Welcoming Winnipeg – Creating New Historical Marker: Sergeant Tommy Prince *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 the City's historian to create a new historical marker. This marker would be located within Sergeant Tommy Prince Place (90 Sinclair Street). This facility is located in the Mynarski ward. Details of the request can be found here.

Residents were invited to provide feedback from June 8, 2021 to June 22, 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 June 8, 2021
- Welcoming Winnipeg email distribution list with over 190 recipients – June 8, 2021
- City of Winnipeg Facebook post with 27,345 followers – June 14, 2021
- City of Winnipeg Twitter post with 103,400 followers – June 14, 2021

What We Heard

13 responses were received through the online survey. 0 voice messages were received.

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

- 13 respondents said yes
- 0 respondents said no
- 0 respondents said undecided

Examples of reasons identified for supporting the change were:

"This was a brave and clever soldier who was disrespected and ignored after his return to civilian life. We owe his Spirit, and the Indigenous community, this simple gesture of honour."

"The Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls for memorial markers to remind us of the history and identify of Indigenous Peoples. This contributes to what their calls are trying to achieve."

"A good way to help share Mr. Prince's life story, with information from his children and family. To give a more complete picture of the man to the public."

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