Minute No. 248
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development – February 7, 2022

Item No. 15 Rescinding of Council Decision to Declare 4540 Portage Avenue Surplus to the Needs of the City

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 Council decision of May 29, 2013, with respect to Item 1 of the Alternate Service Delivery Committee Report dated May 17, 2013, declaring the City owned land located at 4540 Portage Avenue (referred to as John Blumberg Golf Course) surplus to the City's needs, be rescinded.

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.

His Worship Mayor Bowman called for the yeas and nays which were as follows:

Yea: Councillors Allard, Eadie, Gilroy, Klein, Lukes, Mayes, Nason, Orlikow, Rollins, Santos, Schreyer and Sharma. 12

Nay: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Chambers, and Gillingham, 3

Absent: Councillor Browaty 1

and the item was declared carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 16, 2022, 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 February 7, 2022, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development passed the following motion:

WHEREAS on January 27th 2022, City Council passed a vote 13 to 3 against the sale of John Blumberg Golf Course;

AND WHEREAS on June 26th 2021, City Council passed the OurWinnipeg 2045 plan to specifically include amendments to leverage green infrastructure solutions (section 2.19), create a master green space and natural corridor plan (Section 2.20), and to designate and preserve major open space for parks and recreation (section 6.27);

AND WHEREAS on June 26th 2021, City Council voted in favor of adding 1000 acres of public park space to the City of Winnipeg in excess of currently existing public reserve lands;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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

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