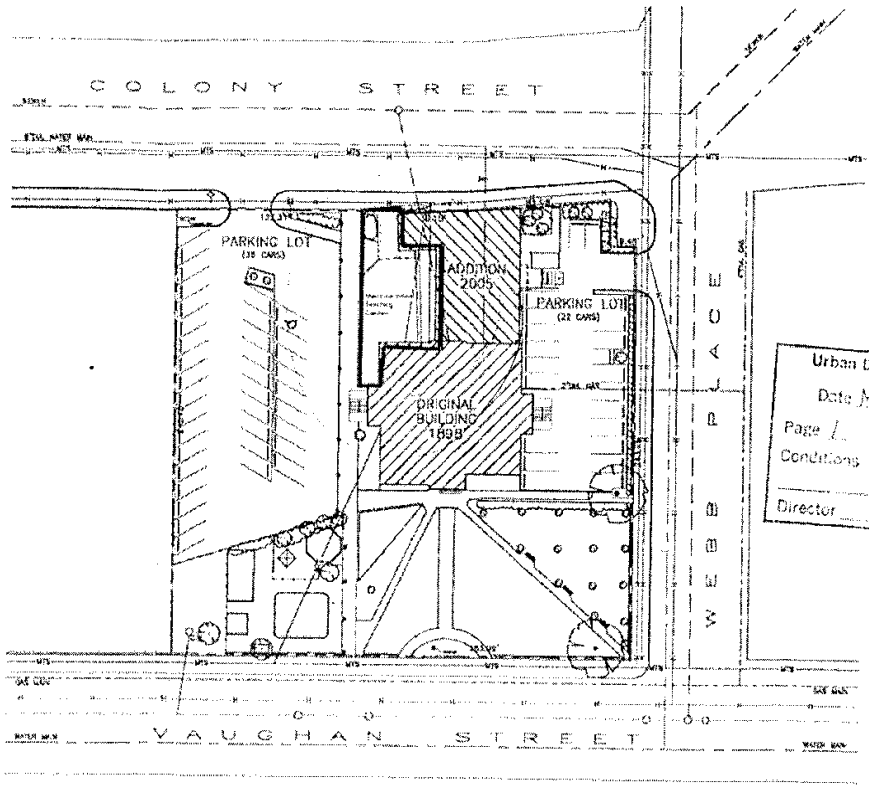
Project Objectives

Objectives for this project are focussed on creating:

- A warm and inviting space appropriate for conducting Aboriginal teachings.
- A greater sense of belonging at W.A.E.C. students, inclusive of Aboriginal students.
- An available space for integrating Aboriginal teachings and philosophy into Biology, Native Studies, Geography, Chemistry and all other curriculum.
- A stage and a context for teaching and reinforcing the concepts of sustainability.
- A space that will invite other members of the community to have access to the Medicine Wheel traditions. This would include teachers and students from other schools in the divisions, students at the University of Winnipeg and all citizens in our community.

Project Participants & Supporters

1. The W.A.E.C. Committee which includes:
    - Dr. Heather Robinson Science Educator,
    - Rhonda Morrissette, Teacher-librarian
    - Dushant Persaud, Principal, 2006-2008
    - Gary Comack, Principal, 2008 - current
    - Maureen Quinsey, Vice-principal
    - Ollie Zirka, Native Studies Educator
    - W.A.E.C. Student Representatives
    - Linda Marynuk, Aboriginal Education Support Teacher
    - Nickie Batzel, Aboriginal Education Consultant
2. Winnipeg School Division Building Dept., Murray McLenahan & J.J. Ham
3. McGowan Russell Group, Susan Russell & Darcy Fisher, Landscape Architects
4. Ron Bell and Dave Courchene, Elders
5. Marlene Gallagher, Manitoba Aboriginal Education Directorate
6. Jim Silver & Judith Harris, Urban and Inner City Studies
7. Lloyd Axworthy, Dean, University of Winnipeg
8. Kevin Chief, U of W Innovative Learning Centre
9. Staff of the day W.A.E.C. and evening EAL programs
10. Brian Rice, Faculty of Education, University of Winnipeg
11. Lee Caldwell, City of Winnipeg Planner
12. David Firman, Provincial and Heritage Planner
13. Winnipeg School Division School Board Trustees
14. Winnipeg School Division Central District Superintendent, C. Caetano-Gomes
15. Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
16. Manitoba First Nations Support Centre



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LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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BLOCK - 3
PLAN No. 178
O.S. - 1
PARISH OF ST. BONIFACE

0 20 40 60 80 FT.

