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REPORTS

Item No. 5 Request to Amend the South Transcona Community Centre Boundary (Transcona Ward)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks:

1. That the final Communication of the Community Centre District Boundary Review (and where required, Community Centre Boundary Review) be provided to Council for information no later than December 13, 2018, for an effective date of January 1, 2019.

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 concurred in.

Carried

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 5, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks passed the following motion:

Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,
WHEREAS new Ward Boundaries come into effect on September 17, 2018;

AND WHEREAS the Community Committee Boundaries have yet to be finalized;

AND WHEREAS the Recreation Leisure and Libraries Facility (RLLF) Policy mandates that General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres **(**GCWCC) will operate through district boundaries that match the City's Community Committee boundaries,

AND WHEREAS GCWCC will conduct its boundary review once the City has completed its Community Committee boundaries;

AND WHEREAS, the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres (GCWCC) per their Business Plan, is to review all community centre boundaries in light of changes to facilities and population growth;

AND WHEREAS, the GCWCC reports directly to EPC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks recommends to the Executive Policy Committee:

1. That the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee motion of January 16, 2018, be forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee.

2. That the final Communication of the Community Centre District Boundary Review (and where required, Community Centre Boundary Review) be provided to Council for information no later than December 13, 2018, for an effective date of January 1, 2019.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 16, 2018, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee passed the following motion:

THAT the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to amend the South Transcona Community Centre boundary, as outlined in Attachment A.

Attachment A

Boundary Review
South Transcona Community Centre
124 Borden Ave
Winnipeg, MB R2C 3L7

Attn: Russ Wyatt

Our community centre is situated south of the main CNR line, adjacent to Dugald Road, the RM of Springfield on 2 sides, and the St. Boniface ward to the West. We feel that our community has limited opportunity for growth because of the geographical location and our only opportunity to increase our membership base is a request for a boundary change.

The board of the South Transcona Community Centre has visited this subject over the past few years with GCWCC but have been turned away without a positive outcome. The City of Winnipeg is proceeding with the ward boundary review and we feel this is the perfect time to approach the subject once again.

We would like to take a proactive approach and request that our community centre boundary be expanded to include the area that is currently classified as a St. Boniface ward and which may be included in the Transcona ward once the review is completed. We would like to take it further to outline a boundary which will stretch from Hwy 59 or Lagimodiere Hwy to the west, the CNR main line to the north, Murdoch Rd to the West and Fermor Ave to the South. See attached maps for reference.

The new Plessis underpass clearly brands the South Transcona border as you pass underneath it. There is an active transportation path which runs along the North side of Dugald road beginning at Borden Ave continuing along Dugald Road to the West where it switches to the south side of Dugald Road and runs up to Hwy 59. The trail is named South Transcona Trail. It passes directly to the North of the new development Waterside Estates.

Some of the residents of Waterside Estates are confused as to where they should be registering their children for sports and other activities. They have been directed to register out of the Archwood Community Centre located at 565 Guilbault off of Archibald Street. The distance of travel to Archwood CC from Seaside Drive in Waterside estates is 6.7 kms as opposed to a 2.9 drive to the South Transcona CC. The residents are able to ride bicycles or walk to STCC along the trail if they like.

We feel that there would be a greater benefit to the nearby neighborhood residents to be closer to their community centre which in turn would allow them to become more involved in the programming and sports activities and to be more inclined to participate in keeping the facility operating into the future. It will allow them to meet and develop relationships with their neighbors.

Of course there would be a grandfathering clause which would accommodate any existing residents of these areas, who have currently enrolled in programming at alternative community centres, who do not wish to change their registration process, to remain as they are. Any new registrants would be required to consider South Transcona CC their home club, effective November 1, 2018 (after the next municipal election), unless the St. Boniface City Councillor is not opposed to an alternate date.

Please take some time to review the information and the maps and consider our request. Thank you.