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Item No. 13 Redeploying Staff from Recreation Facilities to Support Parks Maintenance

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 25, 2020, the Assiniboia Community Committee recommended to the Executive Policy Committee that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to either redeploy City of Winnipeg staff from recreation facilities closed due to COVID-19, or realign staff from the Parks Department previously assigned to duties which are no longer required due to COVID-19, in order to support parks maintenance in the winter months.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 25, 2020, the Assiniboia Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the COVID-19 Provincial Response Level of Critical (red) has been applied to the City of Winnipeg and has resulted in the closure of many public and private recreation facilities;

AND WHEREAS prior to COVID-19, parks are utilized at a lower rate in the winter months which results in reduced staffing in the winter;

AND WHEREAS COVID-19 has increased the use of parks and greenspaces in the fall, and it is anticipated that their use will continue to be higher than normal throughout the winter;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to either redeploy City of Winnipeg staff from recreation facilities closed due to COVID-19, or realign staff from the Parks Department previously assigned to duties which are no longer required due to COVID-19, in order to support parks maintenance in the winter months.

Councillor Lukes, Waverley West Ward submitted a communication in support of the item.