Minute No. 414
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks – June 5, 2018

Item No. 1 Facility Renaming - Pioneer Arena to "Charlie Gardiner Arena"

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 Pioneer Arena be renamed to "Charlie Gardiner Arena", to honor and commemorate the hockey legacy of Charlie "Chuck" Gardiner, subject to:

    A. Funding for signage being approved from the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee Land Dedication Reserve.

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 by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 13, 2018, 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 June 5, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Charlie "Chuck" Gardiner born in Edinburgh, Scotland on December 31, 1904, and he and his family immigrated to Winnipeg in 1911;

AND WHEREAS Gardiner lived in the Point Douglas Ward in houses on William Avenue, Alexander Avenue and Lydia Avenue;

AND WHEREAS Gardiner played professionally with the Winnipeg Maroons of the Central Hockey League in 1926-27;

AND WHEREAS Gardiner joined the Chicago Black Hawks where he played in goal for seven seasons from 1927-1934;

AND WHEREAS Gardiner won the Vezina Trophy as best goalie in 1932; in 1933 he only allowed 83 goals in 48 games, 10 of them being shutouts; in 1934 he was voted the first goaltender to be Captain of his team;

AND WHEREAS Gardiner was suffering from tonsillitis and he continued to play in the 1934 Stanley Cup finals which led the Chicago Blackhawks to win; upon his return to Winnipeg shortly after the victory, he died in the St. Boniface Hospital on June 13, 1934 and is now buried in Brookside Cemetery;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS Charlie Gardiner had a lifetime goals-allowed average of 2.02 in the NHL, 42 shut outs, overall played 316 NHL games, winning 122; and in the playoff games his goals-allowed average improved to 1.37;

AND WHEREAS Charlie Gardiner was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1945, the Canadian Hockey Hall of Fame in 1957, and is a member of the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame;

AND WHEREAS there is a book about Charlie Gardiner written by Antonia Chambers called "Before the Echoes Fade";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pioneer Arena be renamed to "Charlie Gardiner Arena" to honor and commemorate the hockey legacy of Charlie "Chuck" Gardiner;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT signage be provided from the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee Land Dedication Reserve,

and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Further on June 5, 2018 the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks received the submissions in support of the matter from the following:

- Rick Brownlee submitted a presentation dated June 5, 2018.
- Robert Gardiner submitted a communication dated June 4, 2018.
- Fred Morris submitted a presentation (undated).
- Edna Poulter submitted a presentation (undated) .