Minute No. 36
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – November 10, 2021

Item No. 2 Waiving of Costs for Field of Honour Interments

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and adopted the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back within 90 days on the following:

    A. Amendments to the Cemeteries By-law No. 130/2007 to ensure that any person who meets the qualification to be interred in a Field of Honour, shall be permitted to receive a plot at no cost.

    B. An annual average cost estimate.

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 Councillor Gilroy,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 17, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 10, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development considered the Council Motion of October 28, 2021, and submitted the following to Council:

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and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On October 28, 2021, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development:

Moved by Councillor Nason,
Seconded by Councillor Gillingham,

WHEREAS Remembrance Day marks the sacrifice of the many who have fallen in service of their country and the courage of those who still serve;

AND WHEREAS many municipalities, including the City of Winnipeg, have dedicated space in Fields of Honour reserved only for the interment of persons who have qualified military service;

AND WHEREAS the Brookside Field of Honour at the Brookside Cemetery is one of the largest and oldest military interment sites in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Transcona Cemetery also has a separate Field of Honour where veterans are interred;

AND WHEREAS the Cemeteries By-law No. 130/2007 establishes criteria for interments in all municipal cemeteries, including the Fields of Honour;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back on the following:

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