Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – April 21, 2021

REPORTS

Item No. 16 Additional Historical Marker – Bishop Grandin Greenway (St. Vital Ward)

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 6, 2021, the Riel Community Committee recommended to the Executive Policy Committee that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back with a process for initiating the installation of a second historical marker at the entrance of the Bishop Grandin Greenway on Bishop Grandin Road at River Road, which acknowledges Bishop Grandin's troubling support of the residential school system in Canada.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 6, 2021, the Riel Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS a plaque exists at the entrance to the Bishop Grandin Greenway at Bishop Grandin Boulevard and River Road commemorating Bishop Vital-Justin Grandin for his pioneering missionary work in the Canadian north-west;

AND WHEREAS the City of Edmonton has added to existing murals at its Grandin Light Rail Transit Station to promote understanding of Grandin's troubling support of residential schools;

AND WHEREAS the response to the Welcoming Winnipeg questionnaire demonstrated public support to add to current markers rather than remove existing ones;

AND WHEREAS the ward Councillor has committed up to $25,000.00 in Land Dedication Reserve Funds for an additional plaque or marker at this location;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to report back with a process for initiating the installation of a second historical marker at the entrance of the Bishop Grandin Greenway at Bishop Grandin Road at River Road, which acknowledges Bishop Grandin's troubling support of the residential school system in Canada.