Minute No. 663
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – October 9, 2015

Item No. 1 Millennium Library Indigenous Areas Naming

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and adopted the following:

1. That the Aboriginal Reading in the Round area in the Children's space at the Millennium Library be re-dedicated with the Indigenous name "Ah kha koo gheesh", meaning Groundhog Place: Children emerging from learning.

2. That the Indigenous Resources space at the Millennium Library be re-dedicated with the Indigenous name "Wii ghoss", meaning Birch Bark Centre.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 14, 2015, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 9, 2015, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendations of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Administrative Report

Title: **Millennium Library Indigenous Areas Naming**

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

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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REASON FOR THE REPORT

Council approval is required for the naming of all City of Winnipeg facilities and spaces.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ensuring that Libraries meet the needs of the Indigenous community in Winnipeg is a key goal in the Library's recently approved Strategic Plan.

Re-dedicating the Aboriginal Reading in the Round area in the Children's space at the Millennium Library with the Indigenous name "Ah kha koo gheesh", meaning Groundhog Place: Children emerging from learning, is an important way of ensuring that this space is welcoming and respectful of the Indigenous community.

Re-dedicating the Indigenous Resources area on the second floor of the Millennium Library with the Indigenous name "Wii ghoss", meaning Birch Bark Centre is an important way of ensuring that this space is welcoming and respectful of the Indigenous community.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no environmental or human resource implications associated with the naming of these two areas at the Millennium Library.

There will be minimal costs associated with new signage and a naming ceremony for both areas in the Library. These costs will be expensed from the 2015 approved operating budget for the Library.

HISTORY / DISCUSSION

When the Millennium Library originally opened in November 2005, the Library created a new space to be more inviting to the Aboriginal community and to encourage children's programming and storytelling. Named the Aboriginal Reading in the Round area, it was approved by Council on September 28, 2005. The idea for this area came from public consultations that occurred when the facility program was being finalized for the new library. The Library consulted with the Aboriginal community, including community leaders, on how the new library could be a more valuable asset to the Aboriginal community. The funding for the development of the area was secured by the Winnipeg Library Foundation through the Winnipeg Foundation's Moffat Family Fund.

In 2013, the Library established an Indigenous Services area on the second floor of the Millennium Library in response to a consultant's study on Library Services for the Aboriginal community that was completed in 2010. The space houses the adult Indigenous materials collection and is used to support programs and services for this community.

In November 2015, the Millennium Library will celebrate its 10th anniversary. As part of the anniversary plans, the Library is looking to re-dedicate these two areas in the Library and assign culturally appropriate names to these spaces. The Library has approached Elders Barbara and Clarence Nepinak and asked if it would be appropriate to give these two areas culturally appropriate names and they agreed to support the Library in this process.

The name "Ah kha koo gheesh", meaning Groundhog Place: Children emerging from learning, has been suggested by the Elders for the Aboriginal Reading in the Round area.

As this space is in the Children's area of the library and the space is used for programming and providing materials related to the Indigenous community, this is a very appropriate name. In addition, this name is also the spirit name of the late Mary Richards, an Aboriginal Community leader.

The name "Wii ghoss", meaning Birch Bark Centre, has been suggested by the Elders for the Indigenous Resources area on the second floor of the Millennium Library. The design of the space included birch bark tree images on the ceiling and incorporated birch bark images into the shelving. This is a very suitable name for the area.

These two names would be dedicated at a ceremony to be held on November 8, 2015. Elders Barbara and Clarence Nepinak would participate in the ceremony that would include a blessing and dedication of the areas. Signage would be added to each area after the event.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** September 30, 2015

Project Name: **First Year of Program** **2015**

Millennium Library Indigenous Areas Naming

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
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	$ 500	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ 500	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	500	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: There are no financial implications associated with this report.

The estimated cost of $500 for signage for the two designated Indigenous areas at Millennium Library is within the Community Services Department, Library Services Division 2015 operating budget.

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CONSULTATION

In preparing this Report there was consultation with:

N/A

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

The naming of these two areas in the Millennium Library will ensure that the library can provide quality and responsive library services to this segment of the community within Winnipeg as per section 01- 6 Direction 1 of OurWinnipeg.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Community Services
Division: Library Services
Prepared by: Rick Walker
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