Welcoming Winnipeg – Creating New Historical Marker: Lawson Ogg *Feedback Summary*

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Welcoming Winnipeg

The Welcoming Winnipeg initiative is just one aspect of the reconciliation process the City of Winnipeg is committed to, and will help ensure that the contributions, experiences, and perspectives of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit are reflected truthfully in our stories, historical markers, and place names.

To date, this has included Council passing 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 perspectives, experiences and contributions in the stories remembered and commemorated.

This new process includes posting change requests on the City of Winnipeg website for two weeks, to provide the opportunity for residents to provide feedback by:

- Completing a short online survey;
- Calling 204-986-4549 and leaving a voice message;
- Registering to appear as a delegation before the Committee of Community Members.

Background

All City requests to create new historical markers now go through the Welcoming Winnipeg process, which is about ensuring a proactive lens of balance, inclusion and Indigenous perspectives is used when making changes to the City's historical markers and place names.

A request was submitted by a member of the public to create a new historical marker. This marker would be located in Kingston Park (320 Kingston Crescent). This park is located in the St. Vital ward. Details of the request can be found here.

Residents were invited to provided feedback from April 26, 2021 to May 11, 2021.

Following the collection of feedback, input was provided to the Committee of Community Members to make a recommendation for Council's consideration.

Promotion

Opportunities to provide input on the historical marker were promoted using the following methods:

- City of Winnipeg website – posted April 26, 2021
- Welcoming Winnipeg email distribution list with over 175 recipients – April 29, 2021
- Internal City of Winnipeg email distribution list – May 11, 2021
- City of Winnipeg Facebook post with 16,797 followers – May 10, 2021
- City of Winnipeg Twitter post with 78,700 followers – May 10, 2021

What We Heard

Six responses were received through the online survey. No voice messages were received.

In response to the question: **Do you think the Committee of Community Members should support this request?**

- 4 respondents said yes
- 1 respondent said no
- 1 respondent said undecided

Example of a reason identified for not supporting the change was:

"Mr. Ogg was surely a good man - and might deserve a plaque around the BDI. But why not take advantage of an UNNAMED street in Winnipeg and honour Indigenous history? It's time".

Example of a reason identified for supporting the change was:

"This request is a fitting way to honour and remember a member of our community who gave his life in the service of the community".

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