Agenda - Executive Policy Committee – September 14, 2011

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – September 8, 2011

Item No. 4 Naming of City Facility in Honour of James Ernst

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 8, 2011, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends to Council:

1. That the auditorium at the City-owned St. James Civic Centre, located at 2055 Ness Avenue, be named "Jim Ernst Auditorium" or "James Ernst Auditorium", as per the preference of the family.

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:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 8, 2011, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

WHEREAS on February 8, 2011, the Assiniboia Community Committee passed the following resolution:

> WHEREAS from 1973 to 1997, Mr. James (Jim) Arthur Ernst held the office of City Councillor in the former Booth Ward, was Deputy Mayor of the City of Winnipeg and was a member of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly;
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> AND WHEREAS Mr. Ernst was always recognized by his colleagues as a leader who was a results-oriented politician of great integrity;
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> AND WHEREAS Mr. Ernst's love of sports and recreation led him to pioneer the enhancement of "Community Incentive Grants" which to this day assist community groups to build new arenas, community centres and ball parks;
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> AND WHEREAS a number of the public facilities enjoyed today by residents of the City of Winnipeg exist because of his persistent lobbying efforts in this regard;
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> AND WHEREAS his accomplishments include successfully advocating for tax relief for public recreation centres, championing a sports and recreation environment for healthy living, the expansions of the Winnipeg Stadium and Winnipeg Arena and holding the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Team Canada Volleyball Centre;
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> AND WHEREAS the Assiniboia Community Committee is proud to recognize and honour Mr. Ernst's dedication and hard work on behalf of the residents of the City of Winnipeg;
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> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to Community Committee with recommendations pertaining to the renaming of a City facility in honour of Mr. Jim Ernst;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

AND WHEREAS on February 28, 2011, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Assiniboia Community Committee and directed that the Winnipeg Public Service report back to the Assiniboia Community Committee with recommendations pertaining to the renaming of the a City facility in honour of Mr. Jim Ernst;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends to Council:

1. That the auditorium at the City-owned St. James Civic Centre, located at 2055 Ness Avenue, be named “Jim Ernst Auditorium” or “James Ernst Auditorium” as per the preference of the family.