Minute No. 24
Report – Executive Policy Committee – November 17, 2021

Item No. 9 **Welcoming Winnipeg – Creating New Historical Marker: Sergeant Tommy Prince (Mynarski Ward)**

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That a new historical marker (in the form of interpretive panels) be created to acknowledge the contributions of Sergeant Tommy Prince and permanently installed in Sergeant Tommy Prince Place (90 Sinclair Street).

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,

That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 17, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Welcoming Winnipeg – Creating New Historical Marker: Sergeant Tommy Prince

Critical Path: Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On January 30, 2020, Council passed 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 histories and contributions in the stories remembered and commemorated. Welcoming Winnipeg will proactively utilize a lens of balance, inclusion, and Indigenous perspectives.

On February 12, 2021, a formal Welcoming Winnipeg request form was unveiled to the public; a request to create a new historical marker acknowledging the contributions of Sergeant Tommy Prince and to have it placed in Sergeant Tommy Prince Place, formerly North Centennial Recreation & Leisure Facility (90 Sinclair Street). The marker proposed would be in the form of interpretative panels and would be installed permanently. The interpretive panels have been developed through the collaborative efforts of Planning, Property and Development – Urban Planning and Design Division and the Community Services Department, in consultation with the Prince family. The applicant has applied and secured grant funding through the Lord-Selkirk-West Kildonan Land Dedication Reserve Fund for the creation and installation of this historical marker. The total funds secured from the Lord-Selkirk-West Kildonan Land Dedication Reserve Fund is $25,000.

The Welcoming Winnipeg: Reconciling our History policy was adopted because of a demonstrated need for changes to how the City approaches commemoration. In particular, the policy guides the City in making decisions that resolve the absence of Indigenous perspectives, experiences, and contributions in our stories remembered and commemorated. This policy aligns at a municipal level with Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action #43.

After careful consideration, the Welcoming Winnipeg Committee of Community Members (CCM) is recommending that Council support this request, noting the thoroughness of the request submission as an excellent example of the spirit and intent of the Welcoming Winnipeg: Reconciling our History Policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a new historical marker (in the form of interpretive panels) be created to acknowledge the contributions of Sergeant Tommy Prince and permanently installed in Sergeant Tommy Prince Place (90 Sinclair Street).

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

REASON FOR THE REPORT

On January 30, 2020, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee that the recommendations of the community member-based committee be forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee and then to Council for final decision.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

If the recommendations of this report are concurred in, a new historical marker (in the form of interpretive panels) acknowledging the contributions of Sergeant Tommy Prince will be permanently installed in Sergeant Tommy Prince Place (90 Sinclair Street).

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

Decision-making history

On July 19, 2017 City Council unanimously voted to rename the North Centennial Recreation and Leisure Facility to Sergeant Tommy Prince Place to commemorate Tommy Prince's heroism and legacy.

On March 17, 2018 the North Centennial Recreation and Leisure Centre was officially renamed to Sergeant Tommy Prince Place.

On January 30, 2020, Council passed 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 histories and contributions in the stories remembered and commemorated. Welcoming Winnipeg will proactively utilize a lens of balance, inclusion, and Indigenous perspectives.

As recommended in this policy, the inaugural Committee of Community Members (CCM) was established in August 2020; a key function of this committee is review requests to change historical or place names and provide a recommendation to the Executive Policy Committee (EPC) and Council for final decision.

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Considerations for this naming request

The CCM reviewed the decision-making history and the information provided by the applicant (summarized in Appendix A) at the committee's August 18, 2021, meeting. Additionally, the public input that was collected over a two-week period was provided to the CCM to consider as part of their recommendation-making process. An overview of the feedback collected has been included in a Public Feedback Summary Report (Appendix B).

The CCM considered how this request meets the following definition of a "Welcoming Winnipeg" request, which was created through two phases of public engagement in 2019 and was refined by the CCM. A Welcoming Winnipeg request is one that:

- Ultimately achieves a balanced perspective/story;
- Honours Indigenous peoples as the original peoples of this land and the contemporary context in which Indigenous peoples continue to have relationship with this land;
- Promotes Indigenous reclamation of land, space and/or language;
- Offers an educational opportunity; or,
- Supports telling the complete history of Winnipeg.

Utilizing the Welcoming Winnipeg Request Assessment Tool (Appendix C), the CCM identified the following as key considerations:

1. Welcoming Winnipeg
    - The project offers an opportunity to further celebrate and give context to Sergeant Tommy Prince's contributions within a building that bears his name. The new historical marker will offer greater insight into the life of Sergeant Tommy Prince outside of his military accolades and provide visitors with a balanced perspective and educational opportunity.

2. Research and Rationale
    - The installation of a new historical marker within Sergeant Tommy Prince Place will alleviate questions to facility staff and ensure his life story is told in a way that is accurate and supported by information from his family.

3. Community Support
    - With respect to the public input received, 13 responses were recorded through the public feedback process, all of which were in support of the new historical marker. Additionally, the request did include two letters of support.

4. Other considerations
    - The Welcoming Winnipeg: Reconciling our History policy was adopted because of a demonstrated need for changes to how the City approaches commemoration, this request gives visitors an educational opportunity when they visit the facility.

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After careful consideration, the CCM is recommending that Council support this request, noting the thoroughness of the request submission as an excellent example of the spirit and intent of the Welcoming Winnipeg: Reconciling our History Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: October 5, 2021

Project Name:

First Year of Program **2021**

Welcoming Winnipeg – Creating New Historical Marker: Sergeant Tommy Prince

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Enter Description Here	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ 25,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ 25,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	25,000	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments:

Direct costs of $25,000 will be used to enhance Sergeant Tommy Prince Place as outlined in the report. Existing budget amount represents the funding approved under the Lord-Selkirk-West Kildonan Land Dedication Reserve Fund.

Electronically approved by J. Peters

Jocelyn Peters, CPA, CGA
Manager of Finance (Campus)
Corporate Finance Department

CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Community Services Department
- Assets and Project Management Department (Municipal Accommodations)

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Complete Communities Direction Strategy

Supporting Direction 1 - Conserve, protect, and celebrate the significant heritage resources that illustrate the broad range of Winnipeg's heritage values.

Supporting Direction 2 - Provide leadership in heritage conservation that links to broader civic goals of economic development, sustainability, and neighbourhood planning.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

N/A

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Chief Administrative Office
Division: Indigenous Relations
Prepared by: T. Prystupa and D. Carriere
Date: October 5, 2021
File No: N/A

Attachments:

Appendix A: 2021-006 Request Summary

Appendix B: 2021-006 Public Feedback Summary Report

Appendix C: Welcoming Winnipeg – Request Assessment Tool