Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – June 10, 2015

REPORTS

Item No. 13 Name change – Aboriginal Scholarship and Service Award Program to Aboriginal Education and Civic Pathways Award

WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council approve the name change from the "Aboriginal Scholarship and Service Award Program" to the "Aboriginal Education and Civic Pathways Award".

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: **Name change for Aboriginal Scholarship & Service Award**

Critical Path: **Executive Policy Committee, Council**

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That City Council approve the name change from the Aboriginal Scholarship and Service Award Program to the **Aboriginal Education and Civic Pathways Award.**

REASON FOR THE REPORT

City Council has the authority to approve the name change for the Aboriginal Scholarship and Service Award Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2006, City Council approved the original scholarship program that was in the Planning, Property and Development Department.

In 2013, City Council approved the expansion of the scholarship program from one school division to all seven school divisions in Winnipeg.

A name change is being recommended because it is more reflective of the program which is to encourage Aboriginal youth to remain in school and consider a career with the City of Winnipeg.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The name change does not affect the objectives of the program.

HISTORY

On October 26, 2005, Council approved the creation of an Aboriginal Scholarship and Community Service Award Program.

Since 2006, scholarships have been made available from the City of Winnipeg, Planning, Property and Development Division, for Aboriginal students from grades 6 – 12 in the Winnipeg School Division who show a combination of academic performance, community leadership and an interest in working with the City of Winnipeg.

On July 17, 2013 City Council approved a motion to expand the Aboriginal Scholarship and Service Award as follows:

1. That the City of Winnipeg continues to offer an Aboriginal Scholarship and Service Award Program in partnership with the Winnipeg School Division, and expand it to include all grade 7 -12 schools located in Winnipeg.
2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

Awards are open to all Aboriginal students attending full time within seven school divisions in Winnipeg, in grades 7 to 12. Preference will be given to students who are experiencing social or financial hardship. Students must be nominated by a teacher or administrator who is familiar with the student's academic performance, family situation and extracurricular activities.
The scholarship offers $250.00 to one Aboriginal student in each middle and junior high grade of 7, 8 and 9, one $400.00 scholarship to high school students in grades 10 and 11 and $1,000.00 to one grade 12 student who have successfully graduated and enrolled in post-secondary education.

Each student who receives a scholarship will be provided an opportunity to explore career interests within the City of Winnipeg, which may include participating in a career week program or work placement.

In addition, two full time summer jobs will be awarded to grade 12 students in each school division who have applied to the scholarship program.

Given the expanded mandate to all the school divisions, it is recommended that the name be changed to be more reflective of the intent of the program, which is to encourage Aboriginal youth to remain in school and consider a career with the City of Winnipeg.

Applications for the scholarship were accepted until the end of May 2015 and the winners will be notified in June 2015.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** May 25, 2015

Project Name: Name change for Aboriginal Scholarship & Service Award

COMMENTS:

This report is received as information only and has no financial impact

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CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

N/A

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

This scholarship opportunity aligns with OURWINNIPEG strategy Quality of Life, Direction 6 and the subsequent enabling strategies:

- Provide pre-employment and employment development opportunities within the civic system; and
- Develop and implement mentorship and retention strategies to ensure Aboriginal youth stay engaged within our civic system through programs, services and employment.

We support these enabling strategies by providing a scholarship that supports youth to complete high school while providing an opportunity to explore career interests found at the City of Winnipeg; and by advertising to all City of Winnipeg school divisions, the scholarship provides awareness of careers within the City of Winnipeg to Aboriginal students throughout Winnipeg.

SUBMITTED BY

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