LEGEND:

THE WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

SCHOOL:
ISBISTER BLDG. (W.A.E.C.)

SITE AREA: 1.43 ACRES
BUILDING AREA 0.24 ACRES

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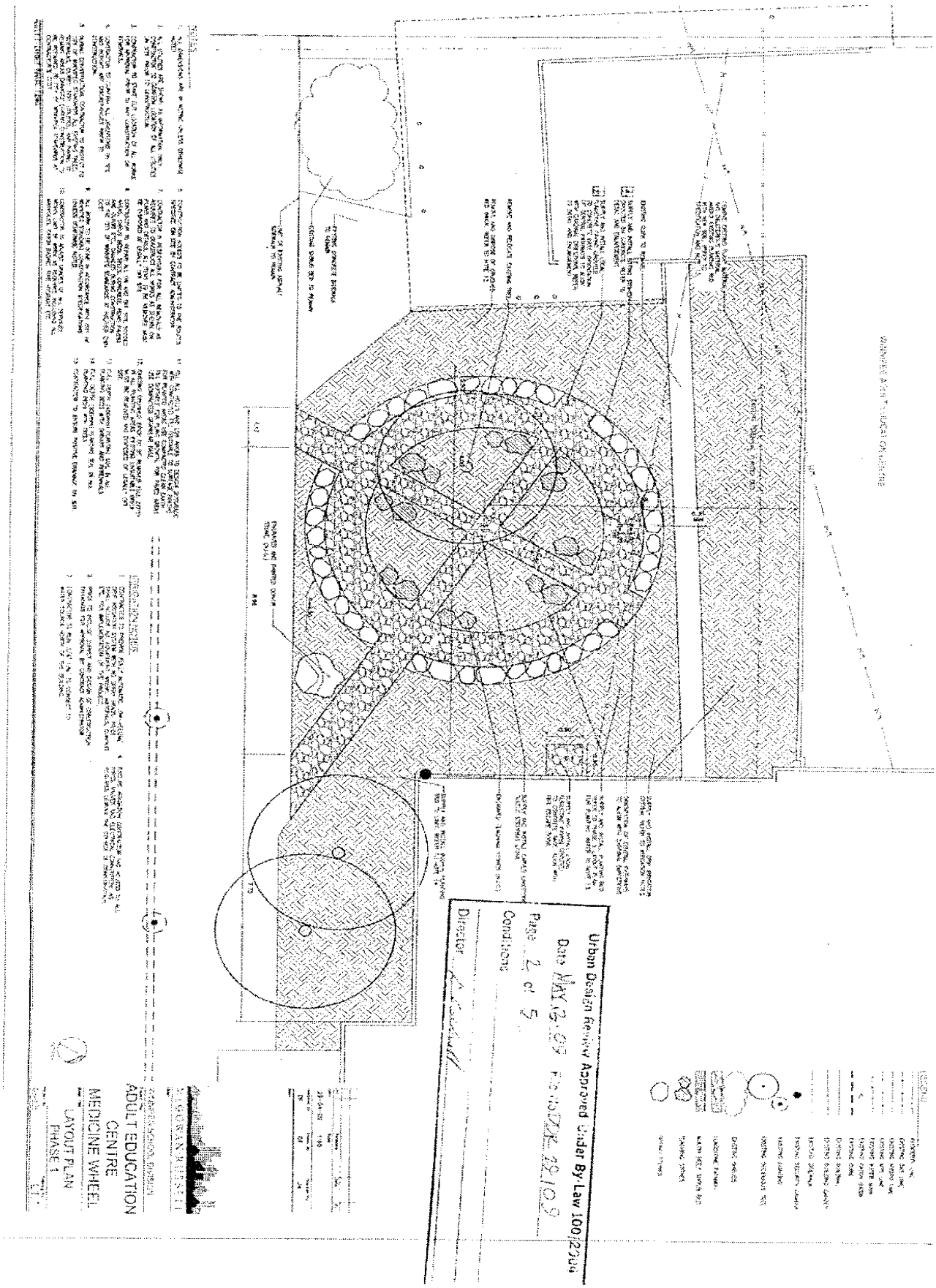
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LAYOUT PLAN
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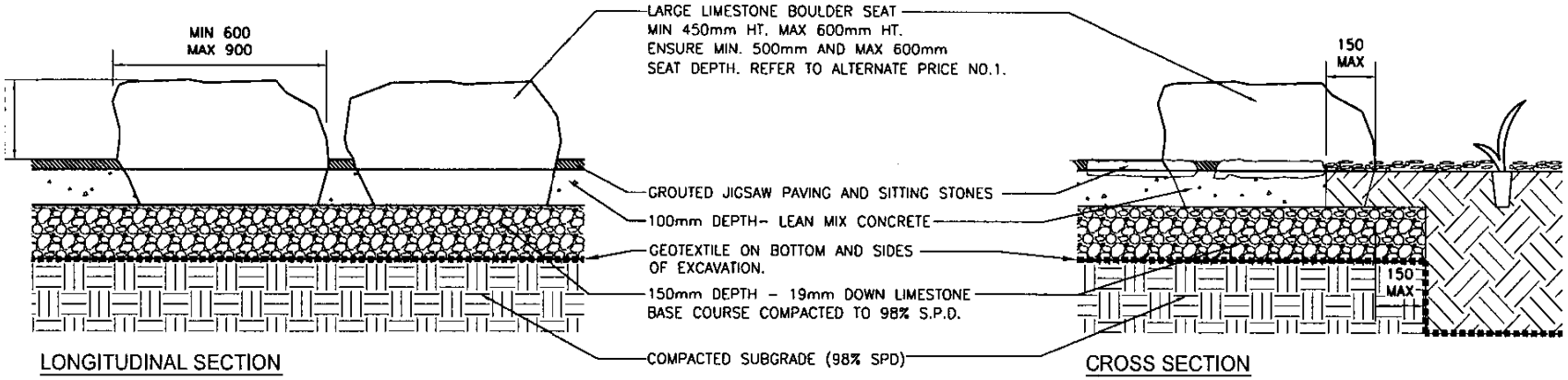

