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Item No. 2 Parks – Public Consultation on Enhancements and Commemoration

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service undertake a consultation with Winnipeggers in 2016 to determine what can be done to enhance these original parks and commemorate Victoria Park, in order to celebrate the 125 years of parks in Winnipeg in 2018 and report back to Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks within 180 days.

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:

Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks be adopted.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 17, 2016, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 8, 2016, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks concurred in the Council Motion of January 27, 2016, with the following amendment:

- Recommendation 1 add “within 180 days”,

and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On January 27, 2016, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS the first Winnipeg parks established in 1893 were Assiniboine Park (later renamed Fort Rouge Park in 1905), Central Park, St. John's Park, and Victoria Gardens, later renamed Victoria Park in 1894 as referenced in “A City at Leisure, An Illustrated History of Parks and Recreation Services in Winnipeg” , by Catherine Macdonald (Winnipeg Free Press), 1995;

AND WHEREAS Victoria Park was removed from Winnipeg’s parks inventory in favour of development, a place Winnipeggers gathered during the 1919 strike;

AND WHEREAS 2018 will be the 125TH anniversary of these first parks in Winnipeg.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service undertake a consultation with Winnipeggers in 2016 to determine what can be done to enhance these original parks and commemorate Victoria Park, in order to celebrate the 125 years of parks in Winnipeg in 2018 and report back to Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks.