Agenda - Executive Policy Committee – December 8, 2010

Report –Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – November 15, 2010

Item No. 2 Donation of Painting from the Fort Garry Library to the Upper Fort Garry Interpretive Centre

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 15, 2010, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommends to Council:

1. That the painting of Upper Fort Garry currently located at the Fort Garry Library, 130 Pembina Highway, be decommissioned from the City of Winnipeg and given to the Friends of Upper Fort Garry for the new Upper Fort Garry Interpretive Centre.

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

Report –Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – November 15, 2010

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 15, 2010, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Issue: **Donation of Painting from the Fort Garry Library to the Upper Fort Garry Interpretive Centre**

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, Executive Policy Committee, Council

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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

REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council approval is required, under its general authority provisions, to decommission art donated to the City of Winnipeg.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The painting of Upper Fort Garry currently hanging in the Fort Garry Library is an oil painting on canvas. Measuring over 8 ft. x 12 ft., the painting hangs on an interior wall at the back of the Fort Garry library above the book shelves (Appendix #1). It is not very visible to the public and is poorly illuminated. There is no other space in the Fort Garry Library for it to be displayed properly.

This report recommends the relocation of the painting to a more suitable facility where it can be viewed and enjoyed by the public.

The Friends of Upper Fort Garry have indicated their interest in displaying the painting in the proposed Upper Fort Garry Interpretive Centre. The Friends of Upper Fort Garry (FUFG) were established to raise funds to reclaim and transform the historic lands around Upper Fort Garry into a world class heritage park and interpretive centre for all Manitobans and visitors. The Friends of Upper Fort Garry will be responsible for insuring the painting as part of their inventory when the painting is placed in the new interpretive centre.

As this painting is part of the inventory of the City of Winnipeg, in order to give it to another organization, it must be decommissioned by the City of Winnipeg. If at some point, the Friends of Upper Fort Garry no longer want the painting, it will be returned to the City of Winnipeg.

HISTORY

According to the book Road to the Fork's: A History of the Community of Fort Garry by Nan Shipley, in the late 1890's, the painting hung on the wall behind the bar of the old Starkey House in Carman, Manitoba. The owner of the hotel lost the painting in a wager on a local horse race. The winner of that wager, Mr. Jim Britton, brought the painting to Winnipeg in 1902 to the Cockshutt Plow Company's showrooms. The picture hung there for over forty years. When the Cockshutt Company decided to build new premises in 1948, it was given to Mr. Dale, a Fort Garry resident who was connected with the firm. Mr. Dale offered it to the incoming Mayor of Fort Garry, Mr. W. Scott Neal, in 1955. Mayor Neal had the painting restored, and hung in the Council Chamber of the municipal hall, where it remained until 1975.

On July 3, 1975, as a result of a changeover of the municipal offices to City department use, the painting was presented to the Fort Garry Public Library so that the public could continue to view and enjoy the painting. It has hung in the Fort Garry Library since that time.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** October 18, 2010

Project Name: **First Year of Program** **2010**

Donation of Painting from the Fort Garry Library to the Upper Fort Garry Interpretive Centre

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
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.

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Cindy Fernandes, B. Comm. CMA
Department Controller

CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

Legal Services Department
City Clerks Department

SUBMITTED BY

Department Community Services
Division Library Services
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Appendix #1



Upper Fort Garry Painting

Appendix #1

Photograph of Upper Fort Garry painting currently hanging in Fort Garry Library