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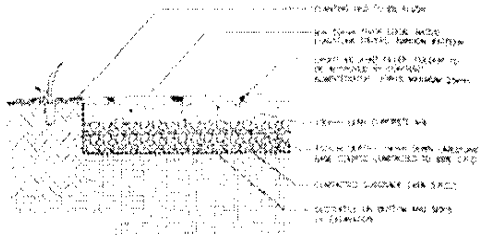

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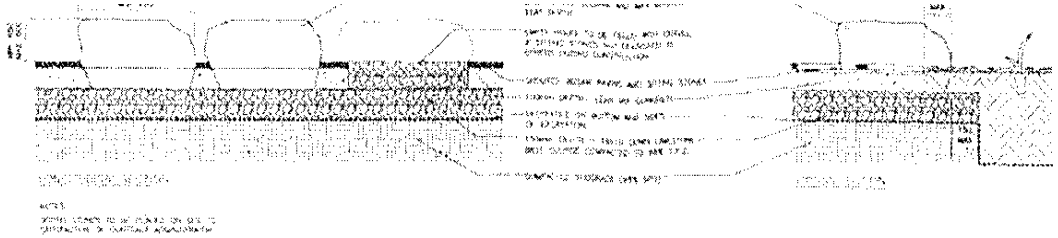

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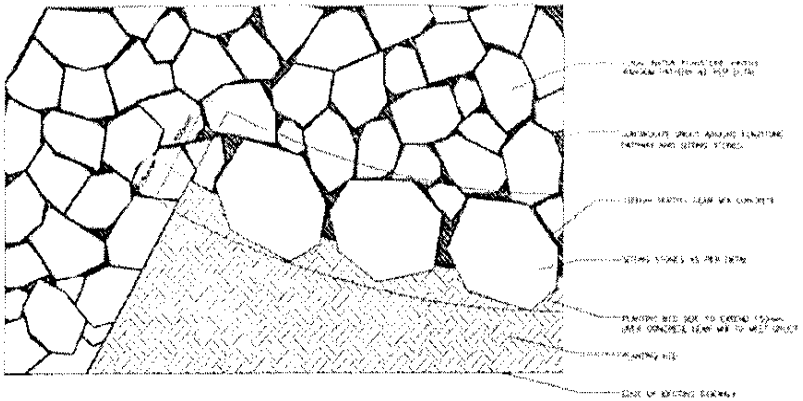

