Minute No. 575
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks – October 2, 2019

Item No. 6 Facility Naming - Ab MacDonald Memorial Arena (St. James Ward)

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 arena within the St. James Civic Centre be named the "Ab McDonald Memorial Arena".

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service work with the Ward Councillor and stakeholders to install the appropriate signage and display features within the St. James Civic Centre.

3. That a portion of funding for the signage be provided by community fundraising and from the Assiniboia Community Committee Land Dedication Reserve Fund.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks be adopted.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 15, 2019, 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 October 2, 2019, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks concurred in the recommendation of the Assiniboia Community Committee, with the following amendments:

- Delete and replace Recommendation 3 with the following:

  "3. That a portion of funding for the signage be provided by community fundraising and from the Assiniboia Community Committee Land Dedication Reserve Fund."

- Add the following new Recommendation 4:

  "4. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to fulfill the intent of the foregoing."

and submitted matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

On May 22, 2019, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks laid the matter over up to its October 2, 2019 meeting.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 7, 2019, the Assiniboia Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Alvin Brian ("Ab") McDonald was a resident of St. James from 1967 until his passing in September 2018;

AND WHEREAS Ab McDonald was a well-known and respected Winnipegger, who made many important contributions to St. James and the greater Winnipeg community as a volunteer, fundraiser, advocate, and influential ambassador of the City;

AND WHEREAS Ab McDonald achieved great success as a professional hockey player, winning four Stanley Cups over seventeen professional seasons and was the first captain of the Winnipeg Jets World Hockey Association team (1972-74);

AND WHEREAS Ab McDonald had an enduring reputation as a respected, humble gentleman who was committed to his family, his team, and his hometown;

AND WHEREAS Council has received several letters of support from community members to name the arena within the St. James Civic Centre in recognition of Ab McDonald's successes and contributions to the community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the arena within the St. James Civic Centre be named the "Ab McDonald Memorial Arena";

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service work with the Ward Councillor and stakeholders to install the appropriate signage and display features within the St. James Civic Centre;

3. That a portion of funding for the signage be provided by community fundraising.

and forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks.