Agenda - Council - December 17, 2003

Report - Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development - December 4, 2003

Item No. 2 Jeanne D'Arc Park - Declaration of Parks Property as Surplus
File FI-2.4(35)

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 10, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and submits the following to Council:

1. That the Parks property identified as Jeanne D'Arc Park on Misc. Plan No. 12084 be declared surplus to parks and recreation and the City's needs.

2. That the Planning, Property and Development Department be directed to initiate an application to rezone the subject property from a "PR-1" Parks and Recreation District to an "R2-T" Residential Transitional District prior to its sale for residential development.

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

Pursuant to Section 205(2) of The City of Winnipeg Charter, land owned or acquired by the City for park or cemetery purposes requires approval by two-thirds of all Members of Council.

Report - Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development - December 4, 2003

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 10, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 4, 2003, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development concurred in the Administrative recommendation, as amended, namely:

- That the words “and the City’s” be added after the word “recreation” in line 2 of Recommendation 1.

- That Recommendation 3 be deleted in its entirety.

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Re: Declaration of Parks Property as Surplus - Jeanne D'Arc Park

For submission to: Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development

Original report signed by: Director of Planning, Property and Development

Report date: October 21, 2003

Recommendation(s):

1. That the Parks property identified as Jeanne D'Arc Park on Misc. Plan No. 12084 be declared surplus to parks and recreation needs.

2. That the Planning, Property and Development Department be directed to initiate an application to consider rezoning the subject property from PR-1 to R2-T prior to its sale for residential development.

3. That the proceeds of the sale of the subject property be allocated to further develop the playground area at LaVerendrye Park.

REPORT SUMMARY

Key Issues:

- The Neighbourhood Advisory Committee of the St. Boniface Building Communities Initiative recommended that Jeanne D'Arc Park be decommissioned, sold for residential housing and that the proceeds of the sale be allocated to further develop the playground area at La Verendrye Park.

Implications of the Recommendation(s):

General implications:

	None
	For the organization overall and/or for other departments
X	**For the community and/or organizations external to the City of Winnipeg**
	Involves a multi-year contract

Comment(s):

- Utilization of the proceeds of the sale of the subject property for the improvement of the playground at LaVerendrye Park will improve public service.

Policy implications:

X	**No**
	Yes

Comment(s):

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Environmental implications:

X	**No**
	Yes

Comment(s):

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Human resources implications:

X	**No**
	Yes

Comment(s):

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Financial implications:

X	**Within approved current and/or capital budget**
	Current and/or capital budget adjustment required

Comment(s):

- No Financial impact from this report.

REASON FOR THE REPORT:

Council has authority to determine whether City land under Parks jurisdiction is surplus to parks and recreation needs. A 2/3 majority of Council is required to declare park land as surplus.

HISTORY:

On January 27, 2003, the Building Communities' Policy Committee (comprised of the Provincial Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and the Mayor of the City of Winnipeg, or their respective designates) reviewed and approved the neighbourhood strategic plan for St. Boniface. As a result of this approval, projects and recommendations in the strategic plan are now being implemented and/or addressed.

DISCUSSION:

Jeanne D'Arc Park is an existing playground located at the corner of Rue Jeanne D'Arc and Dollard Boulevard in Central St. Boniface, one block east of LaVerendrye Park. The land is currently zoned PR-1 and the surrounding residential lots are zoned R2-T. The site is 32.8 feet wide by 110 feet long and features a swing set and sandbox as the sole play components.

St. Boniface is one of the neighbourhoods addressed under the Building Communities Initiative (BCI). A requirement of the initiative is that the community be consulted in determining strengths, issues, opportunities and priorities in the neighbourhood and how they can be addressed utilizing funds from the BCI. A consultant was hired to lead this community consultation process and a Neighbourhood Advisory Committee was organized to represent the neighbourhood and to advise the consultant in this process.

As part of their deliberations, the Neighbourhood Advisory Committee recommended the following:

1. that Jeanne D'Arc Park be de-commissioned;
2. that the equipment be removed;
3. that the property be sold for residential development;
4. and that the proceeds from the sale of the property be allocated to further develop the playground area at LaVerendrye Park.

It is recommended that the Planning, Property and Development Department initiate the rezoning application of the subject property in order to facilitate a residential redevelopment.

The net proceeds from the sale would be credited to the Riel Land Dedication Reserve Fund which according to policy adopted by Council on September 19, 1990 causes money deposited into the reserve to be divided among each of the City's five (5) community committee areas, based on the following formula:

1. Effective January 1st, 1991, 75% of every dollar collected for the Land Dedication Reserve Fund is to be allocated by the Community Committee to Parks and Recreation projects in that community.