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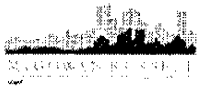

ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE
MEDICINE WHEEL

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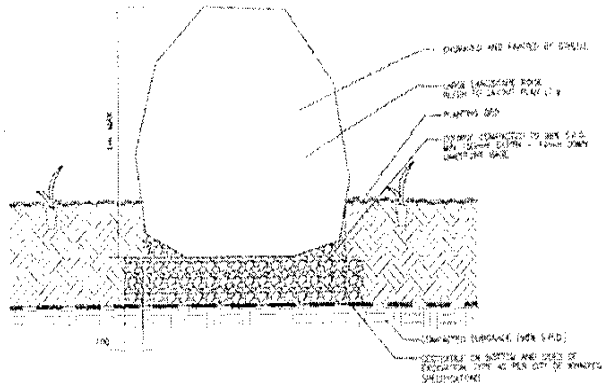

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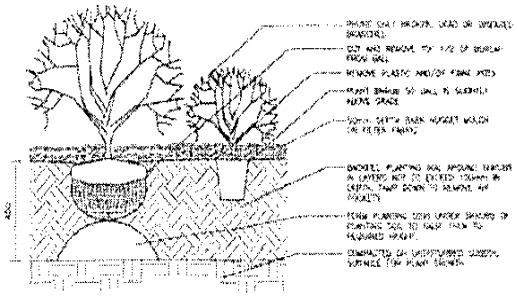

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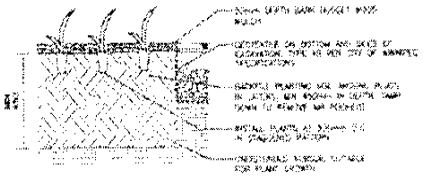

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ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE
MEDICINE WHEEL

DETAILS

Evidence of Need for This Project:

The Aboriginal community continues to grow at a significant rate in the province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg. Increasingly, Aboriginal students are seeking out educational opportunities through WAEC and other educational institutions joining the ranks of new immigrants seeking the chance to contribute to Canadian society in positive and enriching ways. Winnipeg has been an innovator and a leader in recognizing the importance of knowledge and of sharing the experiences of its citizens as they have struggled to achieve a better way of life. The proposed human rights museum is one example of this and the Medicine Project can be seen as an extension of this vision for the City of Winnipeg, and the focus upon the importance of education both as an institutional and societal responsibility. Additionally, revitalizing our downtown has been an ongoing issue and initiative for both the province and the city and through the "birth" of the Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden we can concretely illustrate our commitment to this worthy endeavour. Finally, as the citizens of Winnipeg see and participate in the "Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden" they will be presented with a visible symbol of respect and recognition of a people who have struggled with many of the same issues faced by the new citizens of our city and our country.

Please see attached formal **letters of support** from:

- Turtle Lodge, Dave Courchene Jr.
- Kevin Chief, University of Winnipeg
- Jim Silver, University of Winnipeg
- Ron Bell, Petroform KA3, Manitoba Conservation
- Youth Encouraging Sustainability (Y.E.S.), Dr. Robinson
- Judith Harris, University of Winnipeg
- R. Kusmaczk, President, Fred Douglas Place
- Margaret Turnbull, President, Kiwanis Chateau Resident's Council
- Denise Young, Director of Administration, Booth College
- Cheryl Martens, Furby Street Resident

Indicators of Success:

The measure of success of this project will be realized largely in the completion of a visible symbol and message conveyed through the "Teaching Garden". Currently there is little that represents the First People in this part of downtown and that conveys the message of hope and opportunity to all. And while the WAEC is attempting to be more consumer sensitive there is also very little that represents the First People in the facility proper.

