Minute No. 191
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – January 18, 2021

Item No. 10 Request to Support the Designation of the Old Town of St. Norbert as a National Heritage Site
(St. Norbert-Seine River Ward)

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and adopted the following:

1. That the application for National Heritage Designation of the Old Town of St. Norbert to the National Historical Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, as submitted by Heritage St. Norbert, be formally endorsed by the City of Winnipeg and Council.

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 Gilroy,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 20, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 18, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development concurred in the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 4, 2021, the Riel Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Heritage St. Norbert is seeking to designate the Old Town of St. Norbert as a National Historic Site through the National Historical Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (HSMBC).

AND WHEREAS the historical designation being sought is commemorative in nature and places the Old Town of St. Norbert into a national database of historical buildings to promote tourism while acknowledging St. Norbert's valuable contributions to Manitoba's and Canada's history;

AND WHEREAS a designation of this nature places no restrictions or limitations on development of properties within the designation area. The proposed buildings are integral parts of the historical identity of the St. Norbert community, playing a significant role in economic development by helping to enhance a community's quality of life, strengthen its distinctiveness, stimulate revitalization while attracting tourism dollars;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS: the town's recorded history begins in about 1821, when employees of the Northwest Company also settled here after the merger of the company with the Hudson's Bay Company. The settlement was elevated to the status of parish in 1857 and given the name St. Norbert in honour of the first bishop of St. Boniface, Bishop Joseph-Norbert Provencher;

AND WHEREAS Heritage St. Norbert, the Fort Garry Historical Society, all levels of government and the community-at-large have ensured that many significant buildings have been preserved throughout the town including:

1. Trappist Monastery Ruins (b. 1904, partially destroyed by fire 1983, permanently restructured as a Ruin 1985);

2. Trappist Monastery Guest House (b. 1892, partially destroyed by fire 1912, rebuilt 1914);

3. L'église catholique de St. Norbert (b. 1856, 1883 partially destroyed by fire 1929, rebuilt 1937;

4. Chapel du Bon Secours - (b. 1875);

5. Asile Ritchot - Orphanage (now The Behavioural Health Foundation) (b. 1911);

6. McDougall House (b. 1871);

7. La Boucherie (b. 1890);

8. Maison Turenne (b. 1871);

9. Maison Bohémier (b. 1890);

10. Maison Delorme (b. 1850's);

11. Henderson House (b. 1857

12. Banque d'Hochelaga (now private residences) (b. 1919)

13. 50 Rue Lord

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

14 839 Avenue du Couvent

15. 856 Avenue de l'Eglise

16. 857 Avenue de l'Eglise

17. 860 Avenue de l'Eglise

18. 903 Avenue de l'Eglise

19. 908 Avenue de l'Eglise

20. 932 Avenue de l'Eglise

21. 10 Rue Campeau

22. 38 Rue Campeau

23. 1017 Avenue Ducharme

24. 3537 Pembina Highway

AND WHEREAS the importance of the Old Town of St. Norbert as the village of the Red River Métis people and the significant archeological and historical sites around this location has generated historical interest of Old Town St. Norbert related to the national significant event of "La Barriere" in 1869 and subsequent founding of a Provisional Government for Manitoba led by Louis Riel, leading to the entry of Manitoba into confederation in 1870 as a result of these events;

AND WHEREAS the Historical Buildings and Resources Committee (HBRC) of the City of Winnipeg has informally reviewed the Heritage St. Norbert application to the National Historical Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (HSMBC), and has provided their endorsement of the application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the application for National Heritage Designation of the Old Town of St. Norbert to the National Historical Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, as submitted by Heritage St. Norbert, be formally endorsed by the City of Winnipeg and Council.