Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management – April 10, 2015

REPORTS

Item No. 4 Commemoration of World War I Centennial

STANDING COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and received the report as information.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

The Chairperson called Councillor Gerbasi to the Chair in order to move the following motion:

Moved by Councillor Mayes,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in.

Carried

Councillor Mayes resumed the Chair.

STANDING COMMITTEE DECISION:

On March 2, 2015, the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management received as information the verbal report.

Further on March 2, 2015, the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management laid over the matter for 30 days.

Further on March 2, 2015, M. J. Kiernan, Manager, Planning, Property and Development Department, provided a verbal report on the Commemoration of World War I Centennial.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 5, 2015, the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the current Council Term of 2014-2018 coincides with the 100 Anniversary of World War I;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service, in consultation with veteran and community groups, provide a preliminary verbal report in 60 days with respect to what WWI events should be celebrated, while taking into consideration what other levels of governments are doing to avoid duplication.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: **Commemorations - World War One**

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management receive this report as information.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

The Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management requested that the Winnipeg Public Service, in consultation with veteran and community groups, provide a report in with respect to what WWI events should be celebrated, while taking into consideration what other levels of governments are doing to avoid duplication.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- There are no immediate financial implications related to the recommendation.

HISTORY

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Brookside Cemetery – Planning, Property and Development with leadership from the Cemeteries Branch and focused on Brookside cemetery will continue to coordinate on going events during this four year centenary period. On September 10, 2014 the City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba held a candlelight ceremony at Brookside cemetery to commemorate both world wars. The Candle Light Service and Brookside Opening will take place in September of this year, and is the City of Winnipeg's focus in commemorating both World War One and Two. The event includes partnering with 17th Wing, with emphasis on Veteran Way and the Field of Honour at the Brookside site.

Remembrance Week - The City of Winnipeg has sponsored the Remembrance Day Service at the Convention Centre for numerous years at roughly $14,000 with the Province of Manitoba partnering with half the contribution in 2013 and 2014. The Joint Veterans Association plans the event and the City will continue through the Mayor's Office and Cemeteries Branch to ensure joint communication and collaboration.

Heritage Winnipeg – the Public Service is currently working with Heritage Winnipeg to assist in the development and public display / presentation being coordinated by the Heritage Association as a visual commemoration of WW1 for installation and public display.

Vimy Ridge Park on Portage Ave and specifically the north half of the "memorial front" of the grounds which face onto Portage Ave. have been advanced for consideration and refurbishment of Cairns, Cenotaphs and the grounds in an acknowledgement of the centenary and this first municipal park commemoration. In collaboration with Veterans Affairs, who has offered commemorative banners, interpretation and education components are under consideration with local veterans groups, both Portage Ave. and Memorial Blvd will be the focus of these interpretations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** April 2, 2015

Project Name:

Commemorations - World War One

COMMENTS:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

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CONSULTATION

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