It is expected that WAEC students will have a greater appreciation for the culture and traditions of the First People and how this is an important and central part of Canadian society. As the project is in progress and is completed we expect a greater use of the concepts and ideas that emerge from this to find its way in curriculum and students work, enriching both the students' participation and the institutions use of culturally sensitive and appropriate materials. The Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden is an active and live symbol that will be utilized by our students and staff for project work,

assignments and research. This will include the use of the teachings about the plants and rocks utilized in the garden as it applies to many courses of study including Native Studies, Biology, Canadian Studies, Family Studies, and English.
Hence we expect that the sight will be an interactive and busy location for our students and others from the immediate area as well as out of town guests who might find benefit in using the garden. We anticipate this landmark will become a well frequented space for quiet, personal reflection and relaxation.
The most visible indicator of success will be illustrated by an increase usage of the site and a growing sense of respect and awareness of the aesthetic and appreciation for the diversity of our great city which includes the First People of Canada.

Project Budget:

Annual operating and maintenance costs will be covered by the Winnipeg Adult Education Centre and the Winnipeg School Division.

Phase I –May, 2010 irrigation system, foundation, sitting stones, pathways	$74,343.00
Phase II – Fall, 2010 – fall planting, donar stone, inukshuk	$34,349.00
Phase III – spring, 2011 – spring planting, further interpretive work	$10,000.00
Total projected cost	$118,692.00

Please see Architect plans attached.

TURTLE LODGE
Anishnabe Mikinack Kinamakamik, Inc.
PO Box 121 Pine Falls, MB R0E 1M0 CANADA
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Winnipeg Adult Education Centre
310 Vaughan Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2N8

July 6, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: MEDICINE WHEEL TEACHING GARDEN PROJECT

This letter is to offer support of the Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden Project being undertaken by the Winnipeg Adult Education Centre (WAEC). The proposed space will:

- Create a welcoming space appropriate for outdoor medicine wheel teachings, reflection and relaxation
- Involve Aboriginal students in the project planning
- Create a greater sense of belonging at WAEC and in the downtown community for Aboriginal people
- Integrate Medicine Wheel teachings into biology, Native studies, geography, English and chemistry curricular courses
- Create a space that will invite other members of the community to have access to the Medicine Wheel traditions. This would include teachers and students from other schools in the divisions, students at the University of Winnipeg and all citizens in the community.

The Medicine Wheel is a very sacred symbol to First Nations people, and the construction of a Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden will offer a unique opportunity for us to share our knowledge and understanding of life as First Nations people.

The Turtle Lodge, a sacred lodge of traditional learning and healing led by First Nations people, located in Sagkeeng First Nation, joins with the WAEC as a Project Partner in the Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden Project.

Sincerely,

Dave Courchene, Jr.
Neeghani Aki Innini, Anishnabe Nation, Eagle Clan
Turtle Lodge Director

Date: June 24, 2008

Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden Project
Expression of Support

To: The Project Participants of the Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden Project.

From: Innovative Learning Centre (I.L.C.)
University of Winnipeg

I/we support the project participants of the Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden Project in creating a Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden space on the grounds at Winnipeg Adult Education Centre.

This project can benefit my organization in the following way:
We have a shared mission with this project in that we are seeking to create a sense of belonging for young people to engage in academic pursuits while finding a way of keeping traditions alive, embracing cultural diversity and valuing the environment.

Kevin Chief
Name

Coordinator - I.L.C.
Position

University of Winnipeg
Organization

Gerri Zacharias
Name

Program Facilitator I.L.C.
Position

University of Winnipeg
Organization

THE UNIVERSITY OF
WINNIPEG
Department of Politics
Département d'études politiques

June 27, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked to write in support of the application by the Winnipeg Adult Education Centre for the funding of their Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden Project. I am delighted to have the opportunity to do so and strongly support their application.

I had the pleasure of attending the Winnipeg Adult Education Centre's June 25, 2008 graduation ceremony. It was marvelous. What was particularly gratifying was the very high proportion of newcomers and Aboriginal people among the large graduating class. The WAEC plays an important role in educating these particularly rapidly growing parts of Winnipeg's population. In doing so the institution is making an exceptionally important contribution to our city's and province's future.

