Welcoming Winnipeg – Creating New Historical Marker – Dawson Trail (St. Boniface)

Feedback Summary

July 2022

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 a community heritage organization to create a new historical marker. The preferred location for the new marker is Belvédère de Saint-Boniface (Taché Avenue), however a number of options are being explored. The proposed site is located in the St. Boniface ward. Details of the request can be found here.

Residents were invited to provide feedback from April 1, 2022 to April 15, 2022.

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 renaming were promoted using the following methods:

- City of Winnipeg website – posted April 1, 2022
- Welcoming Winnipeg e-mail distribution list with over 190 recipients – April 1, 2022

What We Heard

4 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?

- 4 respondents said yes
- 0 respondents said no
- 0 respondents said undecided

No specific examples were identified for supporting the request.

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