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WELCOMING WINNIPEG – Request Summary

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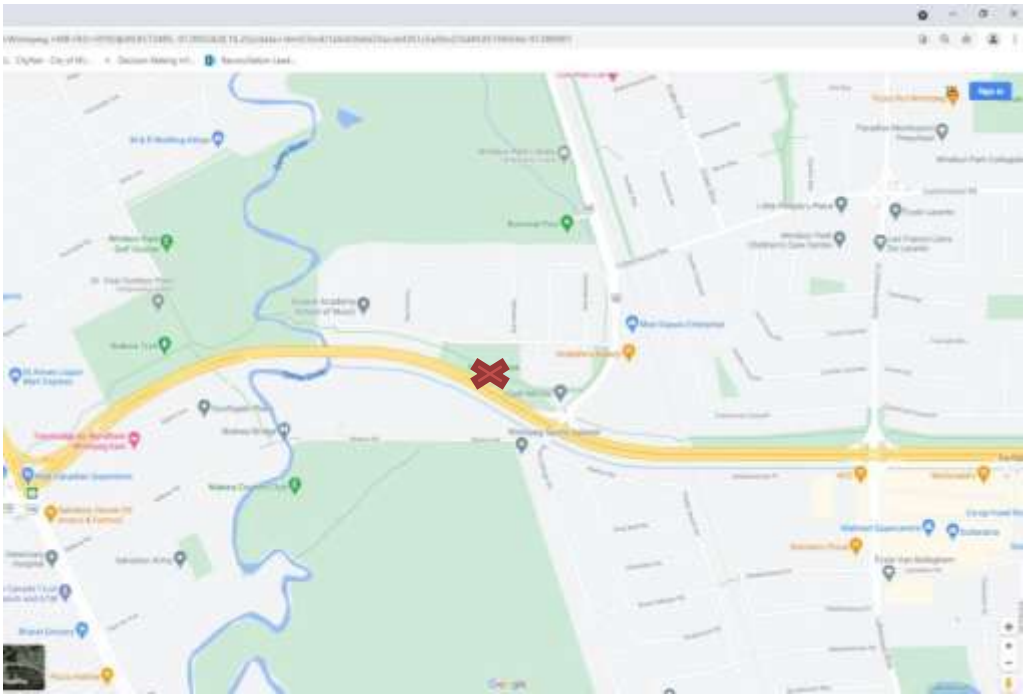
Name of Request: Naming Park at 100 Comanche Road to Tikina'gaan Park

Address: 100 Comanche Road (formerly Papoose Park)

Demonstrated Community Support:

- Petition submitted: No. Due to COVID due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and physical distancing precautions, the City has temporarily suspended this requirement
- Letters of support provided: Not applicable. Council direction was to consult with Indigenous Elders to propose a new name, and that is what has been done.

Project Details:



On February 12, 2021, a formal Welcoming Winnipeg request form was unveiled to the public; a request to rename the park then known as Papoose Park (located at 100 Comanche Road) was submitted through this process and identified the term "papoose" as a dated and offensive term that refers to an Indigenous baby or child. A new name was not proposed by the applicant.

After careful consideration, the Welcoming Winnipeg Committee of Community Members (CCM) recommended that the park be renamed following consultation with Indigenous Elders. While the Indigenous Relations Division facilitates this process, the CCM also recommended that the park should remain nameless and the Public Service remove reference to "papoose" in existing park signage. It was also recommended that when an appropriate name was identified, the Public Service would report back to Council seeking approval of the proposed name.

On September 29, 2021, Council concurred in these recommendations.

How does this renaming contribute to a 'Welcoming Winnipeg', as defined in the policy and what kind of evidence/research can be provided to support this state

In late 2021, the City's Indigenous Relations Division (IRD) was working with Elders and residential school survivors on a different project. In one of those meetings, the renaming of Papoose Park was shared, and the advice of the Elders was sought on what they thought would be an appropriate name, given the previous name.

After a lengthy discussion, the Elders unanimously recommended the name Tikina'gaan Park.

Tikina'gaan is the word for cradleboard in Anishinaabemowin, and is very similar to the word in Ininimowin (Cree), tikinakan. This is how babies have been carried from time immemorial on this land. Although the design and materials may have been slightly different, this is a practice that has been used by many Nations across Turtle Island (North America). As the Elders shared, in the past, settlers have incorrectly referred to cradleboards as "papoose" and this would seek to remedy that. This is an opportunity for the City to honour an important ancestral Indigenous practice that continues to this day, in one of the original languages of this land.

Does this site have historical significance to the Indigenous community? Research Support:

Yes. Winnipeg is located on the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe (Ojibway), Ininew (Cree), Oji- and Dakota peoples, and is the Birthplace of the Red River Métis and the Heart of the Métis Nation Homeland.

Plan of River Lots, including the Parish of St. Boniface:



It has been suggested that the Seine River's name comes from "the French translation of what is thought to be the river's Indigenous name, Tchinâhâgânisipi" but further research is required.

https://www.winnipegarchitecture.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/WAF_Niakwa-Park_digital.pdf

If this application is not supported, what would the negative impact on the community be? (If applicable)

This is an opportunity for the City to honour an important ancestral Indigenous practice that continues to this day, in one of the original languages of Treaty One and the National Homeland of the Red River Métis.

Any additional information the applicant would like the CCM to consider in making their recommendation.

Not applicable.