The idea of a Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden is a very good one. And it is appropriate that it should be located at the downtown site of the WAEC. The Medicine Wheel has deep importance in Aboriginal cultures. I have seen and have written about its powerful role in an educational setting at the Urban Circle Training Centre, where adult Aboriginal students are taught about and make use of the Medicine Wheel as part of the process of reclaiming their cultures and their sense of identity. The Medicine Wheel plays an important role in healing, in de-colonization. This is an essential part of the process by which Aboriginal people are coming to take their rightful place in Winnipeg, and doing so as people proud of their Aboriginal heritage and identity. A Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden will play a similarly important role at the WAEC.

The fact that Aboriginal students will be involved in the design of the Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden, and the fact that it will be a space in which others can share in learning about Aboriginal cultures, makes this a particularly attractive project.

I should add that I think the Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden will be incorporated into course work here at the University of Winnipeg. We now have an undergraduate program in Aboriginal Governance, and as of 2008-09, a graduate program in Aboriginal Governance, and in addition we have a new Urban and Inner-City Studies program that has a strong Aboriginal character to it. These programs, and others, will benefit from the proximity of the Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden, and I am confident will incorporate the Garden into their teaching.

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Finally, I see this as an important contribution to the revitalization of our downtown. There are in the downtown very few, if any, public symbols of the Aboriginal presence in our city. This is a shame. The Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden will be a step in the direction of rectifying that serious omission. What is more, programs offered to downtown office workers and visitors to our city that bring them to the Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden to learn something about Aboriginal cultures would be a very attractive part of a downtown revitalization strategy, at a cost that will be a fraction of most revitalization initiatives that have been tried to date.

I very strongly support this excellent project, and urge you to consider contributing financially to its success. If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at 786-9085 or j.silver@uwinnipeg.ca.

Sincerely:

Jim Silver
Professor and Chair, Department of Politics
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June 23, 2008

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To The Project Participants of the Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden Project:

I, Ron Bell, keeper of the Petroforms have met with representatives and understand the goals behind the "Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden Project". I wish to offer my support to the project participants with the goal to create a Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden space at the Winnipeg Adult Education Centre. I feel that this site will be a welcome addition to the downtown area.

As keeper of the Petroforms I have the opportunity to speak with large volumes of people about the historical aspect of the land as well as many teachings, including the medicine wheel. I see the need for this project and anticipate success in the future as these teachings are relevant to everyone, no matter the age or background.

Respectfully yours,

Standing Buffalo Man

Ron Bell

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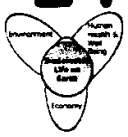

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Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden Project

Date: June 26, 2008

Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden Project
Expression of Support

To: The Project Participants of the Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden Project.

From: Dr. Heather Robinson
Past—president Science Council Manitoba.
Chair Y.E.S. Project (Youth Encouraging Sustainability)

I/we support the project participants of the Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden Project in creating a Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden space on the grounds at Winnipeg Adult Education Centre.

This project can benefit my organization in the following way:

The Y.E.S. Committee will be designing a Field Camp focused on using the W.A.E.C. Medicine Wheel Garden and the Whiteshell Petroforms for the purpose of research/development of Sustainability projects on Ecocultural spaces.

Dr. H. A. Robinson	Dr. H.A. Robinson
Name	Name
Chair Y.E.S. Project	
Position	Position
Science Council Manitoba	
Organization	Organization

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URBAN AND INNER CITY STUDIES

February 9, 2009

I am writing this letter of support for the Adult Education Centre's proposed medicine wheel garden. Marcel Kithithee, who is a mature student at the AEC, and someone who has spoken to my Urban and Inner-City Studies class about the history and culture of Winnipeg's Aboriginal peoples, has asked me to explain why I believe this new initiative has such great importance to the inner city.

As an instructor at the University of Winnipeg and a resident of the Spence Neighbourhood, I have come to understand the significance of traditional teachings and places of healing for the large Aboriginal population of the inner city. During the past year, I have attended traditional teachings with some of my neighbours. These teachings were hosted by the University of Winnipeg at Wiichiiwaakanak on Ellice Street. This is just one of many places in Winnipeg where Elders are able to provide healing. From observing and listening to people who attended the teachings during the January to April period (there would be from 12- 20 on a given night), it was clear to me that there is a great need for places where Elders can use the medicine wheel for healing. In the inner city, both physical and spiritual healing for low-income and displaced people will contribute to the overall health of the downtown area and its families. I know that especially for Aboriginal people from the north and increasingly for others seeking a place for healing, a medicine wheel garden such as the one proposed at the AEC, will lead to a healthier community.

