Minute No. 752
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks – October 6, 2021

Item No. 5 Online Park and Athletic Field Reservation System

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks and adopted the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to:

    A. Improve the look and feel of the existing website and add an e-form instead of a .pdf form with implementation in 2022.

    B. Report back in 180 days to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks on functionality implications on a Smart Park Booking System.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 20, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 6, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks considered the Council Motion of July 22, 2021 and recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to:

1. Improve the look and feel of the existing website and add an e-form instead of a .pdf form with implementation in 2022.

2. Report back in 180 days to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks on functionality implications on a Smart Park Booking System.

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

On September 16, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks laid the matter over for 30 days.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On July 22, 2021, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks:

Moved by Councillor Sharma,
Seconded by Councillor Browaty,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has a robust parks and open spaces network throughout and beyond the City;

AND WHEREAS the global COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the value that these spaces hold in our communities at a time when recreational activities are limited;

AND WHEREAS the City offers the ability to reserve or rent park amenities and athletic fields for group activities;

AND WHEREAS reimagining the reservation and rental process is required to enhance citizen's experience through this program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Public Service be instructed to report back to Council within 90 days on:

1. A process to establish an online portal / booking system for the reservation or rental of park amenities and athletic fields.

2. Associated costs and resource requirements to implement an online portal / booking system for the 2022 season.

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