Community Centre Boundary Review

1.0 Introduction

GCWCC, working collaboratively with Community Services, has undertaken a review of Community Centre boundaries that coincides with the City of Winnipeg Ward Boundary review. The review includes consultation with all 63 Community Centres.

2.0 History/Timelines:

Relative to the timeline of the Ward Boundary review process, GCWCC was tasked with leading the Community Centre (CC) Boundary Review Process. On February 13, 2018, EPC concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks, more specifically:

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

3.0 Objectives:

- To allocate all areas within the City of Winnipeg to Community Centre catchments
- To provide clarification to existing boundaries
- To look at both geographic and historic boundaries
- To align with neighbourhood boundaries
- To align with Community Committee Boundaries in accordance with Council approved Recreation, Leisure and Library Facilities Policy

4.0 Community Centre Consultation

In April 2018, the GCWCC Board was informed that Community Centre consultation would begin immediately after the Community Committee Boundaries were formalized. In May, 2018, GCWCC attended all five Community Centre District Board meetings and presented the following information:

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Background

- City revised ward boundaries to provide a more equitable distribution of population among the 15 councillors
- The 2017 Winnipeg Ward Boundaries Commission Report was received as information by City Council on December 13, 2017.
- Community Committee boundaries were formalized at the end of April, 2018. Changes will come into effect on January 1, 2019.
- There is a directive from City Council that GCWCC review CC boundaries.
- There are many areas of the City that had not been formally allocated to any Community Centre

Objective of this review

- To allocate all areas within the City of Winnipeg to Community Centre catchments
- To provide clarification to existing boundaries
- To look at both geographic and historic boundaries
- To align with neighbourhood boundaries*
- To align, within reason, with new Ward boundaries

*Neighbourhoods were defined following the amalgamation of the City of Winnipeg in the early 1970s, and were intended to serve as the basic building blocks of the city for planning purposes. The entire city is made up of neighbourhoods, designated residential, industrial or rural. The neighbourhoods were defined based on their characteristic features and natural boundaries, so that once identified the neighbourhood boundaries would not be subject to arbitrary change. Some neighbourhood areas were added or modified in response to new developments in parts of the city, but for the most part neighbourhood boundaries have remained the same.

Community Centres were also provided with a map and word document, both highlighting the proposed changes (see Appendix 1 and 2). In addition, the information was distributed electronically to each Centre, with the request to provide written feedback to GCWCC within one month's time.

4.1 Notable changes:

District 1: City Centre

- The previously allocated downtown area referred to as the "Open Zone" that was unofficially split equitably between four Centres (Central, R.A. Steen, Valour and River Osborne) has now been assigned to R.A. Steen and Central C.C.'s. The Open Zone south of

Portage Ave. goes to R.A. Steen and the Open Zone north of Portage Ave. has been assigned to Central.
    - **Rationale:** The Assiniboine River is a natural barrier. The Open Zone north of Portage is closest to Central Community Centre,

- Whyte Ridge moves to District 2.
    - **Rationale:** The Whyte Ridge catchment, in its entirety, is now part of new Waverley West ward and the Assiniboia Community Committee

Feedback: No concerns were raised by the District 1 Community Centres.

District 2: Assiniboia

- The following Community Centres' boundaries were amended to officially allocate all areas in the district : Assiniboia West, Bord-Aire, Heritage Victoria, Sturgeon Heights and Westdale
    - **Rationale**: each of the above were unofficially assigned areas of the City. This process formalized those historical allocations.
- Whyte Ridge CC is now part of District 2
    - **Rationale:** the Whyte Ridge catchment, in its entirety, is now included in the new Waverley West ward and part of the Assiniboia Community Committee.

Feedback: While there were some questions from a few centres, they were simply to clarify shared boundaries. Neighbouring centres were asked to agree amongst themselves how the boundaries should be revised.

District 3: Lord Selkirk/West Kildonan

- Central Community Centre's boundaries were amended
    - **Rationale** – a portion of downtown, north of Portage Ave, was previously unofficially allocated. Central CC is the closest Community Centre.
- Weston Memorial Community Centre's boundaries were increased
    - **Rationale** – Weston received a previously unofficially allocated part of the city.
- Red River Community Centre moves to the District 4 East Kildonan/Transcona
    - **Rationale** - The 2018 realignment of the Community Committee and Ward Boundaries for District 3 and 4 has resulted in the Red River Community Centre moving from the Lord Selkirk - West Kildonan Community Committee and Ward Boundary to the East Kildonan - Transcona Community Committee and Ward Boundary. As per the Recreation, Leisure and Library Facilities Policy adopted on May 2005 the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres (GCWCC) is responsible to operate through district boundaries that match the City's Community Committee boundaries. As a result, effective January 1, 2019 the Red River Community Centre technically now reside in East Kildonan - Transcona Community Committee and Ward Boundary

Feedback: Both Red River Community Centre and the District 3 Community Centre Board have requested that Red River Community Centre remain part of the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Centre District; citing an expected negative impact on their sports programming, as registered sports are often discussed at District 3 Community Centre meetings. Red River Community Centre has acknowledged that that political representation for the Community Centre will now reside with the Councillor in the North Kildonan Ward and the East Kildonan Transcona Community Committee.

The GCWCC supports this request as we see no adverse impact to the overall intent of the Community Centre Districts and political reporting structure and it aligns with the objectives and responsibilities of the District Community Centre Boards as outlined in the Community Centre Accountability Manual

District 4: East Kildonan/Transcona

- The following Community Centres' boundaries were amended : East Elmwood, Park City West, South Transcona, Transcona East End
    - **Rationale:** each of the above was formally assigned areas of the City that were formerly unpopulated. South Transcona's new boundary takes into account the expansion of the Transcona ward.

District 5: Riel

- The following Community Centres' boundaries were amended: Archwood, Dakota, St. Norbert, South Winnipeg, and Southdale
    - **Rationale:** each of the above was formally assigned areas of the City that were formerly unpopulated.

Please note: South Winnipeg CC's new boundary spans both Riel and Waverley West. Because their primary site at 666 Silverstone Ave is in Riel, they remain in Riel. Similarly, Winakwa's boundary, due to Ward Boundary changes, now spans both Riel and EK/Transcona. As the Community Centre facility remains in Riel, so will its catchment.

Feedback: Please be advised that no concerns were raised by any of the Centres in District 5.

5.0 Conclusion

Through collaboration and consultation, the objectives of the Community Centre Boundary review have been met. The revised boundaries (found in Appendix 3) are expected to take effect January 1, 2019.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – City map and District Maps

Appendix 2 – Original vs. Changed Boundaries

Appendix 3 – 2019 Community Centre Boundaries