From a pedagogical perspective, as a place of learning, the medicine wheel garden with its traditional plants and installations (rocks and trees) contributed by northern communities, will attract students and whole classes from the University of Winnipeg and from elementary and secondary institutions in the downtown neighbourhoods.

At this time, it is difficult for people who do not own cars and for disabled and older residents to access the facilities at the Thunderbird House on Main Street. For my neighbours, for my students, and for myself, I am very excited about the plan that has been drawn up for this new medicine wheel. I am sure that people visiting from northern communities and people who have inadequate housing in Winnipeg will be among those who benefit from development of this new site which will become a symbolic touchstone that they can visit at any time as well as a place for more formal teachings.

Sincerely

Judith Harris

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FRED DOUGLAS PLACE

5-Feb-09

Winnipeg Adult Education Centre

Attn: Ms R Morrissette

Ref: Proposed Medicine Wheel Garden

I have reviewed the conceptual plan of the proposed Medicine Wheel garden.

I think this is an excellent idea. It shows a lot of initiative and innovation. What is so outstanding is that this garden is designed with the local Aboriginal residents in mind. It will display traditional cultural values. It will be a source of local pride especially when done in flowers.

The selected area is basically an under- utilized space. It is covered in grass but does nothing to enhance the building or area. This idea has merit!

The proposed automatic sprinkler system will ensure greenery during the hot summer months when the centre is closed.

The residents of this block are more than excited with this proposal. It will be one more plot that is being cared for by people with a special interest. The other plots are the flower beds at Kiwanis Chateau and Fred Douglas Place. Both locations are planted by the individual tenants. The appearance of these flower beds are a source of modesty and pride.

What is even nicer is that this proposed plot is at ground level and will be open to the public.

Spring can't come soon enough to get this project under way!

R Kusmaczk
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Attn: Rhonda Morrissette,

I would like to thank you for showing me around the school last week, and informing me of the tentative plans for a teaching garden. The plans look wonderful. On behalf of the residents of Kiwanis Chateau we heartily support this project. It will be of great value to the community as a whole, not only as a lovely added feature to beautify the school yard, but will offer members of the community a place to sit and enjoy the outdoors in a pretty garden setting. Our residents have received a great deal of enjoyment from the existing garden on Vaughan St., which many of our residents tend with loving care, and we look forward to enjoying the new garden.
Good luck with this project.
Sincerely,

Margaret Turnbull

Margaret Turnbull
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March 4, 2009

Rhonda Morrissette
Winnipeg Adult Education Centre
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Dear Ms Morrissette:

Please accept my sincere apologies for not being able to respond to your request for a letter of support by your original deadline.

I am however, please to advise you that this has been brought to our cabinet and Booth College would be very please to support your proposal for the creation of your Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden Project.

It has been a pleasure having your organization as a neighbour and we hope that you are successful in the approval of your proposal.

Sincerely,

Denise Young,
Director of Administration

DY/gcm

February 16, 2009

Mars Kithithee

453 Victor St.

Winnipeg, Mb

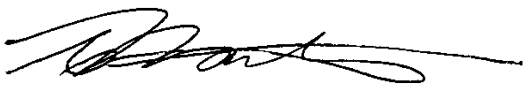
Dear Mars,

I am writing in support of the Medicine Wheel Garden. I feel that you and those you are working with have developed a positive and interesting approach to creating a space where Aboriginal people and others can feel comfortable and respected.

I have lived in this area for many years, and while there is often lip-service paid to the development of Aboriginal areas within our community – the concepts seldom move past the idea stage to the reality stage. As you know, there are many Aboriginal people living in our area and it would be great if there was a space (there could be several spaces for that matter) that reflected the values that Aboriginal people hold dear.

I also feel that the design you are submitting looks beautiful. It will be a space that everyone in this community can feel proud of – and happy to be in. Thank you for being committed to this community and for providing the possibility of such a wonderful space. I wish you luck as you attempt to make it a reality.

