Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – March 17, 2021

REPORTS

Item No. 6 Welcoming Winnipeg – Henri Constant Field

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommended to Council:

1. That the baseball fields adjacent to the Transcona Stadium, located at 1101 Wabasha Street, be named Henri Constant Field subject to:

    A. Funding for the signage being approved from the East Kildonan-Transcona Land Dedication Reserve (Transcona Ward allocation).

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Yea:	Bowman, Allard, Browaty, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Rollins	7
Nay:		0

Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Welcoming Winnipeg – Henri Constant Field

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On January 30, 2020, Council passed a motion to adopt the Welcoming Winnipeg: Reconciling our History Policy. This policy was developed to guide the City in making decisions regarding requests to create new, add to, or remove/rename historical markers and place names and resolve the absence of Indigenous histories and contributions in the stories remembered and commemorated. Welcoming Winnipeg will proactively utilize a lens of balance, inclusion, and Indigenous perspectives.

As recommended in this policy, the inaugural Committee of Community Members was established in August 2020; a key function of this committee is to review requests to change historical or place names and provide a recommendation to the Executive Policy Committee and Council for final decision.

There are outstanding requests that have been deferred by the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks to the Welcoming Winnipeg process. One of these requests is the proposal to name the baseball fields adjacent to the Transcona Stadium, located at 1101 Wabasha Street to Henri Constant Field, subject to:

A. Funding for the signage being approved from the East Kildonan – Transcona Land Dedication Reserve (Transcona Ward allocation).

After careful consideration, the CCM is recommending that Council support this request.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the baseball fields adjacent to the Transcona Stadium, located at 1101 Wabasha Street, be named Henri Constant Field subject to:

   A. Funding for the signage being approved from the East Kildonan – Transcona Land Dedication Reserve (Transcona Ward allocation).

2. That the proper officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

On January 30, 2020, Council adopted the Welcoming Winnipeg: Reconciling our History Policy and directed the Public Service to forward all community member-based recommendations to the Executive Policy Committee and then to Council for final decision.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

If the recommendations of this report are concurred in, the baseball fields adjacent to the Transcona Stadium will be renamed, subject to funding from the Land Dedication Reserve.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

Decision-making history

On February 26, 2019, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee (EKTCC) recommended to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks (SPC-PCSP) that the baseball fields adjacent to the Transcona Stadium be named Henri Constant Field, subject to funding for the signage being approved from the East Kildonan-Transcona Land Dedication Reserve (Transcona Ward Allocation).

On May 22, 2019, the SPC-PCSP referred the EKTCC recommendation to the Cumulative Listing for Naming/Renaming of Assets process.

On November 14, 2019, the Cumulative Listing for Naming/Renaming of Assets report was put forward to the SPC-PCSP and was adopted. This report proposed aligning all naming/renaming of assets with the Welcoming Winnipeg: Reconciling our History Policy.

On January 30, 2020, Council adopted the Welcoming Winnipeg: Reconciling our History Policy. This policy was developed to guide the City in making decisions regarding requests to create new, add to, or remove/rename historical markers and place names and resolve the absence of Indigenous perspectives, experiences and contributions in the stories remembered and commemorated.

As recommended in this policy, the inaugural Committee of Community Members (CCM) was established in August 2020; a key function of this committee is to review requests to change historical markers or place names and provide a recommendation to the Executive Policy Committee and Council for final decision.

Considerations for this naming request

Because this naming request predated the adoption of the Welcoming Winnipeg: Reconciling our History Policy, it was considered under a hybrid-model which did not require the submission of a formal request form or the public input process.

The CCM did review the decision-making history and the information, as moved at SPC-PCSP on February 26, 2019, that for over 30 years Henri Constant was the face of baseball in Transcona and the guardian of Transcona Stadium, and generations of Transcona kids have benefitted from Mr. Constant's dedication to the sport and the community.

Additionally, the CCM considered previous land use, to verify if the site of the Transcona Stadium has particular historical significance to Indigenous peoples. It was confirmed by a local archaeologist that there are no nearby [archaeology] sites recorded. The nearest sites are industrial archaeology sites from the late 1800s. However, collectors have found copper items by the train yard, which is very rare.

After careful consideration, the CCM is recommending that Council support this request.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: January 29, 2021

Project Name:

Welcoming Winnipeg – Henri Constant Field

COMMENTS:

The financial impact of the naming of the baseball fields at 1101 Wabasha will be determined by the cost of any signage approved for this location. If approved, the cost of the signage will be fully offset by a recovery from the East Kildonan – Transcona Land Dedication Reserve (Transcona Ward allocation). The design of this signage has not yet been determined so costs are not yet known. However, as the naming of the fields are subject to the signage being fully funded by the above Land Dedication Reserve the will be no net impact to the City as a result of this approval.

Electronically signed by T. Yanchishyn
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Manager of Finance (Campus)
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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

Parks and Open Spaces (Public Works)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Complete Communities Direction Strategy

Supporting Direction 1 - Conserve, protect, and celebrate the significant heritage resources that illustrate the broad range of Winnipeg's heritage values.

Supporting Direction 2 - Provide leadership in heritage conservation that links to broader civic goals of economic development, sustainability, and neighbourhood planning.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

N/A

SUBMITTED BY

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Division: Indigenous Relations
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Date: February 3, 2021
File No: N/A