Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – June 16, 2021

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Item No. 17 Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 75

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee directed the Winnipeg Public Service to continue its work on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 75 and prioritize next steps which should include, but not be limited to, the examination of grounds around the former Assiniboia Indian Residential School, or other sites as appropriate, for human remains with consultation and input from the Assiniboia Indian Residential School Legacy Group, Treaty One First Nations, the federal government, and the provincial government and report back on the matter.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

The Chairperson called Councillor Mayes to the Chair in order to move the following motion:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 75 states:

> We call upon the federal government to work with provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, churches, Aboriginal communities, former residential school students, and current landowners to develop and implement strategies and procedures for the ongoing identification, documentation, maintenance, commemoration, and protection of residential school cemeteries or other sites at which residential school children were buried. This is to include the provision of appropriate memorial ceremonies and commemorative markers to honour the deceased children.

AND WHEREAS Assiniboia Indian Residential High School operated from 1958-1973 at 615 Academy Road, behind the former RCMP forensic lab. The building is now home to the Canadian Centre for Child Protection, and is directly adjacent to City owned Wellington Park north of the former residential school.

AND WHEREAS in 2016 the City of Winnipeg's created a Working Group to implement TRC Call to Action 75 that included the Indigenous Relations Division, Property Planning and Development, City of Winnipeg Archives, and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR).

AND WHEREAS the Working Group has also been in contact with the Assiniboia Indian Residential School Legacy Group regarding commemoration.

AND WHEREAS City Archives conducted research into children that may be buried at city sites (previous and current) and none were discovered.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

AND WHEREAS the Cemeteries Branch conducted reviews at St. Vital Cemetery and Brookside Cemetery, but to date no work has been undertaken to examine the former grounds of Assiniboia Indian Residential School.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee direct the Winnipeg Public Service to continue its work on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 75 and prioritize next steps which should include, but not be limited to, the examination of grounds around the former Assiniboia Indian Residential School, or other sites as appropriate, for human remains with consultation and input from the Assiniboia Indian Residential School Legacy Group, Treaty One First Nations, the federal government, and the provincial government and report back on the matter.

Carried

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

His Worship Mayor Bowman resumed the Chair.