Take care,



Cheryl Martens

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In reply please refer to / Référence à rappeler :

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May 15, 2009

Darcy Fisher
McGowan Russell
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Dear Ms Fisher:

RE: APPLICATION FOR URBAN DESIGN REVIEW DDR No. 29/09 FOR GARDEN AT 310 VAUGHAN STREET UNDER PROVISION OF THE DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG ZONING BY-LAW 100/2004.

All Downtown Winnipeg development, redevelopment, expansion, demolition, or exterior alteration visible from public rights-of way or rivers is subject to urban design review and must be approved by the Director prior to commencement. Urban design approval is required whether or not the proposal requires a building permit, development permit, variance order, conditional use order, or other approval.

Urban Design Review is primarily intended to ensure thoughtful integration into local context; consistency with the standards articulated in Plan Winnipeg and CentrePlan; and promotion of high-quality urban design throughout the downtown. The Director has approved DDR No. 29/09 under the provision of By-Law No. 100/04 according to the attached drawings:

- For the addition of a medicine wheels teaching garden at the south east corner of the Winnipeg Adult Education Facility.

PLEASE NOTE: This approval does not take the place of any other approvals or permits required. Where applicable, permits and licenses must be obtained under the Building, Streets and any other relevant By-Laws.

If modifications to the improvements as proposed occur between now and final completion, please let us know. Enclosed herewith please find the stamped/approved drawings.

Yours truly,

Marsha Christiuk
Planner

Medicine Wheel Teaching Garden Project

- A permanent outdoor representation of The Medicine Wheel as a symbol of welcome and healing to promote acceptance and understanding for all Canadians -

Goals for this project include creating...

- a warm and inviting space appropriate for conducting teachings related to Aboriginal people including First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives.
- a greater sense of belonging at W.A.E.C. and student recognition of the values inherent in the teaching garden that are also common to their own cultures on which to build better understanding and relationships.
- a stage and context for integrating Aboriginal perspectives into curriculum.
- a stage and context for teaching and reinforcing the concepts of sustainability.
- a stage to help provide an understanding of how our indigenous people and cultures contribute to defining all of us as Canadian.



- a space that will invite other members of the community to have access to the Medicine Wheel traditions. This will include teachers and students from other schools in the division, students at the University of Winnipeg and all citizens in our community.



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Lily & Sage Seed Giveaway

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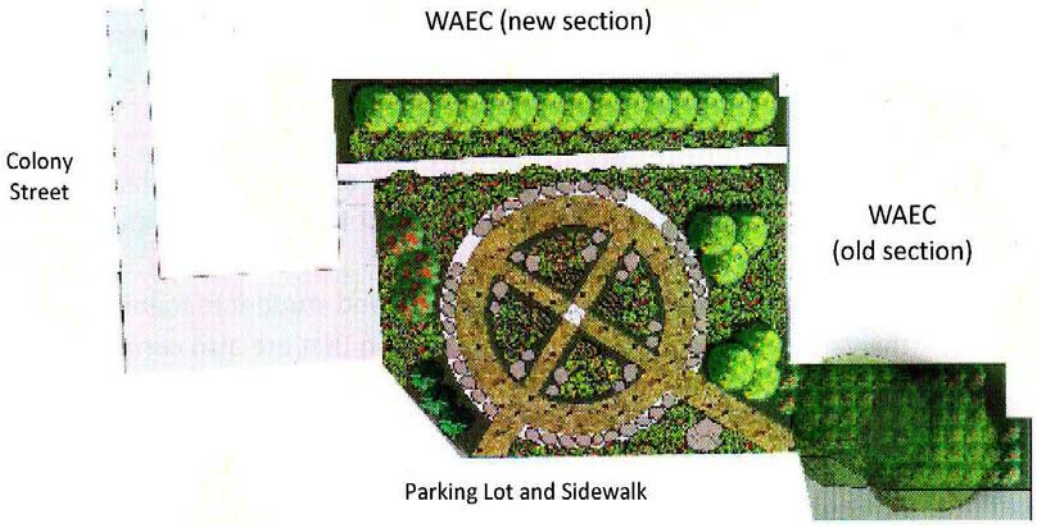
Medicine Wheel Location



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