STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

MOTIONS

Minute No. 694
Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Seconded by Councillor Angus,

WHEREAS a Public Contest was announced to name the pedestrian bridge being built as part of the Provencher Twin Bridges Project;

AND WHEREAS display ads in the Winnipeg Free Press, the Winnipeg Sun and La Liberté explained the contest rules, including the criteria on which submissions would be evaluated, namely, the name should reflect the bridge's role in linking communities and people; the history and culture of the areas adjacent to the bridge; and the spirit of the structure itself;

AND WHEREAS 1183 entries were received and evaluated by a jury who were unanimous in their recommendation to accept the name "ESPLANADE RIEL" submitted by Ms Judith Barr of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS in choosing the name the jury cited: "This entry meets the criteria admirably. Esplanade is a word that means a level open space with a vista or a walkway in both French and English. It therefore describes the bridge as a whole and the plaza in the center, which is an important feature of the bridge. Louis Riel is perhaps Manitoba's best-known historical figure, one who fought for the rights of the Métis and French communities and who worked for harmony among all communities. Naming the bridge after him evokes the historic nature of the bridge and links across the Red River";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the pedestrian bridge of the Provencher Twin Bridges be named Esplanade Riel.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by Councillor Vandal,

That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the motion at this time.

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