2. The remaining 25 % of every dollar collected is to be redistributed on an equal basis back to all the communities.

Financial Impact Statement

Date: 17-Oct-03

COMMENTS:

There is no financial impact. Proposed terms and conditions of any potential sale will be the subject of a future report to the Standing Policy Committee on Property & Development.

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IN PREPARING THIS REPORT, THERE WAS CONSULTATION WITH AND CONCURRENCE BY:

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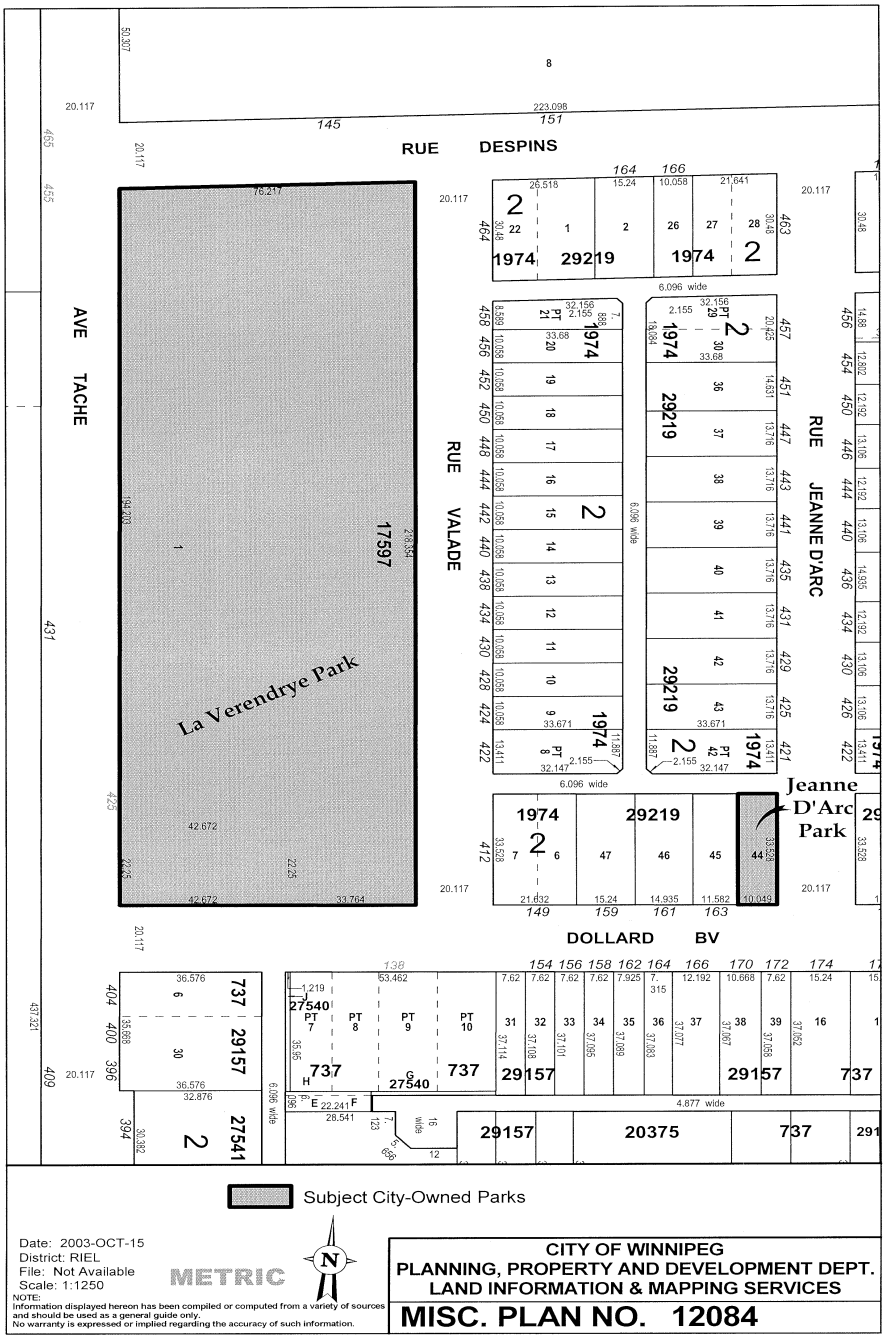
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