Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – May 18, 2021

REPORTS

Item No. 8 Renaming SkatePark West to "Matt Jonsson Memorial Skatepark" (St. James Ward)

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 3, 2021, the Assiniboia Community Committee recommended to the Executive Policy Committee that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back on renaming Skatepark West to "Matt Jonsson Memorial Skatepark".

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 3, 2021, the Assiniboia Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Skatepark West, located at Silver Avenue and Sturgeon Road, was opened in 2007 and is a popular skatepark offering a safe location for youth to develop their BMX and skateboarding skills;

AND WHEREAS Matt Jonsson was involved in the design of Skatepark West, and was a vital member of the tight-knit BMX community who participated in many other aspects of the St. James community;

AND WHEREAS Matt Jonsson passed away in February 2021 after a tragic accident;

AND WHEREAS the area Councillor is working with the Jonsson family in their initiative to rename Skatepark West to “Matt Jonsson Memorial Skatepark”;

AND WHEREAS the Jonsson family will apply through the Welcoming Winnipeg review process as part of the name change request;

AND WHEREAS the “Skatepark West” name was related to the area in which the skatepark is located and was not named for any person, the name change would not detract from any historical significance associated to it;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back on renaming Skatepark West to “Matt Jonsson Memorial Skatepark”.

and forwarded the matter to Executive Policy Committee.